



Week of March 27, 2023

House Finance committee wraps first review of budget bill

The House Finance Committee this week concluded its initial review of [House Bill \(HB\) 33](#), the biennial budget bill. House lawmakers will take a two-week recess beginning next week, during which time House leadership will review hundreds of budget amendments submitted by lawmakers. The House will unveil its version of the budget bill on either April 18 or 19, with a second round of changes occurring the following week at which point the House will hold a vote on the bill and send it to the Senate for consideration.

Members of the Fair School Funding Workgroup provided testimony on Wednesday afternoon. Committee members, including Rep. **Jamie Callender** and Rep. **Tracy Richardson**, challenged the workgroup on the option to simply accelerate the phase in of the formula rather than update the fiscal years of the base cost inputs and continue phasing in the formula. Other discussions surrounded school resource officers, local capacity, and pupil transportation. You can watch the question-and-answer portion of the workgroup's testimony [here](#).

Meanwhile, Tony and Will this week continued their advocacy with House and Senate lawmakers on the minimum funding floor proposal, which would increase from 5% to 10% the minimum state share percentage for FY 2024 and 2025, with an increase to 20% occurring in future fiscal years. A list of school districts in that range is accessible at the end of this newsletter.

Please contact your House members to urge them to support and advocate for including this amendment in the House version of the bill. Rep. **Gayle Manning** intends to carry this amendment as part of her budget requests, but we need all House members to be aware and supportive of the request.

Committees review bills

House and Senate lawmakers held hearings on a variety of bills this week, as most committees plan for a two-week recess away from Columbus beginning next week. Committee action included:

- opponent testimony on House Bill (HB) 1, which enacts income and property tax law changes. BASA, OSBA, and OASBO provided opponent testimony, along with a variety of local government groups, all of whom received little to no questions from committee members.
- proponent testimony on Senate Bill (SB) 1, which creates the Department of Education and Workforce and revises the duties of the State Board of Education;
- passage of SB 49, with amendments, which provides up to three religious release days for students;
- sponsor testimony on SB 17, which incorporates free market capitalism into the high school financial literacy standards and model curriculum, and HB 70, which requires school districts to adopt a policy on over-the-counter drugs;
- proponent testimony on SB 66, which requires public and private schools to transmit a transferred student's records within five school days;
- sponsor testimony on SB 79, which modifies the law for dropout prevention and recovery schools.
- opponent testimony on HB 47, which requires AEDs in schools. There was no testimony.

- proponent testimony on HB 6, which requires schools, colleges, and universities to designate separate single-sex sports teams and prohibits males from participating on female teams, among other provisions.

Heard around the Statehouse

“We can fund inputs, or we can fund the full formula this General Assembly. Doing both is a really difficult thing to do. We're looking at potentially an increase of \$670 million in FY 2024 and upwards of \$850 million in FY 2025, just for the inputs alone. These are substantive numbers. I want my peers and all of us in the room because they are significant.” - Rep. **Tracy Richardson**, speaking in House Finance Committee to the funding workgroup members.

“If we continually move the base year...if we increase that, we can never hit... it's a moving target that the legislature can never ever attain, so we would never be fully phased in because the base number moves as we go. What is your response to that criticism? That almost kept us from getting it passed two years ago.” - Rep. **Jamie Callender**, in House Finance Committee referring to the issue of updating the fiscal year for the base cost component of the formula versus simply increasing the formula's phase-in percentages with no other updates.

“By delaying the phase in and instead changing the base year, we move achieving (all districts to be on the formula) out ever further. And if we keep moving the base year every two years, we'll never get there.” - Rep. **Jamie Callender**.

