



To: State Board of Education  
Re: Legislative Update  
Date: May 30, 2014

## State Activity

### Introduced Bills

[House Bill 577](#) (Phillips, D- Albany) To require the health curriculum of each school district to include instruction on the positive effects of organ and tissue donation. Am. 3313.60.

[House Bill 578](#) (Letson, D-Warren/ Winburn, D- Harrison Twp.) require all school buses purchased, leased, or rented after January 1, 2016, to transport students to and from school to be equipped with a seat belt assembly for all passengers. Am. 4511.773

[House Bill 580](#) (Grossman, R- Grove City/ Letson, D- Warren) To require instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator as a requirement for high school graduation. Am. 3313.60, 3313.603, 3314.03, 3326.11, and 3328.24 and to enact section 3313.6021

### House Refused to Concur

[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. (0-88)

[House Bill 487](#) (Brenner, R-Powell) Education MBR - With regard to education provisions for students in grades kindergarten through twelve. (6-84)

### Referred to Conference Committee

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### This Week's Committees

#### **Senate Education Committee**

The Senate Education Committee met Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> the committee met and heard the following bills:

[House Bill 171](#) (McClain, R- Upper Sandusky/ 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. Two amendments accepted by the committee would clarify the school district is not liable for any injury arising from transporting students to and from release time instruction

and a second amendment would make the qualification for release time instructors similar to district teachers. No additional testimony was given.

[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 additional testimony was given.

[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. Sponsors of the bill, Representative Scherer and Representative Derickson, presented sponsor testimony on the 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. Representative Baker provided sponsor testimony on the bill.

Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> the committee met and heard the following bills:

[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. Dustin Pyles, Ohio STEM Learning Network provided proponent testimony on the bill. Brad Ingraham, Director of Legislative Services at ODE answered questions from the committee.

[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. No additional testimony was provided to the committee as it favorably passed out of committee.

#### **Senate Medicaid, Health & Human Services Committee**

The Senate Medicaid, Health & Human Services Committee met Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> to hear [House Bill 264](#) (Wachtmann, R- Napoleon) regarding care for students with diabetes in schools. Gary Dougherty, American Diabetes Association and Kate King, Ohio Association of School Nurses provided proponent testimony. Disability Rights of Ohio, Ohio Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, Central Ohio Diabetes Association and Endocrinology Associates, Inc. also provided written testimony. The bill passed favorably out of committee.

#### **House Education Committee**

The House Education Committee met Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> and heard the following two 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. No additional testimony was provided and the committee voted unanimously to pass the bill out of committee.

[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. Jim Irvine, chairman of the Buckeye Firearms

Association testified in support of the bill. Written opponent testimony was submitted Toby Hoover, Ohio Coalition Against Gun Violence. The committee voted the bill out of committee (16-3).

### **Next Week's Committees**

#### **Senate Education Committee**

The Senate Education Committee plans to meet early next week. An agenda has not yet been published at this time.

#### **House Education Committee**

The House Education Committee does not plan to meet next week.

#### **House Bill 487 Conference Committee**

The House Bill 487 Conference Committee is likely to meet early next week. An agenda has not yet been published at this time.

### **Federal Activity**

There is no federal update this week.