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Activity on some of our priority bills started to take place this week. As we have stated, there are many priorities from the Governor's office as well as the Legislature that had taken center stage the first few weeks. Education Savings Accounts bill was signed by the Governor and the two Tort Reform bills are moving through committees readying them for floor debate. Progress in passing these bills has allowed other bills to start moving through the system including many of our priorities.

We have updated the bill watch list though today, but I will touch on a few of interest.

SF-60 requiring no electronics while driving has passed out of committee. We are in support of this legislation.

HF-76 relating to reporting of controlled substances has also passed out of committee. We are monitoring this bill.

SF-183, a bill we are registered opposed to, relates to the maximum age of police officers passed out of committee. We worked on an amendment that would deal only with reserve officers. This amendment was accepted, and the language is now a part of this bill. We have updated our registration status to monitoring.

Senator McClintock filed a SLIP bill, SF-180, this week that we registered as monitoring. I don't think Senate leadership is very excited about moving this bill forward but Senator McClintock would like to keep the conversation alive regardless. The only concern we have with this bill is we don't want to confuse or distract the Legislature from push through our 411 bill.

Our 411 bill was filed this week. It was assigned as SSB-1132 and ISPA registered in favor of the bill. It was introduced into the State Government committee Chaired by Senator Schultz. A subcommittee of Cournoyer, Webster and Boulton has been assigned. This is a good start but there is no question we have work to do.

ISPA's Legislative day on the hill is next Tuesday, February 7th, and we are hoping for a good turnout of both members and legislators. This is a perfect time to sit down one on one with your local legislator and discuss the importance of our priority bill list. Many Legislators will attend our breakfast, but we also can meet with them throughout the day as well. We are also looking forward to meeting with Legislative leaders from both chambers. Lots on the schedule but great opportunities to advocate, in person, on ISPA's legislative priorities.

Feel free to reach out to any of us for further clarification or if you have any questions. All of us at Fitzgerald, Smith, and Associates look forward to representing ISPA at the state Capitol this year.

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