



Highlights of the 2009 Legislative Session

Some highlights of the 2009 legislative session among the 226 bills that were passed:

- Healthcare reform: increased coordination of state's healthcare programs - SB 414
- Governor's energy plan: increases the use of alternative & renewable energy to 25% of all output by 2025 - SB 297
- Securing unemployment compensation fund: maintain its solvency at minimal cost - SB 246
- Industrial safety: Reporting of accidents to authorities & public in a timely manner - SB 279
- Establishing carbon sequestration rules: promotes pilot projects - HB 2860
- Pension loophole fix: prevents double-dipping - SB 244
- PROMISE scholarship funding: increasing funding to allow more students to receive scholarships protecting the program's long term viability - SB 373
- Early voting expansion: allows counties to create additional early voting locations - HB 2464
- Veterans' yellow ribbon GI Bill: allows veterans to attend WV colleges at in-state tuition rates - HB 2335
- Updating the state building code: promoting energy efficiency - HB 2976
- Teachers' Retirement System: extending the deadline for teachers to convert back to the old system helping to ensure the system's solvency - HB 2870

Take action, speak up, and help promote the work of your elected officials. For more information on specific bills you can visit the Legislature's [page](#).

Party Leaders Conference

Meeting Called for May 9th

There will be official meetings for the State Executive Committee, County Chairs, Federation of Democratic Women, and Young Democrats on May 9 at Stonewall Jackson Resort. Members should receive the official notice via mail. If you did not receive your notice please call the State Party HQ (304) 342-8121.

There will also be trainings on Voter Registration and Technology. If you are interested contact us via email wvparty@wvdemocrats.com