School District	County	State Share Percentage
Anthony Wayne Local	Lucas	5.000030%
Aurora City	Portage	5.000000%
Avon Lake City	Lorain	5.000000%
Avon Local	Lorain	15.701160%
Bay Village City	Cuyahoga	5.000060%
Beachwood City	Cuyahoga	5.000050%
Beavercreek City	Greene	5.000000%
Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Local	Greene	5.373500%
Benton Carroll Salem Local	Ottawa	17.189670%
Berea City	Cuyahoga	13.879280%
Berkshire Local	Geauga	12.205340%
Bexley City	Franklin	5.000060%
Big Walnut Local	Delaware	5.000000%
Brecksville-Broadview Heights City	Cuyahoga	5.000000%
Buckeye Central Local	Crawford	15.965120%
Buckeye Local	Medina	7.747370%
Buckeye Local	Jefferson	13.570040%
Buckeye Valley Local	Delaware	5.000070%
Canfield Local	Mahoning	5.000000%
Cardinal Local	Geauga	5.000000%
Carrollton Exempted Village	Carroll	14.541610%
Centerville City	Montgomery	5.000060%
Chagrin Falls Exempted Village	Cuyahoga	5.000000%
Chardon Local	Geauga	5.639060%
Clermont Northeastern Local	Clermont	18.577580%
Cleveland Heights-University Heights City	Cuyahoga	13.867800%
Cloverleaf Local	Medina	5.000000%
Columbia Local	Lorain	11.320950%
Conotton Valley Union Local	Harrison	5.000000%
Copley-Fairlawn City	Summit	5.000000%
Cuyahoga Heights Local	Cuyahoga	5.000010%
Danbury Local	Ottawa	5.000020%
Dublin City	Franklin	8.243480%
East Holmes Local	Holmes	5.000000%
East Knox Local	Knox	5.000070%
Edison Local	Jefferson	5.000020%
Fairbanks Local	Union	15.281290%
Fairview Park City	Cuyahoga	5.000020%
Field Local	Portage	18.471700%
Forest Hills Local	Hamilton	9.650250%
Gahanna-Jefferson City	Franklin	16.912030%
Grandview Heights Schools	Franklin	5.000010%
Granville Exempted Village	Licking	14.284330%
Harrison Hills City	Harrison	5.000000%
Highland Local	Medina	5.000000%
Hillsdale Local	Ashland	5.000000%

Hudson City	Summit	5.000000%
Huron City Schools	Erie	5.000000%
Independence Local	Cuyahoga	5.000070%
Indian Hill Exempted Village	Hamilton	5.000040%
Indian Lake Local	Logan	15.101280%
Jackson Local	Stark	8.183580%
Kenston Local	Geauga	5.000000%
Kings Local	Warren	16.777610%
Kirtland Local	Lake	5.000000%
Lakewood City	Cuyahoga	5.000000%
Lakewood Local	Licking	9.361590%
Little Miami Local	Warren	10.446010%
Loveland City	Hamilton	9.324530%
Madeira City	Hamilton	5.000000%
Margaretta Local	Erie	18.866340%
Mariemont City	Hamilton	5.000020%
Mason City	Warren	13.859210%
Mayfield City	Cuyahoga	5.000000%
Medina City SD	Medina	15.853310%
Mentor Exempted Village	Lake	9.668000%
New Albany-Plain Local	Franklin	5.280890%
Noble Local	Noble	5.000000%
Nordonia Hills City	Summit	5.000070%
North Ridgeville City	Lorain	16.126040%
North Royalton City	Cuyahoga	5.000000%
Northeastern Local	Defiance	5.000000%
Northridge Local	Licking	5.000050%
Oberlin City Schools	Lorain	16.499370%
Orange City	Cuyahoga	5.000000%
Parma City	Cuyahoga	19.542550%
Perkins Local	Erie	14.495570%
Perrysburg Exempted Village	Wood	19.734730%
Poland Local	Mahoning	6.524710%
Port Clinton City	Ottawa	5.000050%
Princeton City	Hamilton	15.645790%
Put-In-Bay Local	Ottawa	12.165300%
Revere Local	Summit	5.000000%
Richmond Heights Local	Cuyahoga	15.359960%
Riverside Local	Lake	5.000030%
Rocky River City	Cuyahoga	5.000000%
Shaker Heights City	Cuyahoga	19.982240%
Solon City	Cuyahoga	5.000010%
South Euclid-Lyndhurst City	Cuyahoga	11.147350%
Southeast Local	Wayne	5.000000%
Springboro Community City	Warren	8.591420%
St Clairsville-Richland City	Belmont	5.000000%
Strongsville City	Cuyahoga	5.000010%

Switzerland of Ohio Local	Monroe	5.000000%
Sycamore Community City	Hamilton	5.000000%
Talawanda City	Butler	15.865980%
Triway Local	Wayne	17.115530%
Tuscarawas Valley Local	Tuscarawas	17.062010%
Twinsburg City	Summit	17.455060%
Upper Arlington City	Franklin	5.000030%
Van Buren Local	Hancock	9.299410%
Vandalia-Butler City	Montgomery	17.464760%
Vermilion Local	Erie	16.540650%
Walnut Township Local	Fairfield	14.710470%
West Geauga Local	Gauga	5.000000%
Westlake City	Cuyahoga	5.000070%
Willoughby-Eastlake City	Lake	19.492110%
Woodridge Local	Summit	5.676170%
Worthington City	Franklin	18.914490%