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**State Board  
of Education**

# Legislative Update

To: State Board of Education  
Re: Legislative Update  
Date: June 28, 2013

## **State Activity**

### **Budget Update**

The House and Senate completed their work on [House Bill 59](#) (Amstutz, R-Wooster), the biennial budget, by accepting the conference committee report with votes of 51-43 and 21-11, respectfully. Attached is a document summarizing the changes made by the conference committee. An update on the budget as a whole will be provided during July's Board meeting.

### **Senate Activity**

The Senate passed [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, by a vote of 32-0.

### **House Activity**

The House concurred with the Senate amendments to [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 by a vote of 78-17.

## **This Week's Committees**

### **Senate Education Committee**

The Senate Education Committee met and heard sponsor testimony from Representative Letson on [House Bill 97](#) (Brenner, R-Powell and Letson, D-Warren). This legislation would designate October as "Dyslexia Awareness Month."

The committee also heard [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. No witnesses were present. The committee unanimously passed the bill.

### **House Education**

The House Education Committee met on Wednesday and heard sponsor testimony from Representative Johnson (R-McDermott) on [House Bill 30](#). This legislation is regarding letters of admonishment to licensed educators.

The committee also held its first hearing on [House Bill 181](#), to prohibit submissions of a student's personal identifiable information to the federal government without direct authorization of the local school board, with Representative Brenner (R-Powell) offering sponsor testimony.

The final piece of business before the committee was [House Bill 216](#), to forgive a school district's indebtedness to the Solvency Assistance Fund upon its voluntary consolidation with another district if specified conditions are satisfied. Representative Patterson (D-Jefferson) offered sponsor testimony.

#### **House Bill 59 Conference Committee**

The [House Bill 59](#) (Amstutz, R- Wooster) Conference Committee met and approved their report by a vote of 4-2.

#### **Federal Activity**

There is no federal update this week.