

VOICE AND ACTION FOR SCHOOL NURSE ADVOCACY

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I disclose the absence of personal financial relationships with commercial interests relevant to this educational activity within the past 12 months.

Public policy involvement was not in our plans

Presentation focus on state policy

- review your state's process & lingo
- review your state's nurse practice act

Learning Outcomes

- Influence change in public policy
- Demonstrate systems level leadership

Typical responses to “policy”

- Nurses are nursing majors not political science majors
- Political system is complex and cruel
- Don't understand policy process therefore don't get involved
- Intimidated by legislators
- My voice will not make the difference

This response is....

AKA....

IF YOU AREN'T AT THE
TABLE, YOU ARE ON
THE MENU

Review of some basics

- Systems level thinking/leadership – local, state, national/federal
- Policy – best way to change behavior
- Legislative positions – organization agendas
- Legislative team players
- Contact or write to appropriate person
 - *state vs federal*
 - *senate vs representative*

Types of Policy

- Organizational
- Local/Community
- State
- National/Federal

Who's in the driver seat?

- Policy maker/developer
- Political affiliations
- Public/individuals - constituents
- You - the school nurse
 - *You know what you know....they don't know what you know*

Identifying an issue

Turn to someone next to you and share an issue that may need policy

Developing Policy

- Know your facts - [Illinois state legislative process](#)
- Become familiar with bill language
- Look at other state's legislation
- Current stakeholders
- Potential stakeholders
- Political climate
- Financial implications
- Magnitude of the issues in your community
- Opposition to the bill
- May take numerous attempts and revisions
- Have a sense of humor

Iowa State Education Association

2017 Legislative Priorities for 2017

1. Public Schools

2. Higher Education

3. Early Childhood Education

4. Teacher Pay

5. Student Loans

6. Education Reform

7. Education Funding

8. Education Quality

9. Education Access

10. Education Equity

11. Education Innovation

12. Education Research

13. Education Policy

14. Education Law

15. Education Ethics

16. Education Governance

17. Education Accountability

18. Education Transparency

19. Education Privacy

20. Education Security

21. Education Safety

22. Education Health

23. Education Environment

24. Education Energy

25. Education Infrastructure

26. Education Technology

27. Education Workforce

28. Education Leadership

29. Education Culture

30. Education Values

31. Education Principles

32. Education Standards

33. Education Benchmarks

34. Education Outcomes

35. Education Impact

36. Education Legacy

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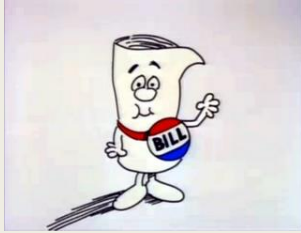
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How a bill becomes a law



Dissecting a bill (without smell)

- Parts of a bill
 - Header
 - Bill #
 - Author/Sponsors
 - Introduction
 - Bill language – addition and deletion or language
 - Summary
- Consider different perspectives
- Identify elements that are not allowable
- Identify elements that can be allowed

Comparing and Editing Bill Language

House File 270 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE
HL_0288
 COMMISSION TO LAY LAYERS
 BY COMMITTEE

Passed House, Date: _____ Passed Senate, Date: _____
 House, Date: _____ Senate, Date: _____
 Approved

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the regulation of alcohol houses by alcohol
 2 distribution and providing an effective date.
 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
 4 SECTION 1.
 5 SECTION 2.

SECTION 1.

1.1 The board of directors of the alcohol control shall modify a
 1.2 regulatory category of alcohol houses (HL_0288) to allow alcohol
 1.3 houses to be licensed in the state of Iowa.
 1.4 The board of directors shall also modify the regulatory category
 1.5 of alcohol houses to allow alcohol houses to be licensed in the
 1.6 state of Iowa.
 1.7 The board of directors shall also modify the regulatory category
 1.8 of alcohol houses to allow alcohol houses to be licensed in the
 1.9 state of Iowa.
 1.10 The board of directors shall also modify the regulatory category
 1.11 of alcohol houses to allow alcohol houses to be licensed in the
 1.12 state of Iowa.

Senate File 412, p. 6

6. The department of education, the board of education,
 the board of ethics, and the board of postsecondary education,
 shall have the authority to regulate the operation,
 administration, and management of the department,
 board, or commission, including the power to promulgate
 rules for the department, board, or commission,
 and the authority to suspend or revoke the license of
 any person who holds a license issued by the department,
 board, or commission.

SEN JORDAN
 President of the Senate

SEN PATRICK
 Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and
 is now in House File 412. Matthew Smith, General Assembly

SENATOR G. HANCOCK
 Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____, 2018

FRANK E. HANCOCK
 Senator

Don't get paralysis from analysis

- Be patient
- Read carefully
- Read bill multiple times, including amendments
- Companion bills in other chambers
- Stand alone vs complex bills
- Decisions sometimes made quickly
- Speak up for what you know
- Unique school nurse perspective – student, education, health (physical & mental)

Lived experience of policy analysis

- You can't always get what you want... but if you try sometimes....well you might find you get what you need
- Not always a happy ending
- Celebrate small victories
- Baby steps

Empowerment & Influence

- Never under estimate the power of one
- Never under estimate the power of teamwork
- Don't shy away from policy
- Be patient
- Remember you are the expert

Go get 'em!

- Step up
- Join your organization
- Challenge yourself
- Make a difference

Resources/References

- NASN
- State school nurse organization
- ANA
- State Nursing Organization
- AACN
- Policy, Politics, and Nursing Practice (journal)
- School House Rock
