# Ohio State Board of Education Legislative Update

To: State Board of Education
Re: Legislative Update
Date: May 16, 2014

## State Activity

### Introduced Bills

There were no new education related bills introduced this week.

### Passed in the House

House Bill 241 (Hagan, C., R- Alliance) To 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. (86-0)

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.(89-0)

### Passed in the Senate

Senate Bill 96 (LaRose, R-Copley) To require one unit of world history in the high school social studies curriculum. (31-0).

### This Week's Committees

**Senate Finance Committee**

The Senate Finance Committee met Tuesday, May 13th and Wednesday, May 14th. House Bill 483 (Amstutz, R-Wooster) MBR Appropriations - To make operating and other appropriations and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs was heard on both days. Over 70 groups and individuals testified on the bill over two days. Testimony of note was provided by:

Proponent

- Andre Porter, Ohio Department of Commerce
- Erik Karolak, Action for Children & Alliance of Early Education Advocates
- Bruce Johnson, Inter-University Council of Ohio Department of Education
- Elizabeth Aumann, University of Cincinnati
- Julie Hovance, The Ohio State University

Interested Party

- Michael Nehf, State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio
- Wade Lucas, parent of an Olentangy School District student
- Brian Kern, parent of an Olentangy School District student
- Steve Cuckler, Olentangy School District
- David King, Olentangy School District
- Rebecca Asmo, Boys & Girls Club (written only)
- Tyrell Harris, student at Walnut H.S. (written only)

- Ed Cohn, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Ohio

Opponent

- Darold Johnson, Ohio Federation of Teachers

**House State & Local Government Committee**

The House State & Local Government Committee met Tuesday, May 13th for the 4th hearing on the DataOhio package. The DataOhio legislation was removed from the agenda and no testimony was accepted.

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.

**House Education Committee**

The House Education Committee met Wednesday, May 14th and heard the following bills:

**House Bill 437** (Ramos, D- / Hagan, C., R-Alliance) With respect to age-appropriate student instruction in child sexual abuse and sexual violence prevention and in-service staff training in child sexual abuse prevention. Representative Ramos and Representative C. Hagan provided sponsor testimony on the bill.

**House Bill 449** (Gonzales, R-Westville) With respect to residency status for certain veterans, spouses, and dependents at state institutions of higher education. No additional testimony was provided on the 4th hearing of the bill.

**House Bill 460** (Brenner, R-Powell/ Driehaus, R- Cincinnati) To authorize school districts and community schools to initiate a community learning process to assist and guide school restructuring. No additional testimony was provided on the bill.

A second substitute bill was accepted for **Senate Bill 229** (Gardner, R- Bowling Green) Regarding teacher performance evaluations. -4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute bill. Over 20 pieces of testimony were submitted to the House Education Committee members. Testimony of note in opposition to the bill was provided by:

- Melissa Cropper, President of Ohio Federation of Teachers
- Scott DiMauro, Vice President of the Ohio Education Association,
- Stephanie Eichenberg, a parent
- Gregory Mild, Columbus City Schools Office of Licensure

**Senate Education Committee**
The Senate Education Committee met Wednesday, May 7th and Thursday, May 8th.

Both days of testimony in Senate Education Committee centered around **House Bill 487** (Brenner, R-Powell) Education MBR - With regard to education provisions for students in grades kindergarten through twelve. Testimony of note was provided to the committee by:

- Bruce Johnson, President, The Inter-University Council of Ohio
- Ann Sheldon, Executive Director,Ohio Association for Gifted Children
- Jane Keller, Cincinnati Youth Collaborative
- Assistant Superintendent, William Myles, Cincinnati Public School
- Superintendent Diane Mankins, Marysville Exempted Village Schools
- Darold Johnson, Director of Legislation, Ohio Federation of Teachers

**Next Week's Committees**

**House State & Local Government Committee**
The House State & Local Government Committee will meet Tuesday, May 20th at 3:00pm in room 121 for the 4th hearing on the DataOhio package. All testimony will be accepted with possible amendments and a vote at the hearing.

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**House Education Committee**
The House Education Committee will meet Wednesday, May 21st at 9:00am in room 313 to hear the following bills:

**House Bill 470** (Barnes, D- Cleveland) To enact the "School Bullying Prevention Awareness Act" to designate September as School Bullying Prevention Awareness Month and to declare an emergency. -1st Hearing-Sponsor testimony

**House Bill 479** (Butler, R- Oakwood) To authorize the establishment of enterprise academy community schools that operate on an extended-day, year-round schedule, use competency-based master

curriculum model, use blended learning for core subjects, and offer alternative college- and career-ready pathways and to give such schools priority for grants awarded under the Straight A Program. -1st Hearing-Sponsor testimony

**House Bill 454** (Gonzales, R- Westerville) To expand and clarify the authority of a concealed handgun licensee to possess a handgun in a school safety zone. -2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendment

**House Bill 460** (Brenner, R-Powell/ Driehaus, R- Cincinnati) To authorize school districts and community schools to initiate a community learning process to assist and guide school restructuring. -4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendment

**Senate Education Committee**
The Senate Education Committee will likely meet Tuesday, May 20th. An agenda was not available at time of publishing.

**Senate Finance Committee**
The Senate Finance Committee will likely meet this upcoming week. An agenda was not available at time of publishing.

## Federal Activity

There is no federal update to report this week.