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GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

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Governor Lee Proposals

Governor Lee's Education Freedom Scholarship Act proposal was pushed off a week in both chambers. It is speculated the House and Senate are working to get a compromise version of the bill together, however, the big question mark is whether a compromise version can get the necessary votes in either chamber.

The Senate voted to non-concur with the house amendment on the Governor's Franchise & Excise tax reform legislation. The legislation will be sent back to the House on message calendar. The House can choose to recede or refuse to recede from its position. If the House refuses to recede, the bill will go to a conference committee, which seems likely.

What to Expect Next Week

The House has adopted "flow motion," which means certain rules are suspended to allow for quick movement of bills.

Apart from a few bills set to be heard this upcoming week in House Criminal Justice Committee and House Local Government Committee, only finance committees remain open. The Senate Finance Committee will meet Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and is set to consider the budget during the Tuesday meeting. The Senate will be in floor session on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. House Finance Committees will meet Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The House has scheduled floor sessions for every day next week, including Friday.