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## Classroom Safety Legislation Moved Forward

We are actively promoting two bills which were written to improve classroom conditions for students and the teachers who serve them.

The Senate form of this bill, [SSB3080](#), was introduced by Senator Amy Sinclair and has moved out of sub-committee and into full committee and is now [SF2190](#) (summary in article below). PEI was asked to speak before the Senate Education Subcommittee as a result of the PEI survey data.

Mary Klein (PEI member and teacher in Pella), Mike Klein (Mary's husband), Mark Felderman (PEI lobbyist), and Nathan Arnold (PEI staff attorney) all testified before the House Education Subcommittee in favor of the House version of the bill, [HSB598](#).

With over 100 lobbyist declarations on the House bill, only 13 have registered in favor of the bill. The remaining have declared undecided or against the bill. Those organizations declaring in favor are PEI, Iowa Association of School Board, Iowa Alliance of YMCA's, Rural School Advocates, Urban Education Network, and the Area Education Agencies of Iowa. ([Click here to read on](#))

Tell other teachers! As of today, **PEI is the ONLY TEACHER ORGANIZATION WHO HAS DECLARED IN FAVOR OF THIS BILL!**

## PEI Member Testifies Before House Subcommittee on School Violence



Mary Klein of Pella, testified Wednesday, February 5 before the House Education Subcommittee in favor of HSB598. Mary was the only teacher to testify before the committee in favor of enacting legislation to protect educators. Mary's students are currently working on poems during the month of February, so she expressed her testimony through poetry. Read Mary's poem by clicking [here](#).

## Senate File 2190 Bill Summary

***SF 2190: "An Act relating to classroom management and related practitioner preparation procedures for reporting alleged classroom violence and assaults, to corporal punishment, establishing a grant program and fund for creation of therapeutic classrooms, providing claims reimbursement to schools for the transportation of certain students to therapeutic classrooms, making appropriations, and including effective date provisions."***

## Paying Monthly?

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### BOEE

[boee.iowa.gov/](http://boee.iowa.gov/)

### DOE

[educateiowa.gov](http://educateiowa.gov)

### PERB

[iowaperb.iowa.gov/](http://iowaperb.iowa.gov/)

The Bill would create a mechanism for teachers who are experiencing threats or violence.

- Violence reports will be made to the Department of Education.
- The bill would also strengthen reporting requirements on administrators related to school violence. Teachers reporting violence would receive whistleblower protections. ([Click here to read on](#))

## A View from the Hill



The old saying went, "One for the Money, Two for Show, Three to Get Ready, and Four to Go." The Iowa Legislature is well into the One for the Money. Both the House and the Senate have passed the bill that provides transportation relief to districts in which transportation costs are higher than the state average. This legislation will assist some urban districts and will be a significant benefit to many rural districts. Representative Cecil Dolecheck of Mount Ayr and Chair of the House Education Committee says, "This is a very important bill for providing funding equity for Iowa's students. Both the House and the Senate recognize this, and we are on the same page." [To read the bill click here.](#)

We can expect this bill to be sent to the governor in the next 10 days. ([Click here to read on](#))

## Membership Dues Adjustment Beginning August 1, 2020

One of the responsibilities of the PEI Board of Directors is to annually evaluate our dues structure. PEI has maintained the **current dues structure for six years!**

After much discussion the board voted to raise dues \$4.00/month bringing the annual amount to \$288.

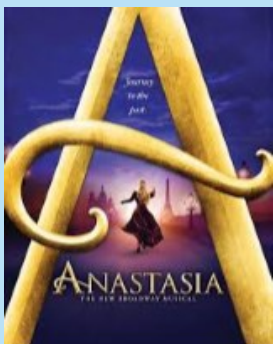
This dues adjustment will take place on **August 1, 2020**. Prior to the August 1 date we will offer a **BUY-IN** opportunity to extend the current rate (\$240/yr) from 1-5 additional years without changing your anniversary date. You can renew your membership anytime prior to August 1, 2020 calling our office at 515-221-2330 or online at <https://peiowa.org/membership/register/>.

The PEI Rewards Plan will continue! The past several years we have offered \$120 for every new Professional member recruited by a current PEI member. As of August 1, 2020, we will offer \$144 for every new Professional member brought into PEI.

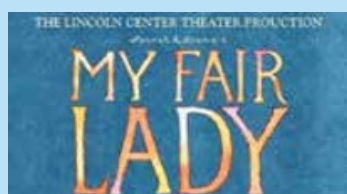
**If you have a credit on your account now, rejoin prior to August 1 to take full advantage of your PEI credit!**

More than ever before, it is imperative that teachers and all other school employees understand how important it is to have professional representation and legal protection. Your continued membership and sharing the great news of PEI to others will continue to strengthen our statewide position of influence.

## DES MOINES PERFORMING ARTS PEI DISCOUNTS



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or call the PEI office.

## 2020-2021 Dues Structure

8-1-2020

### Educators, Coaches, Administrators, Nurses

1 Year Membership*	\$288 or \$24/month
2 Year Membership (save \$52)	\$524
3 Year Membership (save \$95)	\$769
4 Year Membership (save \$150)	\$1002
5 Year Membership (save \$202)	\$1238

### Paraprofessionals, Drivers, Office Staff, Food Service, Maintenance

1 Year Membership	\$120
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### Employment Protection and Representation

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- Letters of reprimand
- FMLA
- Unemployment
- Classroom Management
- Teacher evaluations

PEI offers legal assistance from the staff attorney on BOEE challenges.

### Professional Educator Insurance Policy

\$2,000,000 liability limit per member per occurrence. \$3,000,000 aggregate limit per occurrence.

\$2,000,000 liability coverage for Civil Rights claims. **Defense costs are paid in addition to this.**

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Up to \$10,000 in legal expenses for alleged sexual misconduct if exonerated. Of this amount, up to \$1,000 is guaranteed regardless of outcome.

**Coverage applies to legal actions arising out of duties as an employee of an education entity.**

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