



To: State Board of Education
Re: Legislative Update
Date: June 14, 2013

State Activity

Activity on Resolutions

Dr. Ross and ODE staff met with several key legislators this week. During those meetings, Dr. Ross presented the resolutions passed by the State Board, and asked for their support in making those changes to [House Bill 59](#) (Amstutz, R-Wooster), the biennial budget.

Budget Update

The House met on Wednesday and refused to concur with the Senate's changes to the budget bill by a vote of 0-94. The following members have been appointed to serve on the [House Bill 59](#) conference committee: Representative Amstutz (R-Wooster), Representative McClain (R-Upper Sandusky), Representative Sykes (D-Akron), Senator Oelslager (R-Canton), Senator Coley (R-Liberty Township) and Senator Sawyer (D-Akron).

This Week's Committees

House Education Committee

The House Education Committee met on Tuesday and held their first hearing on [House Bill 18](#), with respect to metal detectors in public schools. Representative Patmon (D-Cleveland) offered sponsor testimony.

The committee also heard [House Bill 58](#), to change the voting membership of the State Board of Education to consist of a member from each of several electoral districts with boundaries coinciding with the state's Congressional districts and the president to be appointed by the Governor if there is an even number of such electoral districts. Representative Gerberry (D-Austintown Township) offered sponsor testimony.

The committee also heard sponsor testimony on [House Bill 96](#), to eliminate an exemption from the Public Employees' Collective Bargaining Law for specified educational employees from Representative Strahorn (D-Dayton).

The final piece of business before the committee was [House Bill 178](#), with respect to school safety drills. Representative Phillips (D-Albany) offered sponsor testimony.

Senate Education Committee

The Senate Education Committee met on Tuesday and held a hearing on [House Bill 167](#) (Heard, D-Columbus/ Grossman, R-Grove City), to authorize certain school districts to levy property taxes, the revenue from which may be shared with partnering community schools; to require such districts to place such a levy on the ballot at the next general or special election to prescribe the creation of the position of independent auditor for such a school district, subject to voter approval; to authorize the

mayor of the city in which such a school district is located to sponsor community schools; and to declare an emergency. The following individuals offered testimony.

- Dave Cash, Ohio Association of Charter School Authorizers
- Otha Gilyard, Shiloh Baptist Church
- Andrew Guinther, Columbus City Council

The committee also held its first hearing on [House Bill 14](#), with respect to a school district's withholding or transfer to another district or school of the records of a child who is alleged or adjudicated an abused, neglected, or dependent child. Representative Pelanda (R-Marysville) offered sponsor testimony.

House Ways and Means

The House Ways and Means Committee met and held its second hearing on [House Bill 107](#) (Baker, R-Westlake), to authorize tax credit for businesses that employ high school students in career exploration internships. The following individuals offered proponent testimony:

- Nancy Ralls, Career Development Coordinator for the West Shores Career-Technical Education District
- John Sobolewski, Executive Director of the West Shore Chambers of Commerce
- Duane Van Dyke, President of Van Dyke Architects

House Manufacturing and Workforce Development Committee

The House Manufacturing and Workforce Development Committee held its first hearing on [House Bill 168](#), to create a subprogram of the Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Program that permits students to participate in certified apprenticeship programs. Representative Christina Hagan (R- Alliance) offered sponsor testimony.

Next Week's Committees

House Bill 59 Conference Committee

The [House Bill 59](#) Conference Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, June 18 at 2:00 pm in Room 313 to hear presentations from the Office of Budget and Management and the Legislative Service Commission on revenue and caseload estimates.

Senate Education Committee

The Senate Education Committee will meet on Wednesday, June 19 at 1:30 pm in the South Hearing Room to hear the following bills:

- [House Bill 167](#) (Heard, D-Columbus/ Heard, R-Grove City), to authorize certain school districts to levy property taxes, the revenue from which may be shared with partnering community schools; to require such districts to place such a levy on the ballot at the next general or special election to prescribe the creation of the position of independent auditor for such a school district, subject to voter approval; to authorize the mayor of the city in which such a school district is located to sponsor community schools; and to declare an emergency- 4th hearing- all testimony- possible amendments- possible vote
- [Senate Bill 96](#) (LaRose, R-Copley Township), to require one unit of world history in the high school social studies curriculum- 3rd hearing- all testimony- possible amendment- possible vote
- [House Bill 14](#) (Pelanda, R-Marysville), with respect to a school district's withholding or transfer to another district or school of the records of a child who is alleged or adjudicated an abused, neglected, or dependent child- 2nd hearing- all testimony

House Ways and Means Committee

The House Ways and Means Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, June 19 at 3:00 pm or after session in Room 116 to hear the following bill:

- [Senate Bill 42](#) (Manning, R-North Ridgeville and Gardner, R-Bowling Green), to authorize school districts to levy a property tax exclusively for school safety and security purposes- 3rd hearing- all testimony

The committee will meet again on Thursday, June 20 at 9:00 am in Room 116 to hear the following bill:

- [House Bill 107](#) (Baker, R-Westlake), to authorize tax credit for businesses that employ high school students in career exploration internships- 3rd hearing- proponent testimony

House Manufacturing and Workforce Development

The House Manufacturing and Workforce Development Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, June 18 at 1:30 pm in Room 114 to hear the following bill:

- [House Bill 168](#) (C. Hagan, R-Alliance), to create a subprogram of the Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Program that permits students to participate in certified apprenticeship programs- 2nd hearing- all testimony

Federal Activity

Senate HELP Committee Approves ESEA Reauthorization Bill; House Committee Action Awaits

On Wednesday, the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee approved, on a party-line vote of 12-10, S. 1094, the *Strengthening America's Schools Act (SASA)*, a comprehensive measure to reauthorize the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)*, currently authorized as the *No Child Left Behind (NCLB)* Act. NCLB is six years overdue to be reauthorized.

In general, S. 1094 would provide states and local flexibility with many provisions but would expand the federal role significantly in other areas. The bill would allow states with current ESEA waivers to continue those waivers until the expiration date; generally maintains the current annual testing provisions but repeals current Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and the 2014 proficiency timelines and allows states to develop new progress measures; require states to turn around their bottom performing 5% of schools and 10% of schools with the largest achievement gaps using one of six models; and requires teacher and principal evaluations based in part by significant student outcomes. The bill requires significantly more data and reporting and much of the state "flexibility" provisions would require Secretary approval.

During the mark-up, ranking Committee member Lamar Alexander (R-TN) offered the minority alternative (S. 1101, the *Every Child Ready for College and Career Act*) as a comprehensive amendment. The amendment failed on a party-line vote, 12-10. In general, S. 1101 requires states to adopt rigorous standards and aligned assessments in reading, math and science as well as identify and turn around their lowest performing schools but allows states to design their own accountability systems without Secretary approval; consolidates 62 programs into two block grants; ensures that Title I funds follow the child to the schools they attend; eliminates state and local maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements; and general allows state and local spending flexibility.

To watch the video of the hearing, and access the actual text and summaries of S.1094 and S. 1101 click [here](#). The Senate HELP Committee Chairman, Tom Harkin (D-Iowa), noted that he hopes SASA will reach the Senate floor before the end of the year.

In related news, the House Education and the Workforce Chairman, John Kline (R-Minn) is planning a committee mark-up of the House Republican version of the ESEA reauthorization perhaps as early as June 19. Information on H.R. 5, known as *the Student Success Act*, can be found [here](#).

ODE staff is working on a comparison grid of the key provisions of the ESEA reauthorization bills.