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**State Board  
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# Legislative Update

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To: State Board Members  
Re: Legislative Update  
Date: November 9, 2012

## **State Activity**

### **Legislation Introduced**

**SB381 (Seitz, R-Cincinnati)/HB598 (Terhar, R-Cincinnati):** makes it mandatory for insurance companies to provide coverage for autism treatment; amends the state's mental health insurance parity law which requires insurance coverage for mental health disorder by adding "pervasive developmental disorders" and specifies coverage for Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) with a cap of \$50,000 annually.

### **Next Week's Committee Hearings**

#### **House Education Committee**

Tuesday, November 13: The House Education Committee will meet on Tuesday, November 13 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 313 of the Statehouse to hear the following bills:

- [HB 555](#) (Stebelton, R-Lancaster/Butler, R-Oakwood) revises the current academic performance rating system for public schools with a system under which districts and schools are assigned letter grades (1<sup>st</sup> Hearing—Sponsor Testimony—Possible Substitute)
- [HB 466](#) (Patmon, D-Cleveland) requires that employees and students at state institutions of higher education who work with children receive training in child abuse prevention. (1<sup>st</sup> Hearing—Sponsor Testimony)
- [HB 519](#) (Patmon) requires public schools to install metal detectors in all classroom buildings unless they obtain a waiver from the Superintendent of Public Instruction (1<sup>st</sup> Hearing—Sponsor Testimony)

Wednesday, November 14: The House Education Committee will meet again on Wednesday, November 14 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 313 of the State House to hear the following bills:

- [HB 555](#) (Stebelton, R-Lancaster/Butler, R-Oakwood) revises the current academic performance rating system for public schools with a system under which districts and schools are assigned letter grades (2<sup>nd</sup> Hearing—Proponent Testimony)

- [HB 462](#) (Pelanda, R-Marysville) With respect to a school district's withholding or transfer to another district or school of the grades and credits of a child who is alleged or adjudicated an abused, neglected, or dependent child. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

Thursday, November 15: The House Education Committee will meet again on Thursday, November 15 at 3:00 p.m. (or immediately following session) in Room 313 of the State House to hear the following bill:

- [HB 555](#) (Stebelton, R-Lancaster/Butler, R-Oakwood) revises the current academic performance rating system for public schools with a system under which districts and schools are assigned letter grades (3<sup>rd</sup> Hearing—All Testimony)

#### **Senate Education Committee**

The Senate Education Committee will meet on Wednesday, November 14 at 10:00 a.m. in the Grant Hearing Room (#110) of the State House to hear testimony on the following bill:

- [HB 543](#) (Anielski, R-Walton Hills) enacts the “Jason Flatt Act” to require public schools to train staff in youth suicide awareness and prevention. (1st Hearing-Sponsor & proponent)

#### **House Ways & Means Committee**

The House Ways & Means Committee will meet on Wednesday, November 14 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 114 of the State House to hear testimony on the following bill:

- [HB 547](#) (Pillich, D-Cincinnati) modifies the school district reimbursement schedule for the loss of revenue from the tangible personal property tax phase-out. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

#### **Federal Activity**

House and Senate leaders are discussing next steps for the lame duck session to resolve the pending automatic funding cuts (known as sequestration). These cuts begin January 2, 2013 without a change in law. Speaker Boehner has indicated that an option may be to pass legislation during the lame duck to delay the automatic spending cuts (as well as the expiration of certain tax cuts) in order to provide Congress more time to reach agreement.