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**State Board
of Education**

Legislative Update

To: State Board of Education
Re: Legislative Update
Date: May 17, 2013

State Activity

House Activity

On Wednesday, the House passed [Senate Bill 21](#) (Lehner, R-Kettering), to revise the requirements for reading teachers under the third grade reading guarantee by a vote of 98-0.

Introduced Bills

[Senate Bill 126](#) (Schiavoni, D-Canfield), to require the State Board of Education to establish criteria and procedures for the awarding of school safety funds to school districts and to make an appropriation

[Senate Bill 127](#) (Jordan, R-Powell), to create a property tax and a manufactured home tax reduction for parents of home schooled children equal to the taxes levied by the school district on the homestead of the parent

[House Bill 167](#) (Heard, D-Columbus/ Grossman, R-Grove City), to authorize school districts with an average daily membership greater than 60,000 and located in a city with a population greater than 700,000 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

[House Bill 168](#) (C. Hagan, R-Alliance), to create a subprogram of the post-secondary enrollment options program that permits student to participate in certified apprenticeship programs

This Week's Committees

House Education Committee

The House Education Committee met on Monday and held a hearing on [Senate Bill 21](#) (Lehner, R-Kettering), to revise requirements for reading teachers under the third grade reading guarantee. The following witnesses offered testimony:

- Jennifer Wene, Director of Academic Achievement and Professional Development for the Worthington City Schools
- Jean Colner, Director of the Children's Dyslexia Center
- Marc Schare, Worthington City Schools Board of Education
- Amal Mustafa, Teacher at Holly Lane Elementary in Westlake
- Karen Carver, OSU Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic

The House Education Committee met again on Tuesday and heard testimony on the Common Core State Standards from the following:

- Tom Gunlock, Vice President of the State Board of Education on his own behalf
- Thomas Gibbs, Superintendent of Fort Frye and Warren Local School Districts
- Steven Farnsworth, Superintendent of Hudson City School District

The committee also passed [Senate Bill 21](#) (Lehner, R-Kettering), to revise the requirements for reading teachers under the third grade reading guarantee after accepting a substitute bill and two amendments. The changes made are as follows:

- Exempts from the third-grade reading guarantee limited English proficient students who have been enrolled in United States schools for less than three years (instead of two years as under current law) and who have had less than three years (instead of two years as under current law) of instruction in an English as a second language program.
- Replaces the requirement that reading teachers under the third-grade reading guarantee must have been actively engaged in the reading instruction of students for the previous three years with a provision that requires reading teachers to have one year teaching experience, with exceptions.
- Makes changes to the waiver from the third-grade reading guarantee teacher qualifications criteria, including the addition of a staffing plan.
- Requires the State Board of Education to adopt reading competencies with which all reading educator licenses, alternative credentials and training, and reading endorsement programs eventually must be aligned.
- Requires the Department of Education, not later than March 31, 2014, to conduct and submit a study of diagnostic assessments to the State Board, the Governor, and the General Assembly.
- Requires the Department of Education to designate one or more staff members to provide guidance and assistance to districts and schools in regard to the third-grade guarantee and reading instruction achievement.
- Requires school districts and community schools that fail to meet a specified level of achievement on reading-related measures, as reported on the past two consecutive report cards, to submit to the Department of Education a reading achievement and improvement plan and to continue to operate under such a plan until achievement levels improve to a specified level.
- Requires the Department of Education annually to collect, analyze, and publish data in regard to reading achievement in schools, and to report to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the State Board of Education on the progress of public school students and of districts and community schools in regard to reading achievement.
- Beginning on July 1, 2017, requires all new applicants seeking an educator license for either grades pre-kindergarten through three or grades four through nine, to pass an examination aligned with reading competencies adopted by the State Board.
- Not later than July 1, 2016, requires the Chancellor of the Board of Regents to revise the requirements for reading endorsement programs offered by institutions of higher education to align with reading competencies adopted by the State Board.
- Requires a project agreement between the School Facilities Commission and a college-preparatory boarding school to specify that if a boarding school ceases operations the classroom facilities may be used for an alternative public purpose, including primary, secondary, vocational, or higher education services.
- Specifies that the agreement stipulate that if the school ceases operations due to a failure to comply with its contract with the State Board of Education or a default on a mortgage or leasehold, the state facility assistance funds must be returned to the School Facilities Commission, unless, within 24 months after ceasing operations, the school is used for an alternative public purpose as described above.
- Specifies that no officer or trustee of a college-preparatory boarding school or member of its board of trustees incurs any personal liability by virtue of entering into any contract on behalf of the boarding school.

