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**State Board
of Education**

Legislative Update

To: State Board of Education
Re: Legislative Update
Date: January 20, 2012

State Activity

Senate Activity

The Senate met on Wednesday and passed [House Bill 116](#) (Barnes, D-Cleveland) by a vote of 31-1. This legislation would enact the “Jessica Logan Act” regarding public schools’ policies prohibiting harassment, intimidation, or bullying.

Special Presentation

Cameron Evans, Education Chief Technology Officer for Microsoft, will be giving a presentation on workforce development and education before the House and Senate Education Committees on Wednesday, January 25 at 4:00 PM in Room 313 of the Statehouse.

Next Week’s Committees

House Education Committee

The House Education Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 25th at 5:00 p.m. in Room 313 of the Statehouse to hear the following bills:

[Senate Concurrent Resolution 11](#) (Lehner, R-Kettering), to approve the Department of Education’s proposed graduation rate changes to the state accountability system for public schools—2nd hearing- all testimony—possible vote

[House Bill 375](#) (Butler, R-Oakwood), to allow school districts to sell real property to private, nonprofit institutions of higher education—3rd hearing- all testimony—possible vote

[House Bill 191](#) (Hayes, R-Pataskala, Patmon, D-Cleveland), to establish a minimum school year for school districts, STEM schools, and chartered nonpublic schools based on hours, rather than days, of instruction and to prohibit public schools from being open for instruction prior to Labor Day or after Memorial Day except in specified circumstances—4th hearing- all testimony—possible substitute bill

Senate Education Committee

The Senate Education Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 24th at 9:30 AM in the South Hearing Room of the Statehouse to hear the following bills:

[Senate Bill 229](#) (Sawyer, D-Akron), to require the Department of Education to conduct a performance review of each chartered nonpublic school participating in the Educational Choice Scholarship Program—1st hearing-sponsor testimony

[Senate Bill 230](#) (Sawyer, D-Akron), to create the Office of Regional Services and Accountability in the Department of Education—1st hearing- sponsor testimony

[Senate Bill 266](#) (Widener, R-Springfield, Sawyer, D-Akron), to grant student members of the boards of trustees of state universities and the Northeast Ohio Medical University voting power and the authority to attend executive sessions—2nd hearing-proponent testimony

[Senate Bill 220](#) (Sawyer, D-Akron), to require a study of interdistrict open enrollment, and to repeal sections of the Revised Code effective July1, 2015, to terminate interdistrict open enrollment on that date with the possibility of renewal following the General Assembly’s examination of the study’s findings—2nd hearing-proponent testimony

Federal Activity

No federal activity to report.