

AFP WEST VIRGINIA 2026 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Americans for Prosperity believes freedom and opportunity are the keys to unleashing prosperity for all. We are a community of concerned citizens advocating for solutions based on proven principles to tackle the Mountain State's most critical challenges.

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Reduce Taxes & Spending

- Enact further Personal Income Tax cuts. Review the existing phase out triggers to ensure a swift, but fiscally responsible, phase out.
- Eliminate unnecessary or duplicative Boards and Commissions.
- Comprehensive Budgeting: As other states have, enact a Tax Expenditures Transparency Act so that all state spending and revenue, including tax expenditures, is available via the budget bill giving lawmakers a more comprehensive view of the entirety of state spending so they can better make tradeoff decisions. Allow programmatic language into the budget bill.
- Sunset all state tax credits and incentives to create a systematic review of actual versus expected return on investment, beginning with "green" energy.

Cut Needless Red Tape

- Enact portable benefits legislation.
- Eliminate the antiquated State Division of Personnel (DOP). Exempt all agencies from DOP. Relocate applicable human resources personnel to other agency's human resources staff.
- Double down on permitting reform by working with industry and regulatory stakeholders to identify and swiftly remove state regulatory "choke points" for energy related infrastructure projects and natural resource extraction services.
- Energize workforce participation by enacting a One Door policy to modernize and integrate the state's welfare system.
- Cut needless red tape when it comes to occupational licensure so that West Virginia matches the state with the lowest barrier to entry in the nation for all licensed professions.

EDUCATION

Continue Leading on Education Innovation

- As already provided by law, ensure the expansion of the Hope Scholarship to all school-aged children.
- Institute a moratorium on increased funding for government-run schools and work to right-size West Virginia's school buildings. Redirect savings to student instruction in classrooms and teacher pay.
- Pass a comprehensive deregulation of government-run schools, removing needless regulatory barriers that hold teachers back from transforming and providing students with the individualized education they deserve.