

2007 – 2008 Legislative Session

Vote Assessments

The SEA's Political Education Committee reviewed votes on key bills that our members advocated for or against. The voting records were used to give the Committee and the SEA Board a picture of how current legislators have performed on issues important to our union's members.

House Vote Descriptions 2007 – 2008 Session

SB463 – Despite active opposition from SEA and other public employee union members, House leadership gutted SB463, replacing the language with the old version of HB1645, the bill that harmed retirees and created a two-tier retirement system.

HB1127 – This bill would give towns the ability to certify a public employee bargaining unit with a size less than 10. The bill is a softer version of SB88 from 2007 which would have mandated a smaller public employee bargaining unit size, while HB1127 gives the town the option.

HB1436 – This bill would require the inclusion of an automatic continuation clause in public employee collective bargaining agreements. This is also known as “evergreen status”.

SB88 – This bill would have added safety considerations to terms and conditions of employment, removed probationary employees from the determination of a bargaining unit, included an “evergreen” clause in all public employee collective bargaining agreements, and shrunk the minimum number of employees required for public employee bargaining units. After heavy lobbying from the LGC, the bill was laid on the table and the House leadership attempted to rally enough votes to bring it back. This vote is their second attempt.

SB216 – This is the public employee version of the Employee Free Choice Act. The bill requires 50% + 1 of eligible employees to sign cards in order to form a bargaining unit.

HB514 – This bill raised New Hampshire's minimum hourly wage to \$6.50 after September 1, 2007 and to \$7.25 after September 1, 2008.

Senate Vote Descriptions 2007 – 2008 Session

HB1645 – This is a motion OTP as amended by the Senate. After the omnibus bill came over from the House, the Senate ED&A committee made a number of changes that SEA, SEIU Local 1984 members supported.

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