

legislative bulletin

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To: School Committee Chairs and Superintendents

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Subject: H.518: An Act to Clarify Eligibility for Health Insurance for School Employees

Health Insurance for School Employees

H.518, filed by former Rep. Peter Larkin, was reported favorably by the Joint Committee on Public Service and was referred to the House Ways and Means Committee in July of 2005. There are indications that this legislation is ready to move through the House in the next few weeks. MASC needs information on the potential financial impact that this legislation may have on our members. Please share this memorandum with your business manager to determine what, if any, impact H.518 may have on your district and communicate the results to MASC and your legislators.

Currently, M.G.L. Ch. 32B, § 2 states in relevant part as follows: "Teachers shall be deemed to be employees during the months of July and August for purposes of this chapter (Group Insurance); provided, however, that employee contributions for such health insurance for those two months are deducted from the compensation paid for services rendered during the previous school year." H.518 would add after the word "Teachers" the phrase "and all other school employees." This bill will primarily benefit those school employees who are not teachers and who work on a ten-month schedule; for example, school secretaries, aides or paraprofessionals etc.

Upcoming MASC events

March 11 (Sa)
Charting the Course
McCall Middle School,
Winchester

March 16 (Th)
Regional Schools Mtg.
Radisson, Marlboro

March 18 (Sa)
Student Assessment Mtg.
Crowne Plaza, Worcester

March 25 (Sa)
Division I meeting
Whittier Voc. Tech., Haverhill

March 27 (M)
**Division III Meeting:
SBA Update**
Whitman Hanson Reg.,
Whitman

April 26 (W)
Day on the Hill
The State House,
Boston

May 5-6 (F-Sa)
Charting the Course
The Heritage House,
Hyannis

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