Ohio State Board of Education Legislative Update

To: State Board of Education
Re: Legislative Update
Date: May 4, 2012

State Activity

Introduced Bill

Senate Bill 339 (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

This Week's Committees

House Finance and Appropriations Committee

The House Finance and Appropriations Committee met on Tuesday and Wednesday to hear presentations on school funding by Paolo DeMaria.

Senate Education Committee

The Senate Education Committee met on Tuesday and held their first hearing on Senate Bill 335 (Turner, D-Cleveland and Lehner, R-Kettering) which would revise management of municipal school districts and community schools located within municipal school districts to levy property taxes the revenue of which may be shared with qualifying community schools. The following individuals offered proponent testimony:

- Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson
- Cleveland Metropolitan School District CEO Eric Gordon
- Cleveland Teachers Union President David Quolke

House Education Committee

The Senate Education Committee met on Tuesday and held their first hearing on House Bill 525 (Williams, D-Cleveland and Amstutz, R-Wooster) which would revise management of municipal school districts and community schools located within municipal school districts to levy property taxes the revenue of which may be shared with qualifying community schools. The following individuals offered proponent testimony:

- Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson
- Cleveland Metropolitan School District CEO Eric Gordon
- Cleveland Teachers Union President David Quolke

Next Week's Committees

Senate Education Committee

The Senate Education Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 8 at 9:30 AM in the South Hearing Room to hear testimony on the following bills:

House Bill 375 (Butler, R-Oakwood), to allow school districts to sell real property to private, nonprofit institutions of higher education- 1st hearing- sponsor testimony

Senate Bill 316 (Lehner, R-Kettering), education mid-biennium budget review- 8th hearing- possible vote

Senate Bill 335 (Turner, D-Cleveland and Lehner, R-Kettering), to revise management of municipal school districts and community schools located within municipal school districts to levy property taxes the revenue of which may be shared with qualifying community schools- 2nd hearing- proponent testimony

House Education Committee
The House Education Committee will meet on Wednesday, May 9 at 5:00 PM in Room 313 of the Statehouse to hear the following bill:

House Bill 525 (Williams, D-Cleveland and Amstutz, R- Wooster), to revise management of municipal school districts and community schools located within municipal school districts to levy property taxes the revenue of which may be shared with qualifying community schools- 2nd hearing- proponent

House Finance and Appropriations Committee
The House Finance and Appropriations Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, May 8 at noon in Room 313 of the Statehouse to hear a presentation on school funding by Paolo DeMaria.

Federal Activity

FY13 Appropriations Update
Last week, the House Appropriations committee approved the spending levels for fiscal year (FY) 2013 for each of the twelve appropriations, including Labor, Health and Human Services (HHS) and Education. Overall, the House spending levels are $19 billion less than the agreement set by the Budget Control Act and what was passed by the Senate. The House appropriation levels are $6 billion below the FY12 amounts for Labor/HHS/Education and $8 billion less than what the Senate allocation for Labor/HHS/ED in their FY13 amounts.

USDOE Unveils Career Tech Reauthorization Blueprint
The USDOE released a blueprint for transforming Career and Technical Education (CTE), by reauthorizing the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006. The reauthorization is due to be reauthorized next year. The Administration's plan would provide formula grants to states for the program and the states would then in turn competitively award funds to programs within the state. The blueprint is available here and a two-page summary is available here.