

# Legislative Newsletter

Feb. 23, 2018



## Senate Tax Bill Clears Committee

With the first funnel over, the General Assembly has moved to doing floor debate work. Meanwhile, the Senate Republican majority passed their tax bill proposal through the Ways and Means Committee in 24 hours.

The tax bill which is touted to cut taxes \$1 billion a year – **Senate File 2383** – is 128 pages. The highlights include:

- Changes to correspond with federal taxes;
- Increases pension deductions to \$12,000 and \$20,000;
- Maintains deductions for 529/ABLE contributions and allows deductions for student loans principal and interest and applies to K-12 education expenses;
- Increases the Workforce Housing Credit to \$22 million and reduces the High-Quality Jobs allocation to \$80 million and prohibits data centers from participating;
- Finally: requires the Legislative Tax Expenditure Committee to study credits during the interim.

Other floor work last week included:

---

Gary Grant, CEO  
Cell 319.721.5977  
gary@grantconsultingllc.com

Larry Murphy, CFO  
Cell 319.361.2834  
larry@llmurphy.com

Meghan Malloy, General Counsel  
Cell 515.321.5825  
mvmalloy83@gmail.com

# L&L Murphy Consulting / Grant Consulting

**House File 2285:** This bill pertains to emergency management services supplemental funding. It directs the Department of Human Services to seek to amend Medicaid/Medicare coverage to allow the payment of a supplemental reimbursement for EMS ground transportation. An adopted strike and replace amendment directs the Department to seek a waiver in order to offer supplemental reimbursement for EMS ground transportation. The House passed the bill as amended 98-0; it now goes to the Senate.

**House File 2286:** This bill prohibits counties and cities from taking actions to restrict a person's ability to refinance, sell or transfer property. **The House passed the bill 77-21; it now goes to the Senate.**

**Senate File 2059: This bill** allows assessor to send assessment and other information by electronic means if the person receiving such notices authorizes electronic submissions. Requires the person to revoke authorization in writing. Deems that information compiled to comply with the bill is not a public record. The Senate passed the bill 49-0; it now goes to the House.

**Senate File 2227:** This bill requires the county auditor to include a summary of resolutions, or the full text of resolutions, in the materials furnished to the board of supervisors for publication about the meetings of the supervisors. Requires the adopted resolutions to be posted on the internet if the county has an internet site. The Senate passed the bill 49-0; it now goes to the House.

---

Gary Grant, CEO  
Cell 319.721.5977  
gary@grantconsultingllc.com

Larry Murphy, CFO  
Cell 319.361.2834  
larry@llmurphy.com

Meghan Malloy, General Counsel  
Cell 515.321.5825  
mvmalloy83@gmail.com