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**State Board
of Education**

Legislative Update

To: State Board of Education
Re: Legislative Update
Date: November 1, 2013

State Activity

Introduced Bills

[Senate Bill 220](#) (Gardner, R-Bowling Green), To remove the prohibition on charging students fees for participating in dual enrollment programs or in alternative funding arrangements under the Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Program, to require the Chancellor of the Board of Regents, not later than December 31, 2013, to make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding the charging of students for costs associated with the College Credit Plus Program, and to declare an emergency

[Senate Bill 223](#) (Gardner, R-Bowling Green), to require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to develop a procedure for awarding information technology infrastructure grants to public primary and secondary schools and school districts

[House Bill 321](#) (Duffey, R- Worthington/ Hagan, C., R-Alliance), To create the DataOhio Board, and to specify requirements for posting public records online

[House Bill 322](#) (Duffey, R-Worthington/ Hagan, C., R-Alliance), to require the Auditor of State to adopt rules regarding a uniform accounting system for public offices

[House Bill 323](#) (Duffey,R-Worthington/Hagan, C., R-Alliance) To establish an online catalog of public data at data.Ohio.gov

This Week's Committees

House Ways and Means Committee

The House Ways and Means Committee met on Tuesday, October 29 and heard testimony on [House Bill 107](#) (Baker, R-Westlake), to authorize a tax credit for businesses that employ high school students in a career exploration internship. The committee had three amendments before them. The only accepted amendment was put forth by the sponsor, Representative Baker, which changed the amount of funding for the pilot program from \$2 million to \$1 million as in the as introduced version of the bill. She stated the change in the funding number was unintentional and should be considered a technical change.

House Health and Aging

The House Health and Aging Committee met on Wednesday, October 30th. [House Bill 264](#) (Wachtmann, R- Napoleon/ Barnes, D- Cleveland) had its 4th hearing and was scheduled for a vote. Michael Kirkman with Disability Rights Ohio submitted written testimony and a vote was not taken.

House Education Committee

The House Education Committee met on Wednesday, October 30 and held its fifth hearing [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 committee heard testimony and favorably reported the bill from committee.

The following individuals provided proponent testimony:

- Bill Nye, Superintendent Grand Valley
- Scott Hunt, Superintendent Cardinal Local

The committee also heard sponsor testimony on [House Bill 296](#) (Duffey, R-Worthington/ Johnson, R-McDermott), to permit public schools to procure epinephrine autoinjectors in accordance with prescribed procedures and to exempt them from licensing requirements related to the possession of epinephrine autoinjectors.

Other bills included in the committee's hearing include:

- [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, had its 3rd hearing. No one appeared to testify on this bill.
- [House Bill 215](#) (DeVitis, R-Uniontown), to 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, had its 2nd hearing. Lt. Doug Smith with the Summit County Sheriff's Office provided proponent testimony.

Next Week's Committees

House Finance and Appropriations Committee

The House Ways and Means Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, November 6 at 9:00 am in Room 313 to hear the following bill:

- [House Bill 107](#) (Baker, R-Westlake), to authorize a tax credit for businesses that employ high school students in a career exploration internship- 1st hearing- pending referral- all testimony- possible vote

Senate Public Safety, Local Government & Veterans Affairs Committee

The Senate Public Safety, Local Government and Veterans Affairs Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, November 6 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. --2nd Hearing-all testimony

Senate Education Committee

The Senate Education Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, November 6 at 4:00 pm in the South Hearing Room to hear the following bills:

- [Senate Bill 122](#) (Sawyer, D-Akron) To create the Office of Regional Services and Accountability in the Department of Education. --1st Hearing-Sponsor

- [Senate Bill 123](#) (Sawyer, D- Akron) To require a study of interdistrict open enrollment, and to amend sections and to repeal sections of the Revised Code effective July 1, 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
- [Senate Bill 220](#) (Gardner, R-Bowling Green) To remove the prohibition on charging students fees for participating in dual enrollment programs or in alternative funding arrangements under the Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Program, to require the Chancellor of the Board of Regents, not later than December 31, 2013, to make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding the charging of students for costs associated with the College Credit Plus Program, and to declare an emergency. --1st Hearing-Sponsor

House Education Committee

The House Education Committee will meet on Wednesday, November 6 at 5:00 pm in Room 121 to hear the following:

- [House Bill 193](#) (Brenner, R-Powell), to revise current high school diploma requirements including state-administered assessments – 1st hearing-sponsor testimony- possible substitute bill
- [House Bill 8](#) (Kunze, R-Hilliard/ Roegner, R-Hudson), to authorize off-duty peace officers to possess deadly weapons or 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 the 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-4th hearing- all testimony- possible amendment- possible vote
- [House Bill 215](#) (DeVitis, R-Uniontown), to 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 tax credit for volunteer services- 3rdhearing- all testimony- possible amendment- possible vote
- [House Bill 296](#) (Duffey, R-Worthington/ Johnson, R-McDermott), to permit public schools to procure epinephrine autoinjectors in accordance with prescribed procedures and to exempt them from licensing requirements related to the possession of epinephrine autoinjectors- 2nd hearing-proponent testimony

Federal Activity

There is no federal update this week.