



# Legislative Update

*Week of May 13, 2019*

Roy Cooper, Governor

Erik A. Hooks, Secretary

The length of this week's legislative update corresponds with the length of the General Assembly's calendar for the week—very brief. For the most part, things were quiet on Jones Street, as lawmakers took up votes on only a handful of bills and held few committee meetings. Much of the Senate's focus for the week was on crafting its version of the State budget, which is expected to be announced in the coming days.

The Senate Select Committee on Prison Safety met Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss possible recommendations to move forward to the Senate leadership. The discussion focused on pay and benefits for prisons staff, incentives to enhance recruitment and retention, the availability of mental health resources for both inmates and staff, and the proposal in Senate Bill 579 to separate Adult Correction from DPS. The Senate Select Committee will likely report its recommendations to Senate leadership within the next few weeks.

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## **DPS Bills with Action this Week**

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