



To: State Board of Education
Re: Legislative Update
Date: November 8, 2013

State Activity

Introduced Bills

House Bill 328 (Young, R- Leroy/ Hagan, C., R- Alliance) To modify the authority of the Controlling Board to approve certain expenditures

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. Am. 263.325 of Am. Sub. H.B. 59 of the 130th General Assembly

House Bill 343 (Stebelton, R-Lancaster) Regarding educational programs for certain students and individuals who have not received a high school diploma. Am. 3313.617 of the Revised Code, to amend the versions of sections 3317.01 and 3317.022 that are scheduled to take effect July 1, 2014, and to amend section 3314.08 and to enact sections 3314.362, 3314.38, 3317.036, and 3317.24

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. Am. 3313.66 and 3313.661.

Senate Bill 227 (Beagle, R-Tipp City), To designate the second Tuesday of April as "Ohio Internship and Co-Op Appreciation Day." Am. 2294

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.

Senate Bill 229 (Gardner, R- Bowling Green) Regarding teacher performance evaluations. Am. 3319.111 and 3319.112

This Week's Committees

House Finance and Appropriations Committee

The House Finance and Appropriations Committee met on Wednesday, November 6 and had its first hearing on **House Bill 107** (Baker, R-Westlake), which creates a grant program for businesses that employ high school students in career exploration internships. The committee accepted 3 amendments to the bill that removed the GPA requirement, put a sunset provision to the pilot at the end of FY15, and required that the internship be located at an Ohio based company within Ohio. The amended substitute bill was voted on and favorably reported out of committee.

[House Bill 85](#) (Terhar, R- Cincinnati, Gonzales, R-Westerville), which would enhance the homestead exemption for military veterans who are 100% disabled from a service-connected disability was also scheduled to be heard in House Finance and Appropriations Committee but was removed from the schedule during the hearing due to its complexity and timing for the committee.

Senate Public Safety, Local Government & Veterans Affairs

[Senate Bill 162](#) (Hughes, R- Columbus) which would 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 had its 2nd hearing in Senate Public Safety, Local Government & Veterans affairs on Wednesday, November 6. Written testimony in support of the bill was provided by Jonathan Stewart of the National Electrical Manufacturers Association.

Senate Education Committee

The Senate Education Committee met on Wednesday, November 6. [Senate Bills 122](#) and [123](#) had their 1st and 2nd hearings respectively. [Senate Bill 122](#) (Sawyer, D-Akron) would create the Office of Regional Services and Accountability within the Ohio Department of Education. Senator Sawyer gave sponsor testimony.

There were 3 superintendents that testified on [Senate Bill 123](#) (Sawyer, D-Akron). This bill would require a study of interdistrict open enrollment and would 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. The 3 superintendents to testify were:

- John Scheu, Superintendent of Sidney City Schools
- Jeffrey Layton, Superintendent of Northwestern Local Schools
- Jon Saxton, Superintendent of Chillicothe City Schools

The final bill to be heard in Senate Education Committee was [Senate Bill 220](#) (Gardner, R-Bowling Green) which removes 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.

House Education Committee

The House Education Committee met on Wednesday, November 6 and held its first hearing on [Sub. House Bill 193](#) (Brenner, R-Powell) which would revise the current high school diploma requirements including state-administered assessments. Representative Brenner replaced his placeholder bill with a substitute version and gave sponsor testimony on the substitute bill. There were significant changes from the placeholder bill. Included in the bill is the option for local school districts to choose what assessments they will use for their students in lieu of the state assessments.

The committee heard extensive testimony and voted on two school safety bills. The two bills were:

House Bill 8 (Roegner, R- Hudson/ Kunze, R-Hilliard), to revise school safety plans which was amended to require schools to collaborate with local law enforcement to develop safety protocol had its 4th hearing. It requires those designated by the school board to carry a weapon in a school have a valid concealed carry license. Those permitted to carry in a school must also complete any additional firearms training required by the school protocol and would require the attorney general to establish a model curriculum for training an employee authorized to carry a firearm. The training would not be required to be used by schools. House Bill 8 was voted favorable out of committee with a vote of 14-4.

o Testimony was given by:

- John Gilchrist, Legislative Counsel, Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police
- Michael Weinman, Director of Governmental Affairs, Fraternal Order of Police
- Renuka Mayadev, Executive Director, Children's Defense Fund-Ohio
- William Nye Jr., Superintendent, Grand Valley Local Schools
- John Rubesich, Superintendent, Ashtabula County Educational Service Center
- Sgt. Scott Wagner, Baltimore Police Department
- Michelle Francis, Deputy Director of Legislative Services, Ohio School Boards Association
- Damon Asbury, Director of Legislative Services, Ohio School Boards Association

- **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 3rd hearing and was voted favorably out of committee with a vote of 17-2, with Reps. Driehaus and Antonio opposing. No additional testimony was provided for this bill before the vote.

House Bill 296 (Johnson, R-McDermott /Duffey, R-Worthington) which would 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 had its 2nd hearing with proponent testimony from:

- Ginny Favede, a Belmont County Commissioner
- Dr. Sarah Denny, representing the Ohio Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
- Kate King, President of the Ohio Association of School Nurses
- Frankie Favede, a student at St. Clairsville High School
- Jane Abel of New Albany
- Dr. Summit Shahm, Pediatric Allergist

Next Week's Committees

Senate Finance Committee

The Senate Finance Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, November 12 at 3:30pm in the Finance Hearing Room and on Wednesday, November 13th at 10:45am in the Finance Hearing Room to hear [Senate Bill 228](#) (Widener, R- Springfield). The bill 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.

House Education Committee

The House Education Committee will meet on Wednesday, November 13 at 5:00 pm in Room 313 to hear the following:

- [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. -- 2nd Hearing-All testimony-possible substitute bill
- [House Bill 193](#) (Brenner, R-Powell), to revise current high school diploma requirements including state-administered assessments – 2nd hearing-All testimony
- [House Bill 290](#) (Stebelton, R-Lancaster) Regarding the use of school district 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. -1st Hearing-sponsor testimony
- [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- 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. -1st Hearing-sponsor testimony-Pending referral
- [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. -1st Hearing-sponsor testimony
- [House Bill 343](#) (Stebelton, R-Lancaster) Regarding educational programs for certain students and individuals who have not received a high school diploma. --1st Hearing-sponsor testimony

Federal Activity

There is no federal update this week.