



To: State Board of Education
Re: Legislative Update
Date: March 28, 2014

State Activity

Introduced Bills

There were no new education related bills introduced this week.

Signed by the Governor

[House Bill 416](#) (Burkely, R- Paulding/ Hill, R-Zanesville) to permit payment in fiscal year 2015 to school districts and STEM schools that exceed, by up to four days, the number of permitted 'calamity' days in fiscal year 2014 and to declare an emergency. Effective March 26, 2014.

This Week's Committees

House Economic Development & Regulatory Reform

The House Economic Development & Regulatory Reform Committee met Tuesday, March 25th and heard [House Bill 486](#) (Baker, R-Westlake/ Stebelton, R- Lancaster) MBR Workforce - To establish the adult career opportunity pilot program; to revise the coordination of workforce development and economic development programs; to synchronize the due dates of several reports due from the Development Services Agency, the Ohio Venture Capital Authority and the Third Frontier Commission; to revise the law regarding innovation financial assistance and research and development financial assistance; and to permit the Director of Commerce, the State Fire Marshal, and the Ohio Construction Industry Licensing Board to establish compliance incentive programs. Dr. Ross provided testimony on the Adult Career Opportunity Pilot Program. Andrea Porter, Director of the Department of Commerce, and Tracy Intihar, Director of the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation testified in support of provisions in the bill. Chancellor Carey provided supportive remarks as well.

House State & Local Government Committee

The House State & Local Government Committee met March 25th for the 2nd hearing and discussion of the sub committee's recommendations on the DataOhio legislative package. Representative Duffey responded to comments by the committee.

The DataOhio Package includes the following pieces of legislation:

[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

[House Bill 324](#) (Duffey, R-Worthington), to establish the Local Government Information Exchange Grant Program and to make an appropriation.

Senate Public Safety, Local Government & Veterans Affairs Committee

The Senate Public Safety, Local Government & Veterans Affairs Committee met March 26th and favorably voted out [Senate Bill 6](#) (Schaffer, R-Lancaster) which would establish education programs and continuing education requirements for the fiscal officers of townships and municipal corporations, to establish procedures for removing those fiscal officers, county treasurers, and county auditors from office, and to create fiscal accountability requirements for public schools, counties, municipal corporations, and townships. There was no additional testimony. However, the bill was amended to change the penalties associated with certain false statements.

Senate Education Committee

The Senate Education Committee met Wednesday, March 26th and heard [House Bill 193](#) (Brenner, R-Powell) with respect to state academic achievement assessments and high school graduation requirements; to amend the version of section 3326.11 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect July 1, 2014, to continue the provisions of this act on or after that effective date. No testimony was provided in committee this week.

House Education Committee

The House Education Committee met Wednesday, March 26th. With no additional testimony [Senate Bill 69](#) (Beagle, R- Tipp City) which would establish the Course and Program Sharing Network and to make an appropriation, was favorably voted out of committee.

Also, favorably voted out of committee was [House Bill 393](#) (Baker, R- Westlake) would require public high schools to publish annually a career decision guide in its newsletter or on its web site. Proponent testimony was provided by Tracy Intihar, Director of the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation, Mark Birnbrich, project director for Ohio Means Jobs, and Carolyn George, Program Administrator for the office of Career-Technical Education at ODE.

Also, with no additional testimony [House Bill 241](#) (Hagan, C., R-Alliance) which would prohibit an employee of a public or nonpublic school or institution of higher education from engaging in sexual conduct with a minor who is enrolled in or attends that public or nonpublic school or who is enrolled in or attends that institution of higher education and is also enrolled in or attends a public or nonpublic school, was voted favorably out of committee. The bill was amended to allow for a four year age difference between the employee and a student in order to avoid criminalizing, for example, a relationship between an 18 year old working at the school and a 16- or 17-year-old student.

A sub bill was accepted for [Senate Bill 229](#) (Gardner, R- Bowling Green) regarding teacher performance evaluations. Testimony in support of the As Passed by the Senate version was provided by Scott DeMauro, vice president of the Ohio Education Association, StudentsFirst Ohio State Director Greg Harris, Lois

Williams, a retired teacher and StudentsFirst member from Painesville, and Anthony Vitanza, a retired principal from Avon.

John Manfredi, Berkshire School Board president provided proponent testimony on [House Bill 447](#) (Lynch, R- Chagrin Falls) which would permit a school district resulting from the consolidation of two or more school districts that meet specified conditions to receive a loan from the Ohio school facilities commission for the construction of a new facility to support the consolidated district.

