



To: State Board of Education
Re: Legislative Update
Date: February 17, 2012

State Activity

Senate Education Committee

The committee held a second hearing on [Senate Bill 230](#) (Sawyer, D-Akron) which would create the Office of Regional Service and Accountability at the Ohio Department of Education. Craig Burford with the Ohio Educational Service Center Association offered proponent testimony.

The committee held a third hearing on [Senate Bill 220](#) (Sawyer, D-Akron) which would require a study of interdistrict open enrollment and would terminate interdistrict open enrollment on July 1, 2015 with the possibility of renewal following the General Assembly’s examination of the study’s findings. Jon Saxton with the Chillicothe City Schools offered proponent testimony.

Next Week’s Committees

The House and Senate Education Committees will not be meeting next week.

Federal Activity

President Obama Unveils FY2013 Budget

On Monday, President Obama unveiled his fiscal year (FY) 2013 budget proposal, which called for a 2.5% increase in education funding compared to the FY12 enacted amounts. Overall, the U.S. Department of Education requested \$69.8 billion in discretionary funding. Similar to the FY 11 and FY12 requests, education funding is tied to the reauthorization of the *Elementary and Secondary Education (ESEA) Act* and makes funding decisions based off of the Administration’s ESEA Blueprint. The education portion of the budget calls for consolidation of 38 current ESEA programs into 11 streamlined programs (Congress did not fund 22 of the 38 programs during the FY12 budget process). Below are the funding levels for the main education programs:

Program	FY12 (H.R. 2055)	FY13 Proposal	Ohio Estimates
Career & College Ready (formerly Title I)	\$14.5 billion	\$14.5 billion	\$582 million
School Turnaround (SIG)	\$533.6 million	\$533.6 million	\$21.5 million
*Effective Teachers and Leaders (formerly Teacher quality)	\$2.47 billion	\$2.47 billion	\$68 million
Assessments	\$389 million	\$389 million	\$11 million

English Language	\$732 million	\$732 million	\$9.6 million
IDEA	\$11.6 billion	\$11.6 billion	\$437 million
IDEA, preschool	\$373 million	\$373 million	\$12.3 million
Career Tech	\$1.12 billion	\$1.12 billion	\$42.5 million
Statewide Data Systems	\$38.1 million	\$53.1 million	competitive
Race to the Top	\$549 million	\$850 million	competitive
Investing in Innovation	\$149 million	\$150 million	

*multiple programs affected by the proposed FY2013 budget and ESEA reauthorization have been renamed and moved among accounts and/or renamed.

House Education Committee Holds Hearing on ESEA Reauthorization Bills

This week, the House Education and the Workforce Committee held a hearing on two ESEA related bills: HR 3989 (Student Success Act) and HR 3990 (Encouraging Innovation and Effective Teachers Act). While the House has passed other piecemeal ESEA related bills, these two bills contain arguably the most instrumental provisions of ESEA, notably provisions on Title I, accountability and teacher effectiveness. The Chairman anticipates a mark-up on the bills early next month. For more information about the hearing and to access summaries of the bills click [here](#).