Ohio State Board of Education Legislative Update

To: State Board of Education
Re: Legislative Update
Date: November 15, 2013

State Activity

Introduced Bills

Senate Bill 231 (Gardner, R-Bowling Green/ Hite, R-Findlay) With respect to the distribution of proceeds from the sale of school district real property. Am. 5705.10.

Senate Bill 237 (Jordan, R- Powell) With respect to the Common Core Initiative academic standards, powers of the State Board of Education, and the distribution of student information. Am. 3301.07 and 3301.0714 and to enact section 3301.078

Senate Bill 239 (Schaffer, R- Lancaster) With respect to the expulsion of a student from a school district, community school, or STEM school for actions that endanger the health and safety of other students or school employees and to declare an emergency.

This Week's Committees

Senate Finance

The House Finance and Appropriations Committee met on Tuesday, November 12th and Wednesday, November 13th to hear **Senate Bill 228** (Widener, R-Springfield), for its 1st & 2nd hearings, which would limit the Controlling Board's authority to approve the expenditure of certain funds and to require state agencies to provide certain information to the Controlling Board regarding requested purchases from out-of-state suppliers. Senator Widener gave sponsor testimony at Monday's hearing and no testimony was heard during the bill's second hearing the following day.

House Education Committee

The House Education Committee met on Wednesday, November 13th. Representative Stebelton gave sponsor testimony on **House Bill 290** and **House Bill 343**. Each had their first hearing. **House Bill 290** (Stebelton, R- Lancaster) allows school district to allow the use of its premises by members of the public and immunity from civil liability for a school district and schools when permitting members of the public to use school premises. **House Bill 343** (Stebelton, R- Lancaster) makes changes to education programs for certain students and individuals who have not received a high school diploma had its first hearing and Representative Stebelton gave sponsor testimony.

House Bill 334 (Hayes, R- Harrison Twp. / Hottinger, R- Newark) had its first hearing and sponsor testimony was given regarding expulsion of a student from a school district, community school, or STEM school for actions that endanger the health and safety of other students or school employees and to declare it an emergency.

Representatives Brenner and Driehaus gave sponsor testimony for the first hearing of **House Bill 342** (Brenner, R-Powell/ Driehaus, D-Cincinnati) which would permit an educational service center to be a partner or the lead applicant of an education consortium seeking a grant under the Straight A Program and to modify the goals of projects supported by the program.

A substitute version of **House Bill 181** (Brenner, R-Powell) was accepted by the committee during the bill's second hearing. The bill would prohibit submission of a student's personal identifiable information to the federal government without direct authorization of the local school board. Heidi Huber, of the Miami Valley Christian Academy, submitted written testimony.

Representative Brenner's **House Bill 193** (Brenner, R- Powell) which revises the current high school diploma requirements including state-administered assessments, had its 2nd hearing. Beth Lear, an education policy analyst and researcher gave proponent testimony and answered questions from the committee.

The last bill heard was **House Bill 296** (Johnson, R-McDermott/ Duffey, R-Worthington) which would permit schools to procure epinephrine auto injectors in accordance with prescribed procedures and to exempt them from licensing requirements related to the possession of epinephrine auto injectors. It had its 3rd hearing and was voted out of committee favorably after proponent testimony was given by Dennis Elliot of the American Camps Association, Jeff Sczpanski of the Athletic Trainers Association and written testimony was provided by Sandy Oxley, with Voices for Ohio's Children. The bill was amended to include camps in those authorized to procure and administer epinephrine. Another accepted amendment clarified that school districts must create directives on how to administer the program within their schools.

Next Week's Committees

House Education Committee

The House Education Committee will meet on Monday, November 18th and Wednesday, November 20th.

The following bills will be heard Monday, November 18th at 5:00pm in Room 313:

- **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 – 3rd hearing- all testimony-possible vote
- **House Bill 181** (Brenner, R-Powell) To prohibit submission of a student's personal identifiable information to the federal government without direct authorization of the local school board. – 3rd Hearing-All testimony
- **House Bill 193** (Brenner, R-Powell), to revise current high school diploma requirements including state-administered assessments – 3rd hearing-All testimony
- **House Bill 334** (Hayes, R- Harrison Twp./ Hottinger, R-Newark) With respect to the expulsion of a student from a school district, community school, or STEM school for actions that endanger the health and safety of other students or school employees and to declare an emergency. -2nd Hearing-all testimony
- **House Bill 342** (Brenner, R-Powell/ Driehaus, D-Cincinnati) To permit an educational service center to be a partner or the lead applicant of an education consortia seeking a grant under the Straight A Program and to modify the goals of projects supported by the program. -2nd hearing-all testimony

The following bills will be heard Wednesday, November 20th at 5:00pm in Room 313:

- **House Bill 237** (Thompson, R-Marietta) With respect to the Common Core Initiative academic standards and the distribution of student information. - 2nd hearing-proponent testimony
- **House Bill 181** (Brenner, R-Powell) To prohibit submission of a student's personal identifiable information to the federal government without direct authorization of the local school board. – 4th Hearing-All testimony
- **House Bill 193** (Brenner, R-Powell), to revise current high school diploma requirements including state-administered assessments – 4th hearing-All testimony

House State and Local Government Committee

House State and Local Government Committee will meet on Tuesday, November 19th, at 2:00pm in Room 121 to hear the following bills:

- **House Bill 321** (Duffey, R- Worthington/ Hagan, C., R- Alliance) To create the DataOhio Board, and to specify requirements for posting public records online. 1st hearing-Sponsor testimony – referral to subcommittee
- **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. - 1st hearing-Sponsor testimony – referral to subcommittee.
- **House Bill 323** (Duffey, R- Worthington/ Hagan, C., R- Alliance) To establish an online catalog of public data at data.Ohio.gov. - 1st hearing-Sponsor testimony – referral to subcommittee

Senate Public Utilities Committee

The Senate Public Utilities Committee will meet Wednesday, November 20th at 2:30pm in the Finance Hearing Room for the 4th hearing- possible amendments and possible vote- on **Senate Bill 59** (Beagle, R-Tipp City) to authorize an eligible regional council of governments to establish itself as an education energy council for the purpose of issuing debt to pay for school district energy purchases.

Senate Public Safety, Local Government & Veterans Affairs Committee

The Senate Public Safety, Local Government & Veterans Affairs Committee will meet on Wednesday, November 20th at 4:00pm in the North Hearing room to hear **Senate Bill 6** (Schaffer, R-Lancaster) to establish education programs and continuing education requirements for the fiscal officers of townships and municipal corporations, to establish procedures for removing those fiscal officers, country treasurers, and county auditors from office, and to create fiscal accountability requirements for public schools, counties, municipal corporations, and townships. -2nd hearing- all testimony.

Senate Finance

Senate Finance will meet Tuesday, November 19th at 2:30pm in the Finance Hearing room to hear **Senate Bill 228** (Widener, R-Springfield) to limit the Controlling Board's authority to approve the expenditure of certain funds and to require state agencies to provide certain information to the Controlling Board regarding requested purchases from out-of-state suppliers. --3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments, substitute & vote

Federal Activity

There is no federal update this week.