- Specifies that a college-preparatory boarding school must be established as a public benefit corporation.

Senate Finance Education Subcommittee

The Senate Finance Education Subcommittee met and heard testimony on [House Bill 59](#) from the following witnesses:

- Mike Sobul, Treasurer of Granville Exempted Village School District
- Stacy Overly, Treasurer of Teays Valley Local School District
- Ernie Strawser, Treasurer of Norwood City School District
- Denis Smith, Retired administrator
- Ralph Shell, Clermont Northeastern Local Schools
- Richard Daily, DeVry student
- Mikeith Campbell, Bryant and Stratton College student
- Cindy Rhonemus, Treasurer of Trimble Local Schools
- Wade Lucas, Olentangy Local Schools
- Sarah Jane Belfield, StudentsFirst
- Latha Srinivasan, StudentsFirst
- Judith Wahrman, University of Findlay
- Michael Harlow, KnowledgeWorks
- Angela Grimm, Lakota LEADS
- Brenda Gift, ESC of Lake Erie West
- Bill Phillis, Ohio Coalition for Equity and Adequacy of School Funding
- Mike Heberthal, Centerburg Local
- Dale Lewellen, Bath Local
- Deborah Moore, Ohio High School Athletic Association
- Dan Ross, Ohio High School Athletic Association
- Keith Burwell, Philanthropy Ohio
- Dick Ross, Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Keith Brown, Washington Courthouse Schools
- Daniel Schall, Treasurer of Vandalia-Butler City Schools and Valley View Local Schools
- Robert Davis, Ohio Council 8, AFSCME, AFL-CIO
- Dennis Raberding, Anna Local Schools
- Robert Davis, Ohio Education Association
- Todd Dygert, Ohio Education Association
- Gary Daniels, ACLU of Ohio
- Patricia Krepp, Parent of a gifted student
- Kaitlyn Krepp, Gifted student
- Sally Roberts, Ohio Association of Gifted Children
- Anne Flick, Gifted intervention specialist
- Alena Flick, Post-secondary enrollment options student
- Kimberly Curran, Parent of a gifted student
- Vickie Briercheck, Gifted coordinator
- Walter Woodard, EdChoice scholarship student
- Stuart McIntyre, Ohio Student Association
- Stephen Dackin, Reynoldsburg City
- Eric Pena, StudentsFirst
- Damon Blue, Parent of Akron Public Schools student
- Jay Arbaugh, Keystone Local Schools

- Robert Hancock, Hamilton City Schools
- School Choice Ohio
- Chip Poirot, Ohio Education Association
- Brandon Kern, Ohio Farm Bureau
- Karen Rainey, American Association of University Women of Ohio

Next Week's Committees

House Education Committee

The House Education Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, May 21 at 5:00 pm in Room 313 to hear the following:

- [House Bill 167](#) (Heard, D-Columbus/ Grossman, R-Grove City), to authorize certain school districts to create the Office of Independent Auditor, share levy revenue with partnering community schools and permit the mayor of qualifying cities to sponsor community schools- 1st hearing- sponsor testimony

The House Education Committee will meet again on Thursday, May 23 at 5:00 pm in Room 313 to hear the following bills:

- [House Bill 158](#) (Brenner, R-Powell/ Patmon, D-Cleveland), to authorize nonrefundable tax credits for donations to nonprofit entities providing scholarships to low-income students enrolling in nonpublic schools.
- [House Bill 167](#) (Heard, D-Columbus/ Grossman, R-Grove City), to authorize certain school districts to create the Office of Independent Auditor, share levy revenue with partnering community schools and permit the mayor of qualifying cities to sponsor community schools- 2nd hearing- proponent testimony

Senate Finance Committee

The Senate Finance Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, May 22 at 2:00 pm in the Finance Hearing Room to hear subcommittee reports on [House Bill 59](#) (Amstutz, R-Wooster), the biennial budget.

The Senate Finance Committee will meet again on Thursday, May 23 at 9:00 am in the Finance Hearing Room to hear public testimony on [House Bill 59](#) (Amstutz, R-Wooster), the biennial budget.

Federal Activity

There is no federal activity to report.