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# NEWSLETTER FROM REP. Sonia Eubanks Barker DISTRICT 96

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## DAILY SUMMARY FOR FEBRUARY 5, 2019

### EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The House Education Committee advanced several bills including HB1145, the Teacher Salary Enhancement Act. This bill raises the minimum teacher salary by \$4,000 over the next 4 years.

### REVENUE AND TAXATION

The House Revenue and Taxation Committee advanced HB1321. This bill increases the Homestead Property Tax Credit from \$350 to \$375 a year.

### PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND LABOR

The House Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committee advanced HB1362, which would transfer \$300,000 in surplus funds from the Marketing Recyclables Program Fund to the Used Tire Recycling Fund. This will allow the program to accept bids for the collection and processing extra-large tires such as those used on tractors and farming equipment.



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In a vote of 89-7, with 1 member voting present, the full House voted in favor of HB1182. This bill makes it a primary offense to use a handheld wireless device in a school zone. The full House also passed HB1006 which raises the penalty for passing a stopped school bus. This

bill raises the minimum fine to \$500 and the maximum fine to \$2,000.

Committees will meet on Wednesday morning at 10 am. The full House will meet at 1:30 pm.