

## Legislative/System Improvements Committee

### Zoom Meeting Summary

Friday, May 24, 2024

10:00 a.m.

*In attendance on video conference:* Executive Committee Chair Jeff Brown and legislative consultant William Schwartz and member representatives from 20 school districts.

Jeff Brown 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. **HB2 Capital Appropriations Bill (House)**  
The Senate has not yet acted on any capital appropriations measure except for HB 27 when it sent a partial capital budget measure to the House. Senate Finance Committee Chairman Matt Dolan is still reviewing capital budget requests and a package is expected to be unveiled in the beginning of June.
- b. **HB27 Capital Appropriations Bill (Senate)**  
The Senate in February sent HB 27 to the House with partial capital budget spending, including \$600 million in school facilities funding via the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission. This action appears in response to the House's passage of HB 2, to which the Senate via Senate President publicly objected. Chairman Dolan is likely to unveil the Senate's capital spending and One-Time Strategic Community Investments Fund spending in early June.
- c. **HB 8 Parents Bill of Rights**  
The bill is still pending a committee vote in the Senate. It is possible the bill will be passed in the final weeks of June before the summer recess.
- d. **HB 50 – Residential Property Tax exemption**  
This bill was signed into law by Gov. DeWine
- e. **HB 70- Required Policy on OTC Drugs**  
The bill was passed by the Senate and is expected to receive a first hearing for sponsor testimony in early June.
- f. **HB 183 The Bathroom Bill**  
The bill was passed out of the House Higher Education Committee on April 10. A House vote is possible and could occur before the summer recess.
- g. **HB 230- Required Instruction in Fentanyl Education**  
The bill passed the House and is now pending in the Senate.
- h. **HB250 – Military Diploma Seal and Cell Phone Policy**  
Gov. DeWine signed the bill into law in May.
- i. **HB 339 – Education Savings Accounts**  
The bill is still pending in the House Primary and Secondary Education Committee and is awaiting a third hearing for all testimony, which could occur before the summer recess.
- j. **HB 344 – Replacement Levies and Property Tax Complaints**  
The bill passed the House Ways and Means Committee and is pending a full House vote in June.
- k. **HB 407 – Private School Accountability and Transparency**  
The bill received sponsor testimony and is expected to receive proponent testimony in late May with additional hearings in June.
- l. **HB 432 – Career-Technical Educator License Flexibility**  
The bill is set to pass the House at its next meeting in June.
- m. **HB 445 – Required Religious Release Time Policy**  
The bill received sponsor testimony in the House but has yet to receive another hearing for proponent testimony. It is likely to receive another hearing in June.
- n. **SB 29 Student Technology Records**  
The bill received sponsor testimony in the House but is still pending a second hearing in House committee.

- o. **SB 168 – Deregulation and Flexibility**  
The bill received proponent testimony from the Alliance and other statewide education associations. Several additional hearings on this bill are expected with at least one hearing devoted to accepting amendments on various provisions in the bill.
- p. **SB 205 – Drug Prevention Education**  
The bill was amended in Senate committee last week and awaits a fourth hearing and vote in the committee, which is expected before the summer recess.
- q. **SB 208 – Open Enrollment for Military Children**  
The bill is set for a Senate vote at the chamber’s next meeting.

## II. RECENTLY INTRODUCED BILLS

- a. HB 491 (Young/Peterson) - Mandatory Participation in OhioCheckbook.com
- b. HB 499 (Isaacsohn/Mathews) - Community Reinvestment Areas
- c. HB 506 (Jarrells) School Policy on Overdose Reversal Drugs
- d. HB 516 (Miller) State Board of Education Licensure Fund
- e. HB 518 (Cross) School Bus Safety Act
- f. HB 520 (Young/Miller) Club Sports and Physical Education Unit Requirement
- g. SB 259 (Gavarone) - Bullying in Interscholastic Sports
- h. SB 261 (Ingram) - Chartered Nonpublic School Audits

## III. DEW/STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

- a. DEW Transportation

## VI. OTHER ISSUES

- a. **Joint Committee on Property Tax Review and Reform**  
The committee held its final meeting for public testimony in May. Next steps are not yet known. A report with recommendations is due December 31, 2024.
- b. **New House committee chairs**  
Rep. Gayle Manning is the new chair of the House Primary and Secondary Education Committee, replacing ousted Rep. Adam Bird.
- c. **House Bill 68 Lawsuit**  
A Franklin County Common Pleas Court judge is expected to decide on a preliminary injunction in July in the lawsuit on the legislation.
- d. **USDOE Title IX Regulations and Related Litigation**  
Several states, including Ohio, have filed lawsuits challenging the Biden Administration’s new Title IX regulations.

## V. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is June 28, 2024, via zoom.  
The meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.