



To: State Board of Education
Re: Legislative Update
Date: October 4, 2013

State Activity

Introduced Bills

[House Bill 245](#) (Barborak, D-Lisbon), to extend the 10% and 2.5% partial property tax “rollback” exemptions to new and replacement levies approved at the 2013 general election and to declare an emergency

[Senate Bill 180](#) (Gentile, D-Steubenville), to extend eligibility for the homestead exemption to elderly or disabled homeowners who did not receive the exemption for 2013 and have \$30,000 or more in Ohio adjusted gross income

[House Bill 256](#) (Sykes, D-Akron and Wachtmann, R-Napoleon), to require the State Board of Education to adopt national health standards or to develop its own health education standards based on the national standards for grades kindergarten through twelve.

[House Bill 264](#) (Wachtmann, R-Napoleon/ Barnes, D-Cleveland), regarding care for students with diabetes in schools

[Senate Bill 190](#) (Schiavoni, D-Canfield), to revise the laws regarding the operation of community schools and, for each of fiscal years 2014 and 2015, to limit a community school’s or STEM school’s gain in aggregate state funding over the previous fiscal year

[Senate Bill 195](#) (Tavares, D-Columbus), with respect to enrollment in a school district of a child who is alleged or adjudicated an abused, neglected or dependent child

This Week’s Committees

Senate Finance Committee

The Senate Finance met on Wednesday, October 2 to hear sponsor testimony on [Senate Bill 126](#) from Senator Schiavoni (D-Canfield). This bill would establish criteria and procedures for the awarding of school safety funds to school districts.

House Health and Aging Committee

The House Health and Aging Committee met on Wednesday, October 2 and heard sponsor testimony on [House Bill 264](#) from Representative Wachtmann (R-Napoleon) and Representative Barnes (D-Cleveland). This legislation deals with the care of students with diabetes in school.

Senate Education Committee

The Senate Education Committee met on Wednesday, October 2 and heard a presentation from Tina Thomas-Manning on the new local report card, K-3 Literacy measure and Gifted Value-Added measure.

The committee held its first hearing on [House Bill 97](#), to designate October as “Dyslexia Awareness Month” with Representative Brenner (R-Powell) offering sponsor testimony. The committee also held a first hearing on [Senate Bill 123](#), to require a study of interdistrict open enrollment and to terminate interdistrict open enrollment on July 1, 2015 with the possibility of renewal following the General

Assembly's examination of the study's findings, with Senator Sawyer (D-Akron) offering sponsor testimony.

House Education Committee

The House Education Committee met on Wednesday, October 2 and heard a presentation from Tina Thomas-Manning on the new local report card, K-3 Literacy measure and Gifted Value-Added measure.

The committee held its first hearing on [House Bill 215](#) with Representative DeVitis (R-Uniontown) offering sponsor testimony. This bill would authorize a board of education or governing authority of a school to enter into an agreement with a volunteer who is a current or retired law enforcement officer to patrol school premises to prevent or respond to a mass casualty event, to generally provide to a board of education or governing authority of a school and to such a volunteer immunity from civil liability for injury, death, or loss arising from the volunteer's services, and to provide a tax credit for volunteer service.

The committee held its second hearing on [House Bill 113](#) (Antonio, D-Lakewood/ Henne, R-Clayton), to specify that school districts and chartered nonpublic schools may excuse from high school physical education students who participate in a school-sponsored athletic club. The following individuals offered proponent testimony:

- Samantha Zingale, Member of the Lakewood Girls Rugby Team
- Daniella Doza, Coach of the Lakewood Girls Rugby Team
- Bradley Navin, Superintendent of the Vandalia Butler Schools
- Phillip Payne, OSU Girls Rugby Coach

The committee also held its second hearing on [House Bill 171](#) (McClain, R-Upper Sandusky/ Patmon, D-Cleveland), to permit public school students to attend and receive credit for released time courses in religious instruction conducted off school property during regular school hours. The following individuals offered proponent testimony:

- Jenny Miller, Citizen who works with communities on release time programs
- Cathie Firestone, Parent
- Charlotte Leeth, Release time volunteer
- Chad Wilkins, Freshman at Upper Sandusky High School
- Michael Molnar, Executive Director of Education Services at Amherst Local Schools

The final bill before the committee was [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. The following individuals offered proponent testimony:

- Julie Ramos, Superintendent of Ledgemont Local Schools
- Matt Glemmo, Superintendent of Geauga County Educational Service Center

Next Week's Committees

House Manufacturing and Workforce Development Committee

The House Manufacturing and Workforce Development Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 8 at 1:30 pm in Room 114 to hear the following bill:

- [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-3rd hearing- all testimony

Senate Finance Committee

The Senate Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 8 at 2:30 pm in the Finan Hearing Room to hear the following bills:

- [Senate Bill 15](#) (Sawyer, D-Akron), to prescribe a system and timeline for the General Assembly to deliberate and determine the components and cost of high quality public primary and secondary education, to make property tax law changes to fund a high quality public primary and secondary education and to provide that the provisions of this act take effect only after being approved by the electors- 1st hearing- sponsor testimony
- [Senate Joint Resolution 2](#) (Sawyer, D-Akron), to require and fund a high quality education for each student- 1st hearing- sponsor testimony

Senate Workforce Development Committee

The Senate Workforce Development Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 8 at 3:15 pm in the North Hearing Room to hear the following bill:

- [House Bill 127](#) (R. Adams, R-Troy), to designate the month of March as “Career-Technical Education and Skilled Workforce Development Month- 1st hearing- sponsor testimony

House Health and Aging Committee

The House Health and Aging Committee will meet Wednesday, October 9 at 9:30 am in Room 116 to hear the following bill:

- [House Bill 264](#) (Wachtman, R-Napoleon/ Barnes, D-Cleveland), regarding care for students with diabetes in schools- 2nd hearing- proponent testimony

House Education Committee

The House Education Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 9 at 3:00 pm in Room 313 to hear the following bills:

- [House Bill 113](#) (Antonio, D-Lakewood/ Henne, R-Clayton), to specify that school districts and chartered nonpublic schools may excuse from high school physical education students who participate in a school- sponsored athletic club- 3rd hearing- all testimony
- [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- 3rd hearing- opponent testimony
- [House Bill 237](#) (Thompson, R-Marietta), with respect to the Common Core Initiative academic standards and the distribution of student information- 1st hearing- sponsor testimony

Senate Public Safety, Local Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

The Senate Public Safety, Local Government and Veterans Affairs Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 9 at 4:00 pm in the North Hearing Room to hear the following bill:

- [Senate Bill 162](#) (Hughes, R-Columbus), to require the State Fire Marshal and the Board of Building Standards to include in the State Fire Code and Ohio Building Code, respectively, a requirement that a public or private school must install carbon monoxide detectors within each building of the school- 1st hearing- sponsor testimony

Federal Activity

There is no federal update this week.