

**THREE RIVERS LEGISLATIVE REPORT
APRIL 11, 2017**

| CHAMBER/COMMITTEE | BILL | DESCRIPTION |
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| House Finance Committee | HB49 | <p>The committee continued to hear public testimony on House Bill (HB) 49, the biennial budget. The following witnesses offered testimony on the education provisions in the budget.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rob Amodio, Norwood City superintendent; • George Anagnostou, Strongsville City treasurer; • Craig Burford, Ohio Educational Service Center Association executive director; • Emily Hauser, St. Bernard-Elmwood Place City treasurer/CFO; • Tim Pickana, Coalition for Fiscal Fairness in Ohio president and Solon City treasurer; • Mike Sobul, Coalition for Fiscal Fairness in Ohio. |
| Senate Finance Committee | | <p>The committee heard testimony from Office of Budget and Management Director Tim Keen on the biennial budget bill. Keen testified on the entire budget and answered questions from committee members.</p> |
| Senate Finance Committee - Summary and Secondary Education Subcommittee | | <p>The subcommittee held its first meeting on the biennial budget legislation. Keen offered testimony on the education provisions in the budget and answered questions from committee members.</p> |
| Senate Transportation, Commerce and Workforce Committee | SB3 | <p>The committee accepted a substitute version of Senate Bill (SB) 3. This legislation would revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system and the programs that schools may offer. The bill also would designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week. The committee passed the bill.</p> |
| The House Finance Subcommittee on Primary and Secondary Education | HB9 | <p>The subcommittee has finished hearings on the education provisions of the biennial budget legislation, House Bill (HB) 49. The General Assembly is set to begin its two-week spring recess April 10. It is anticipated the House will have its changes incorporated into a substitute version of HB 49 when members return</p> |
| House Education and Career Readiness Committee | HB108 | <p>The committee heard proponent testimony on HB 108. This bill would require a half-unit of financial literacy in the high school curriculum.</p> |

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| House Education and Career Readiness Committee | HB98 | The committee also heard proponent testimony on HB 98, which would prohibit districts from placing restrictions on presentations of career information on the skilled trades that are not applied to other employers or institutions. Districts also would be required to provide two opportunities per school year for these entities to present information in person to high school students. |
| House Ways and Means Committee | SB9 | The committee passed Senate Bill (SB) 9. This legislation would provide a three-day sales tax holiday in August, making the purchase of clothing and school supplies exempt from sales and use taxes. |
| House Ways and Means Committee | HB124 | The committee also heard sponsor testimony on HB 124 from Reps. Andrew Brenner (R-Powell) and Rick Carfagna (R-Genoa Township). This bill would allow a joint vocational school district to submit a renewal tax levy to voters who did not have an opportunity to vote on the levy during the 2015 November election because the levy was only placed on the ballot in one of several counties in which the district has territory. The committee also heard proponent testimony on the bill from Mary Beth Freeman, superintendent of the Delaware Area Career Center. |
| Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee | SB54 | The committee held another hearing on SB 54. This bill would require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service during summer intervention programs. No witnesses were present to testify on the bill. |
| Senate Education Committee | SB82 | The committee heard proponent testimony from Sens. Sandra Williams (D-Cleveland) and Peggy Lehner (R-Kettering) on SB 82. This legislation would require public schools to place a telephone call to a parent within one hour of the start of the school day if a student is absent without notification. |
| House State and Local Government Committee | HB129 | The committee heard sponsor testimony on HB 129 from Reps. Kent Smith (D-Euclid) and Brigid Kelly (D-Cincinnati). This legislation would require the governor to complete a 40-hour externship consisting of on-site work experience in city, local and exempted village school districts. |

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| House Government Oversight and Reform Committee | HB87 | The committee heard sponsor testimony on HB 87 from Rep. Kristina Roegner (R-Hudson). This bill would require that funds returned to the state because of a community school enrollment audit be credited back to public school districts. |
| House Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee | SB58 | The committee heard proponent testimony on HB 58, which would require instruction in cursive handwriting. |