

ACE-AFSCME

Annapolis Update

Local 2250, AFL-CIO

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ANNAPOLIS LEGISLATIVE REPORT
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The Maryland State Legislative session began on January 13, 2010 and will run through April 12, 2010.

There are several pieces of Legislation that could have an impact on School Employees not only in Prince George's County but statewide.

Local 2250 and other school system employee organization including Maryland State Education Association (MSEA) are supporting **House Bill 243**. **House Bill 243** would create a State School Employee Labor Commission which would have the authority to hear issues and make rulings relative to situation in which the Employee Organizations (Local 2250) and the School Employer has been unable to reach an agreement.

In essence, this legislation creates a third (3rd) neutral party which can help resolve these debates. That's the good news, however, there is legislation pending which would pass the total cost or significant portion of Pension cost for employees and teachers to the Local Government. This legislation would make it more difficult for employee organizations to negotiate wage increases and other benefit cost re: healthcare etc.

Local 2250 along with other organizations will do everything possible to defeat this legislation.

Delegate Manno who represents Montgomery County has introduced **House Bill 10** which would establish a **Teacher and Employee Pension Sustainability and Solvency Trust Fund**. This Bill would provide funding sources that would fund Pension cost for School Employees. Local 2250 and other employee organizations will actively support this legislation. If you want to review this legislation, go to the Maryland General Assembly website, www.mlis.state.md.us

Because of the issues contained above ACE-AFSCME Local 2250 is seeking volunteers that would be willing to work to support elected officials who support our issues.

Should you have any ideas or suggestions relative to these matters, please call the Union.

We need your support if we are going to pass the favorable legislation and defeat legislation which works against the well being of our members.

Call and volunteer, 301-809-0472. Please visit Local 2250's website, www.ace-afscme.org for further Union updates.

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