Ohio State Board of Education Legislative Update

To: State Board of Education
Re: Legislative Update
Date: June 6, 2014

State Activity

Introduced Bills

There were no new education related bills introduced this week.

Passed in the Senate

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. (30-3)

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. (24-9)

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. (30-3)

Senate Concurrence

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. (24-7)

House Bill 487 (Brenner, R-Powell) Education MBR - With regard to education provisions for students in grades kindergarten through twelve. (23-9)

House Concurrence

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. (94-0)

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. (58-32)

House Bill 487 (Brenner, R-Powell) Education MBR - With regard to education provisions for students in grades kindergarten through twelve. (62-30)

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. (79-7)

This Week's Committees

House Bill 487 Conference Committee

The Conference Committee on **House Bill 487** (Brenner, R-Powell) Education MBR - With regard to education provisions for students in grades kindergarten through twelve met on Tuesday, June 3rd, accepted an omnibus amendment to the bill, and favorably reported (4-2) the bill out of committee.

Senate Education Committee

The Senate Education Committee met Tuesday, June 3rd and passed favorably out of committee **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. No additional testimony was accepted at the hearing. However, portions of **Senate Bill 229** were amended into the bill. An update will be given on this bill Tuesday, June 10th at the State Board of Education regularly scheduled meeting.

Next Week's Committees

House and Senate Committees will not meet until further notice.

Federal Activity

There is no federal update this week.