

Legislative Update

To: State Board of Education

Re: Legislative Update
Date: January 13, 2012

State Activity

Senate Activity

The Senate met on Tuesday and refused to concur with the House amendments to <u>SB 165</u> (Obhof, R-Montville Township) to include content on specified historical documents in the state academic standards and in the high school American history and government curriculum. The bill will now be heard in a conference committee to work out the differences between the two chambers.

Senate Education Committee

The Senate Education Committee met on Tuesday and accepted a substitute version of <u>HB 116</u> (Barnes, D-Cleveland) regarding school anti-bullying policies. The substitute bill includes all provisions of <u>SB 127</u> (Schiavoni, D-Canfield) regarding cyberbullying and allows school districts to share their anti-bullying policies with parents electronically. The committee unanimously passed the substitute version of HB 116.

Next Week's Committees

The House and Senate Education Committees will not meet next week.

Federal Activity

House Education Committee Releases ESEA Bills

Last week, the Chairman of the Education and the Workforce, John Kline (R-Minn), unveiled two draft proposals to reform key areas of the ESEA reauthorization, most notably around accountability and teacher effectiveness. The Chairman is soliciting feedback on the proposals and plans to officially introduce the bills later this month.

- 1. Student Success Act (click here for a 4 page summary)
- 2. Encouraging Innovation and Effective Teachers Act (click here for a 4 page summary)