

Legislative/System Improvements Committee

Zoom Meeting Summary
Friday, September 29, 2023
10:00 a.m.

In attendance on video conference: Tony Podojil, legislative consultant William Schwartz and member representatives from 45 school districts.

Tony Podojil convened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. The primary focus of the meeting was to update Alliance members regarding the most recent legislative activity listed below.

I. MAJOR BILLS UNDER CONSIDERATION

- a. HB 8 (Swearingen/Carruthers) Parent's Bill of Rights
- b. HB 68 (Click) - SAFE Act and Save Women's Sports Act
- c. HB 187 (Hall/Bird) - Property Valuation Reappraisals
- d. HB 263 (Hall/Isaacsohn) Property Tax Freeze
- e. SB 49 (Reynolds) - Religious Expression Days

Will provided an overview of the bills under major consideration in the General Assembly. Property taxes and property values continue to be the major topic of conversation of lawmakers, and various proposals are under consideration. It is anticipated that the legislature will advance one of the proposals in October or early November as time is of the essence in order for January tax bills to be issued.

II. RECENTLY INTRODUCED BILLS

- a. HB 219 (Bird/Brennan) - Revise College Credit Plus
- b. HB 235 (Fowler Arthur) - Revise BOE elections, members, and meetings
- c. HB 240 (Stoltzfus) - Permit chaplains to provide school support services.
- d. HB 250 (Richardson/Miranda) - Revise the Military Enlistment diploma seal.
- e. HB 263 (Hall/Isaacsohn) Establish a property tax freeze for eligible seniors.
- f. HB 266 (Wiggam) Require emergency management plans include evacuation procedures for students with disabilities.
- g. HB 267 (Loychik) - Establish partisan school board elections.
- h. HB 274 (Mathews/Dell'Aquila) - Enhance the homestead exemption.
- i. HB 279 (Willis) - Require seat belts on all school buses.
- j. SB 112 (Rulli) - Require protective door assemblies in school buildings.
- k. SB 136 (Craig) - Caps property tax increases for eligible individuals at 5%
- l. SB 153 (Lang/Johnson) - Revise property valuation reappraisal process
- m. Forthcoming proposal on Universal Pre-K and All-Day Kindergarten
- n. Forthcoming bill draft from Sen. Brenner on deregulation

III. ODE/STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

- a. DEW transition, litigation

A Franklin County judge halted key components of the transition and creation of the Department of Education and Workforce (DEW). The temporary restraining order is in effect until Oct. 5, with a hearing pending days earlier.

IV. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be October 27, 2023, via zoom.

The meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.