The House Education Committee met Thursday, March 27th and heard [House Bill 487](#) (Brenner, R-Powell) MBR Education - With regard to education provisions for students in grades kindergarten through twelve. Dr. Ross, State Superintendent, Ohio Department of Education and Chancellor Carey, Ohio Board of Regents provided proponent testimony on the bill. Additional testimony in support the bill was provided by the following individuals:

- Bill Bussey, Superintendent, Mid-East Career Technical Centers
- Roberta White, President and CEO, Great Oaks Institute of Technology and Career Development
- Alex Fisher, President and CEO, Columbus Partnership
- Jane Keller, President and CEO, Cincinnati Youth Collaborative
- William Myles, Assistant Superintendent, Cincinnati Public Schools
- Dan Good, Superintendent, Columbus City Schools
- Judith Wahrman, Director of Graduate Outreach and Partnerships, University of Findlay
- Rebecca Butler, Vice President of Enrollment Management, University of Findlay
- Angela Brockman, Director of Pre-college Enrollment, Urbana University
- Jefferson Blackburn-Smith, Vice President of Enrollment Management, Otterbein University
- Pamela Allen , Coordinator in the Office of P-16 Partnerships, Ohio Dominican University
- Kevin Boys, President, Southern State Community College
- Dee Ann Stricklett, School Improvement Specialist, Brown County Educational Service Center
- Jordan Michael, Intervention Specialist, Whiteoak High School in Mowrystown

Next Week's Committees

House Economic Development & Regulatory Reform Committee

The House Economic Development & Regulatory Reform Committee will meet Tuesday, April 1st at 11:00am in room 114 for the 2nd hearing and all testimony of [House Bill 486](#) (Baker, R-Westlake/ Stebelton, R-Lancaster) To establish the adult career opportunity pilot program; to revise the coordination of workforce development and economic development programs; to synchronize the due dates of several reports due from the Development Services Agency, the Ohio Venture Capital Authority and the Third Frontier Commission; to revise the law regarding innovation financial assistance and research and development financial assistance; and to permit the Director of Commerce, the State Fire Marshal, and the Ohio Construction Industry Licensing Board to establish compliance incentive programs. –Possible amendments

Senate Medicaid, Health & Human Services Committee

The Senate Medicaid, Health & Human Services Committee will meet Wednesday, April 2nd at 9:00 in the South Hearing Room for the 5th hearing, and all testimony on [House Bill 296](#) (Johnson, R-McDermott/ Duffey, R- Worthington) 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. -5th Hearing-All testimony

House Education Committee

The House Education Committee will meet Wednesday, April 2nd at 9:00am in room 017 to hear the following two bills:

[House Bill 447](#) (Lynch, R- Chagrin Falls) To permit a school district resulting from the consolidation of two or more school districts that meet specified conditions to receive a loan from the Ohio school facilities commission for the construction of a new facility to support the consolidated district. -3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments, substitute & vote

[House Bill 487](#) (Brenner, R-Powell) MBR Education - With regard to education provisions for students in grades kindergarten through twelve. Dr. Ross, Chancellor Carey, Ohio Board of Regents provided proponent testimony on the bill. – 2nd hearing – Possible Amendments- All testimony

The House Education Committee will also meet Thursday, April 3rd at 9:00am in room 313 to hear the following two bills:

[House Bill 460](#) (Brenner, R-Powell/ Driehaus, D- Cincinnati) to authorize school districts and community schools to initiate a community learning process to assist and guide school restructuring. -2nd Hearing-Proponent testimony

[House Bill 487](#) (Brenner, R-Powell) MBR Education - With regard to education provisions for students in grades kindergarten through twelve. Dr. Ross, Chancellor Carey, Ohio Board of Regents provided proponent testimony on the bill. – 3rd hearing – All testimony – Possible Amendments- Possible Vote

Senate Education Committee

The Senate Education Committee will meet Wednesday, April 2nd at 3:30pm in the Finance Hearing Room to hear the following bills:

[Senate Bill 241](#) (Sawyer, D-Akron) to modify the membership structure of the Straight A Governing Board. – 1st hearing - Sponsor testimony

[House Bill 171](#) (McClain, R-Springfield/ Patmon, D-Cleveland) to allow students to receive credit for released-time, off-site religious courses

Federal Activity

There is no federal update this week.