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**State Board
of Education**

Legislative Update

To: State Board of Education
Re: Legislative Update
Date: February 7, 2014

State Activity

Introduced Bills

[House Bill 428](#) (Anielski, R- Independence) To revise the law regarding terms of office of members of certain joint vocational school district boards of education.

[Senate Bill 273](#) (Gardner, R-Bowling Green) To excuse graduating twelfth-grade students from attending school on make-up days that occur after the scheduled high school graduation ceremonies and to declare an emergency.

This Week's Committees

Senate Finance Committee

The Senate Finance Committee met Tuesday, February 4th to hear the following bills:

[House Bill 107](#) (Baker, R-Westlake) would create a grant program for businesses that employ high school students in career exploration internships, had its second hearing in the Senate. John Sobolewski, executive director of the West Shore Chamber of Commerce, Nancy Ralls, career development coordinator for West Shore Career-Technical Education District and Duane Van Dyke, president of Van Dyke Architects LLC in Cleveland all testified in support of the bill.

[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 had its second hearing. Tom Ash, director of government relations for the Buckeye Association of School Administrators testified in support of the bill and on behalf of behalf of the Ohio School Boards Association and its director of legislative services, Damon Asbury. Barbara Shaner, Ohio Association of School Business Officials associate executive director also testified in support of the bill.

Next Week's Committees

House State and Local Government Committee

The House State and Local Government Shared Services and Efficiency Subcommittee will meet Tuesday, February 11th, at 1:00pm in room 113 for the third hearing and testimony of the following three 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

[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

Senate Medicaid, Health & Human Services Committee

The Senate Medicaid, Health & Human Services Committee will meet Tuesday, February 11th in the South Hearing room for the first hearing in the Senate and sponsor testimony of [House Bill 296](#) (Duffey, R-Worthington) which would permit public 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.

Senate Finance Committee

The Senate Finance Committee will meet Tuesday, February 11th in the Finance Hearing room for the 3rd hearing of the following bills:

[House Bill 107](#) (Baker, R-Westlake) would create a grant program for businesses that employ high school students in career exploration internships. Proponent testimony will be accepted at the hearing.

[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. All testimony will be accepted with a possible vote on the bill.

House Health & Aging Committee

The House Health and Aging Committee will meet Wednesday, February 12th at 9:30am in room 116 for the fifth hearing of [House Bill 264](#) (Watchmann, R- Napoleon/ Barnes, D-Cleveland) regarding care for students with diabetes in schools. All testimony will be taken on the bill with a possible vote scheduled.

Senate Education Committee

The Senate Education Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 22nd at 4:00pm in the South Hearing room to hear the following bills:

[House Bill 193](#) (Brenner, R-Powell) to revise high school graduation requirements.- 1st hearing- Sponsor testimony

[House Bill 111](#) (Duffey, R- Worthington/ Stinziano, D- Columbus) would allow for 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

[House Bill 342](#) (Brenner, R-Powell/ Driehaus, D-Cincinnati) would 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. -3rd hearing- All testimony

House Education Committee

The House Education Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 12th at 5:00pm in room 313 to hear the following bills:

[Senate Bill 229](#) (Gardner, R- Bowling Green) Regarding teacher performance evaluations. – 1st hearing- Sponsor testimony

[House Bill 228](#) (Brenner, R- Powell) To reform the system of funding elementary and secondary education. --1st Hearing-Sponsor testimony-Possible substitute bill

[House Bill 343](#) (Stebelton, R- Lancaster) regarding educational programs for certain students and individuals who have not received a high school diploma. -4th Hearing-All testimony – Possible amendment & vote

[House Bill 348](#) (Henne, R- Clayton/ Hagan, C.,R-Alliance) To prohibit state institutions of higher education from requiring students to be covered by a health insurance policy or a health care benefits plan as a condition of enrollment or from automatically enrolling students in such policies or plans. -2nd Hearing-Proponent testimony

[House Bill 362](#) (Scherer, R- Circleville/ Derickson, R- Oxford) To authorize the STEM Committee to grant a designation of STEM school equivalent to a community school or chartered nonpublic school and to make other revisions to the law regarding STEM schools. --2nd Hearing-Proponent testimony

Federal Activity

There is no federal update this week.