

ACE-AFSCME

Annapolis Update

Local 2250, AFL-CIO

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ANNAPOLIS REPORT

This year in Annapolis there are a number of bills which may affect school employees.

Senate Bill 673 is legislation that would provide a neutral third party to hear unresolved disputes between unions representing school employees and the school system. The decision by the arbitrator would be binding on both parties.

Local 2250 is supporting **House Bill 631**. This bill would establish mandatory minimum penalties on persons who have assaulted school employees and transit operators. Local 2250 is in support of this legislation.

Senate Bill 710 legislation is pending which would change the funding of school employees pensions. Currently, the state pays for employees enrolled in the Teachers Pension System. The suggested changes would require the local county funding authority to fund teacher pension cost (which includes members of Local 2250) for employees who are hired after a specific date.

Local 2250 opposed this legislation which would reduce funds from the local government which could limit funds available for pay raises, etc. This legislation, at this time, **does not reduce** retirement income for retirement participants.

HAVE YOU JOINED LOCAL 2250'S POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE?

If not, you should. Money raised through **voluntary** contributions to Local 2250's P.A.C. will be used to support legislators who support the legislation that helps Local 2250 members.

If you would like to join, please call the union office and a P.A.C. application will be forwarded to you.

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