

Legislative Update

To: State Board of Education

Re: Legislative Update Date: May 10, 2013

State Activity

House Activity

On Wednesday, the passed <u>House Bill 14</u> (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 94-0.

Introduced Bills

<u>Senate Bill 122</u> (Saywer, D-Akron), to create the Office of Regional Services and Accountability in the Department of Education

<u>Senate Bill 123</u> (Sawyer, D-Akron), to require a study of interdistrict open enrollment and to amend sections and repeal sections of the Revised Code effective July 1, 2015, to terminate interdistrict open enrollment on that date with the possibility of renewal following the General Assembly's examination of the study's findings

<u>House Bill 154</u> (Gerberry, D-Austintown Township), to require that a portion of lottery profits be distributed annually on a per pupil basis to public and chartered nonpublic schools

<u>House Bill 158</u> (Brenner, R-Powell and Patmon, D-Cleveland), to authorize nonrefundable tax credits for donations to nonprofit entities providing scholarships to low income students enrolling in nonpublic schools

This Week's Committees

House Education Committee

The House Education Committee met on Wednesday and held its first hearing on House Bill 127 (R. Adams, R-Troy), to designate March as "Career Technical Education and Workforce Development Month" with Representative Adams offering sponsor testimony. Gregory Lestini offered proponent testimony on behalf of the Ohio Association of Career Technical Education and the Ohio Association of Career Technical Superintendents. The committee unanimously passed the bill.

The committee also held its first hearing on <u>House Bill 32</u> (Hayes, R-Harrison Township and Patmon, D-Cleveland) which would establish a minimum school year based on hours, rather than days of instruction. Representative Hayes and Representative Patmon offered sponsor testimony.

The final bill before the committee was <u>House Bill 111</u> (Duffey, R-Worthington and Stinziano, D-Columbus), to grant student members of the boards of trustees of state universities and the Northeast Ohio Medical University voting power and the authority to attend executive sessions. Representative Duffey and Representative Stinziano offered sponsor testimony.

Senate Finance Education Subcommittee

The Senate Finance Education Subcommittee met on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and heard testimony on <u>House Bill 59</u> from the following:

- David Branch, Muskingum Valley Educational Service Center
- Thomas Perkins, Northern Local Schools
- Lori Snyder-Lowe, Morgan Local Schools
- Tom Gibbs, Fort Frye and Warren Local Schools
- Ron Iarussi, Mahoning County Educational Service Center
- Paul Shaw, Logan Hocking Local
- David James, Ohio 8 Coalition
- Bill Phillis, Ohio Coalition for Equity and Adequacy of School Funding
- Terry Ryan, Fordham Institute
- Judy Hennessey, Dayton Early College Academy
- Robert Kilo- Friends of Breakthrough Schools
- Greg Harris- StudentsFirst
- Angel Rhodes, Governor's Office of 21st Century Education
- Valerie Alloy, Ohio Department of Mental Health
- Anne Harnish, Ohio Department of Health
- Alicia Leatherman, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
- Stephanie Siddens, Ohio Department of Education
- Lois Rosenberry, Children's Discovery Center/ Alliance for Early Childhood Education Advocates
- Bobbi Shannon, YMCA of Central Ohio
- James Zimmerman, Success by Six
- Katie Kelly, GroundWork
- Max Begley, Shepherding the Next Generation
- Jim Schoenlein, Kettering City Schools
- Stephanie Owens, Centerville City Schools
- Chief Gary Vest, Fight Crime: Invest in Kids Ohio
- Ann Brennan, Ohio School Psychologists Association
- Frank Scarano, Director of Psychological Services Geauga County Educational Service Center
- School Psychologists from Akron Public Schools
- Stephen Dyer, Innovation Ohio
- Earl Oremus, Marburn Academy
- Cassaundra Crawford, parent of a Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship student
- Jason Warner, School Choice Ohio
- Rebecca Asmo, Ohio Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs
- Paul Mathews, Liberty Union-Thurston Local
- Benjamin Jenkins, Chillicothe Education Association
- Ralph Shell, Clermont- Northeastern Schools
- Frank Groach, Information Management Supervisor for the West Carrollton City Schools
- Al Early, Purcell Marian High School
- Lynn Elfner, The Ohio Academy of Science
- Wendy Patton, Policy Matters Ohio

Next Week's Committees

House Education Committee

The House Education Committee will be meeting on Monday, May 13 at 5:00 pm in Room 313 of the Statehouse to hear the following bill:

• <u>Senate Bill 21</u> (Lehner, R-Kettering), to revise the third grade reading guarantee- 3rd hearing- all testimony

The committee will be meeting again on Tuesday, May 14 at 4:00 pm in Room 116 of the Statehouse to hear the following:

- <u>Senate Bill 21</u> (Lehner, R-Kettering), to revise the third grade reading guarantee- 4th hearing- all testimony- possible amendments/ possible vote
- Witness testimony on the Common Core Standards

Senate Finance Education Subcommittee

The Senate Finance Education Subcommittee will be meeting on the following days to hear public testimony on <u>House Bill 59</u>:

- Tuesday, May 14 at 10:00 am in the South Hearing Room
- Wednesday, May 15 at 10:00 am in the South Hearing Room

Federal Activity

There is no federal activity to report.