

Legislative Update

To: State Board of Education

Re: Legislative Update
Date: October 18, 2013

State Activity

Senate Activity

The Senate met on Wednesday, October 16 and passed the <u>House Bill 97</u> (Brenner, R-Powell and Letson D-Warren) by a vote of 29-0. This legislation designates the month of October as "Dyslexia Awareness Month."

Introduced Bills

House Bill 299 (Grossman, R-Grove City), to require counties, municipal corporations, townships and school boards that file complaints against the valuation of the property they do not own to pass a resolution approving the complaint and specifying the compensation paid to any person retained to represent the county, municipal corporation, township or school board in the matter of the complaint House Bill 303 (Hayes, R-Harrison Township), regarding student religious expression House Bill 304 (Hayes, R-Harrison Township), regarding access to public school facilities

This Week's Committees

House Manufacturing and Workforce Development Committee

The House Manufacturing and Workforce Development Committee met on Tuesday, October 15 to hear House Bill 168 (C. Hagan, R-Alliance) to create a subprogram of the Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Program that permits students to participate in certified apprenticeship programs. The committee heard testimony from the following individuals:

- N. Victor Goodman, Ohio State Building Construction Trades Council- opponent
- Andrea Ashley, Associated General Contractors of Ohio- opponent
- Rob Dorans, Associated Construction Trades- opponent
- Chris Ferruso, National Federation of Independent Business- proponent
- Sam Halker, Mechanical Contractors Association- opponent

Senate Workforce and Economic Development Committee

The Senate Workforce and Economic Development Committee met on Tuesday, October 15 and heard held a second hearing on House Bill 127 (R. Adams, R-Troy). This bill would designate the month of March as "Career-Technical Education and Skilled Workforce Development Month." Bret Kravitz with the Ohio Association of Career Technical Education and Ohio Association of Career Technical Superintendents offered proponent testimony. The committee unanimously passed the bill.

Senate Education Committee

The Senate Education Committee met on Tuesday, October 15 and heard a presentation from Stephanie Siddens, Director of Early Learning and School Readiness for the Ohio Department of Education, on the implementation of the expansion of the early childhood education grants.

The committee also held its third hearing on <u>House Bill 97</u> (Brenner, R-Powell and Letson, D-Warren), to designate October as "Dyslexia Awareness Month." The committee heard proponent testimony from Janis Mitchell, dyslexia services advocate, before unanimously passing the bill.

House Health and Aging Committee

The House Health and Aging Committee met on Wednesday, October 16 and heard testimony on House Bill 264 regarding the care of students with diabetes in school. The following witnesses offered interested party testimony:

- Kate King, Ohio School Nurses Association
- Carol-Lynne O'Neil, Diabetes resource nurse

Next Week's Committees

Senate Education Committee

The House Education Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 23 at 3:00 pm in Room 121 to hear the following:

- House Bill 8 (Roegner, R-Hudson/ Kunze, R-Hilliard), to authorize off-duty peace officers to possess deadly weapons and dangerous ordnance in a school safety zone, to authorize a board of education or governing body of any school to designate employees who may carry concealed handguns in a school safety zone, to generally prohibit the disclosure of the names of designated employees, to exclude from collective bargaining the development and implementation of a protocol to designate the employees, and to generally provide immunity from civil liability to a board of education or governing authority of any school and to a designated employee of any such school for injury, death or loss arising from the employee's possession or use of a handgun in a school safety zone- 3rd hearing- all testimony
- House Bill 111 (Duffey, R-Worthington/ Stinziano, D-Columbus), 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 testimonypossible substitute bill
- House Bill 178 (Phillips, D-Albany), with respect to school safety drills- 2nd hearing- proponent testimony- possible substitute bill
- House Bill 216 (Patterson, D-Jefferson), to forgive a school district's indebtedness to the Solvency Assistance Fund upon its voluntary consolidation with another district if specified conditions are satisfied- 4th hearing- all testimony- possible vote

Federal Activity

There is no federal update this week.