

A portrait of Representative Mary Bentley, a woman with dark hair, wearing a dark blue blazer and a pearl necklace, smiling.

NEWSLETTER FROM REP. Mary Bentley

DISTRICT 54

February 7, 2023

DAILY SUMMARY FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023

On Tuesday, The House Education Committee advanced [HB1185](#). This bill states that a student who attended preschool in a non-resident school district for at least one year before kindergarten will not count against that school's 3% cap of non-residents under the School Choice Act of 2015.

The House Education Committee also advanced [HB1161](#). This bill creates the Support for Pregnant and Parenting Students Act. It allows pregnant and parenting students to have an additional 10 days of excused absence for a parenting mother and father after the birth of their child.

The House Public Health, Welfare, and Labor Committee advanced [HB1197](#). This bill would disqualify a claimant from collecting unemployment compensation benefits for any week that the claimant fails to respond to an offer of employment or fails to appear for a previously scheduled job interview.

The full House passed several bills addressing teacher retirement including [HB1200](#). HB1200 provides for members who served in the armed forces for a period in which a military draft was in effect to receive up to 5 years of free service credit before retirement regardless of their current status.

The last day to file proposed constitutional amendments is Wednesday, February 8. Constitutional amendments are filed at [House Joint Resolutions or Senate Joint Resolutions](#).

The House will reconvene on Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.