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State House, Senate have introduced several bills so far this year

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Here is a look at some legislation introduced so far.

House of Delegates

HB 2002: Denies course credit, in schools using a block schedule, for students with nine or more unexcused absences per semester; for other schools, the same consequence for 18 or more unexcused absences in a year.

HB 2007: Enables counties to create urban growth boundaries and enforce zoning only within those boundaries.

HB 2009: Tax incentives for dentists offering charity care. A carryover bill reintroduced by Delegate Barbara Evans Fleischauer, D-Monongalia.

HB 2017: Enables cities to regulate trash pickup and taxi services. A carryover sponsored by Fleischauer and Delegate Charlene Marshall, D-Monongalia.

HB 2023: Requires school boards to provide transportation for students beginning the 2012-13 school year; limits bus rides to 45 minutes for middle schoolers, an hour for high schoolers.

HB 2027: Requires counties to adopt farmland protection programs.

HB 2062: Makes failure to wear seat belts a primary offense; sponsored by Fleischauer.

HB 2136: Imposes a 5-cent per bag excise tax on stores supplying customers with plastic shopping bags; re-introduced by Delegate John Doyle, D-Jefferson.

It's not intended to raise money, Doyle told The Dominion Post last year, but to reduce the number of plastic bags in landfills. "In order to be 100 percent successful, the bill would raise no money at all."

H 2139: Allows school boards to enter into leasepurchase agreements and enables the School Building Authority to issue grants for that purpose; sponsored by Preston delegates Larry Williams and Stan Shaver.

HB 2199: Creates a lifetime hunting license for nonresidents age 65 and up who own real property in the state; Shaver.

HB 2280: With certain exceptions, prohibits PROMISE scholarship funds from paying for classes dropped after the add/drop deadline.

HB 2367: Redistricts the House of Delegates into 100 single-member districts.

HB 2442: Requires health insurance coverage for autism spectrum disorders.

HB 2450: Adds cats to the liability list of animals protected in the event of a dog attack.

HB 2477: Creates a special fund for pothole repairs, to which private entities can contribute.

Senate

SB 72: Defines "President of the Senate" and "Speaker of the House of Delegates" to include any member authorized by the respective body to act in the place of the president or the speaker of the House.

The terms "presiding officer" or "presiding officers" include any member authorized by the respective body to act in the place of the president or the speaker; introduced by acting President Jeff Kessler.

SB 7: Provides a motorcycle helmet exemption to motorcyclists who meet certain safety and health insurance requirements. Would allow West Virginia to compete for motorcycle tourism dollars with neighboring states that don't require motorcyclists to wear helmets.

SB 9: Prohibits pharmacies from selling tobacco products.

SB 25: Smoke Free WV Act; bans smoking in public places, any place of employment, government vehicles, dormitories; allows designated non-enclosed smoking areas and other exemptions, such as smoking in tobacco shops.

SB 57: Establishes nonpartisan Supreme Court judicial elections.

SB 78: Requires parental/guardian consent for anyone age 14-17 to use a tanning booth; parental/ guardian accompaniment for anyone under 14.