

Three days left. Only three days left of the 2018 legislative session. Both the House and Senate Chambers were able to meet their 3rd Reading deadlines with relative ease on Monday and Tuesday, respectively.

As lawmakers make their final push towards this Wednesday's Sine Die (Adjournment), there are still some major issues outstanding. Those include workforce development initiatives (HB 1002 / SB 50), numerous education bills (HB 1398 / HB 1426 / SB 177 / SB 387), rectifying CBD / industrial hemp rulings (HB1214 / HB 1137), and if there are any homes for what were two larger firearms issues (HB 1424 / SB 237).

Conference Committee Process

As mentioned last week, conference committees will continue next week. Any bill that was amended in the second Chamber has been sent back. The original author of the bill can either concur with the changes, or dissent. If the author concurs, the bill is eligible for a concurrence vote in its Chamber of Origin. Once the bill has passed that vote, it is sent to the Governor to be signed into law. If the author dissents, a conference committee is appointed for the bill.

Conference committees consist of one member from each of the four legislative caucuses. The conference committees meet and discuss the changes made to a particular bill. Rules for conference committees are fairly open. They have the option to allow or no allow testimony from third parties. For a conference committee report to be adopted, it will go back to each Chamber for passage.

Below are some important dates for the 2018 Legislative Session.

- Wednesday, March 14th – Last day for adjournment (Sine Die)

Below is a summary of actions taken on this week on key bills included in your Bill Track List:

- **HB 1109 (Various Pension Matters)** – House dissented on Senate amendments.
- **HB 1120 (State Department of Health Matters)** – Passed on the bill's concurrence vote by 91-0. The bill is now on its way to the Governor to be signed into law.
- **HB 1244 (Health Matters)** – Passed on the bill's concurrence vote by 93-0. The bill is now on its way to the Governor to be signed into law.
- **HB 1301 (Insurance Matters)** – Heard in conference committee on Thursday.
- **SB 75 (1977 Fund Retirement Age and Benefits Study)** – Passed on the bill's concurrence vote by 49-0. The bill is now on its way to the Governor to be signed into law.
- **SB 119 (1977 Fund Purchase of Service)** – Returned to the Senate without amendments.

If you would like to see a full copy of any bill, please visit

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