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Capitol Watch: Bill Filing Frenzy

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Bills Fly in Fast & Furious During Deadline Week

Hello and Happy Friday!

Both chambers of the General Assembly were in action this week, but despite a full Senate committee schedule, most of those hearings ended up getting cancelled. Meanwhile, the bill filing deadline is today, and legislation has been racing in fast and furiously at a rate of several hundred per day. As of noon today, the House has posted 3500 bills and the Senate has posted 2300, with more proposals anticipated to be posted through the afternoon.

Senate Education Committee: Moving SB 28 Forward

One committee that stayed on track this week was the Senate Education Committee, which held its scheduled hearing on Tuesday afternoon. The only bill heard was **Senate Bill 28** (Lightford; D-Hillside), which removes the requirement for student growth to be included in teacher and principal evaluation rating calculations. However, student growth can still be included in the summative rating if all parties agree. The bill advanced out of committee on leave without debate and now moves to the Senate floor.

Next Week: Reviewing the Legislative Landscape

Neither chamber is scheduled to be in next week, meaning members, staff, and advocates will be reviewing the thousands of bills filed for the spring session. Keep an eye on our bill tracker for updates on key legislation covering curriculum, school funding, employee benefits, licensing, school safety, and more. Check the website for the bill tracker if you want a preview of what's ahead this spring!

Stay tuned for next week's update—until then, thank you for all you do for public education!

Sincerely,

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