



OSBA SPOTLIGHT SESSION LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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Election Results and Implications

- General Assembly
 - House
 - Senate
- Federal
 - Presidential
 - Congressional
- State Board of Education



Legislative Schedule

- 131st General Assembly
 - Lame Duck Session – through December 31 2016
- 132nd General Assembly
 - Biennial Budget – by June 30, 2017
 - Key Issues?



A View from Legislative Leaders

- Senator Peggy Lehner
 - Chair, Senate Education Committee
- Representative Ryan Smith,
 - Chair, House Finance Committee
- Senator Joe Schiavoni
 - Senate Minority Leader



The Lame Duck Session

- Education Related Issues
 - Truancy
 - Charter Schools
 - Medicaid
 - College Credit Plus
- Finance Related Issues
 - Property Tax (SB 235)



Truancy

HB 410, Rezabek

- Aims to address truancy by considering root causes of absenteeism
- Prohibits expelling or suspending a student for truancy
- Establishes absence intervention teams and plans
- Senate looking to amend the bill with other student discipline issues



Regulatory Relief SB 3 Faber

- Passed Senate in April 2015
- “Lingering in the House”
- Most likely candidate to be the Christmas tree
 - ECOT/ Online Schools
 - Similar Students Measure



College Credit Plus

HB 474 - Duffey

- Common themes in testimony
 - Revert to previous law/ practice where school district utilized local dual enrollment agreements
 - Collect data on those local agreements
 - Allow districts and IHEs to negotiate local agreements on their own terms
 - Allow districts to determine if parents should contribute to tuition and textbook costs
 - Allow districts some discretion in determining if a student is ready for college level courses
- May not be taken up until new GA



Other Legislation to Watch

- HB 85- Sexual abuse prevention education
- HB 383- Financial literacy provisions
- HB 425- Student religious expression
- HB 596 – Charter funds returned to Schools
- SB 235 – Property tax exemption/freeze
- SB 297- Student discipline issues
- SB 346- School calendar



Medicaid

HB 89 -

- