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**State Board
of Education**

Legislative Update

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

State Activity

Introduced Bills

No new education bills were introduced this week.

Delivered to the Governor

[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 consortium seeking a grant under the Straight A Program, to modify the goals of projects supported by the program, to make other changes regarding the operation of the program, and to declare an emergency.

This Week's Committees

There were no committees that met this week.

Next Week's Committees

House State & Local Government: Shared Services & Government Efficiency Subcommittee

The Shared Services and Government Efficiency Subcommittee will meet Tuesday, March 11th at 10:00am in room 113 for the 5th hearing, all testimony, potential re-referral of the DataOhio legislative package.

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.

Conference Committee on House Bill 416

The Conference Committee on House Bill 416 will meet Tuesday, March 11th at 11:30am in room 313 to hear [House Bill 416](#) (Burkley, R-Paulding/Hill, R-Zanesville) which permits 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.

Senate Medicaid, Health & Human Service Committee

The Senate Medicaid, Health & Human Services Committee will meet Wednesday, March 12th at 9:00am in the South Hearing room for the 4th hearing of [House Bill 296](#) (Johnson, R-McDermott/ 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. –All testimony

House Education Committee

The House Education Committee will meet Wednesday, March 12th at 9:30am in room 121 to hear the following 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. -1st Hearing-Sponsor testimony

[House Bill 449](#) (Gonzales, R- Westerville) With respect to residency status for certain veterans, spouses, and dependents at state institutions of higher education. -1st Hearing-Sponsor 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. -3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendment & vote

[House Bill 343](#) (Stebelton, R-Lancaster) Regarding educational programs for certain students and individuals who have not received a high school diploma. --5th Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute bill

[House Bill 393](#) (Baker, R-Westlake) To require public high schools to publish annually a career decision guide in its newsletter or on its web site. -2nd Hearing-All testimony

House Commerce, Labor & Technology Committee

The House Commerce, Labor, and Technology Committee will meet Wednesday, March 12th at 10:00am in room 114 to hear [House Bill 424](#) (Bishoff, D- Blacklick/ Hackett, R- London) To prohibit employers and educational institutions from requiring an employee, applicant, student, or prospective student to provide access to any personal Internet account of the employee, applicant, student, or prospective student. --1st Hearing-Sponsor testimony

Senate Education Committee

The Senate Education Committee will meet Wednesday, March 14th at 4:00pm in the South Hearing room to hear the following bills:

[House Bill 171](#) (McClain, R-Springfield/ Patmon, D-Cleveland) To permit public school students to attend and receive credit for released time courses in religious instruction conducted off school property during regular school hours. -2nd Hearing-Proponent testimony

[Senate Bill 193](#) (Seitz, R- Cincinnati) To eliminate intermediate political parties and to revise the processes for determining political party status and for establishing new political parties and to declare an emergency. -1st Hearing-Sponsor testimony

Senate Public Safety Committee

The Senate Public Safety Committee will meet Wednesday, March 12th 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, county treasurers, and county auditors from office, and to create fiscal accountability requirements for public schools, counties, municipal corporations, and townships. -3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendment & vote

Federal Activity

President Unveils FY15 Budget Proposal

On March 4, President Obama unveiled his administration’s budget for Fiscal Year 2015 (FY15). FY15 begins on October 1, 2014. The budget proposal lays out the administration’s policies and funding priorities for the upcoming year and sets the stage for House and Senate budget and appropriation committee members to begin deliberations. The President’s proposal provides \$68.6 billion in discretionary spending for the U.S. Department of Education, which represents a \$1.3 billion increase (1.9%) over FY14. To access the more information on the President’s budget click [here](#). Below are some highlights and a chart of the main programs:

Program	FY2014 Final	FY15 Proposal	Difference
Title I	\$14.4 billion	\$14.4 billion	level
IDEA Part B	\$11.47 billion	\$11.57 billion	+\$100 million
School Improvement	\$506 million	\$506 million	level
Career Tech	\$1.12 billion	\$1.12 billion	level
21 st Century	\$1.15 billion	\$1.15 billion	level
Title II Teacher and Principal Quality	\$2.35 billion	\$2 billion	-\$350 million
ConnectEDucators	0	\$200 million	+\$200 million
Teacher Incentive Fund	\$288.8 million	\$320 million	+\$31.2 million
Statewide Data Systems	\$34.5 million	\$70 million	+\$35.5 million
Race to the Top-Early Education	\$250 million	0	-\$250 million
Race to the Top-Equity and Opportunity	0	\$300 million	+\$300 million

General Proposal Highlights

- Early Education: Preschool is once again a priority in the President’s budget, which includes \$75 billion over 10 years for a Preschool for All initiative, as well as \$500 million for a Preschool Development Grants program.

- Race to the Top – Equity and Opportunity (RTTT-Opportunity): \$300 million in competitive funds to help states and school districts identify and close opportunity and achievement gaps.
- ConnectEDucators: This new program builds on current E-Rate reform activity and the administration’s ConnectED goal of connecting 99 percent of students to broadband. The proposal provides \$200 million program to assist 40,000 educators across 200 districts use digital resources and data to improve instruction.
- School Safety: \$50 million for grants to improve school climate and \$25 million for Project Prevent grants to help schools in particularly high-violence communities.
- Teacher and Principal Quality: The budget includes a proposal to reorganize programs under Title II, including new requirements for states around educator evaluation systems and the equitable distribution of teachers and principals.
- High School Redesign: \$150 million in competitive grants to LEAs in partnership with institutions of higher education, employers, and others, to fund activities to better align high schools with success in college and careers.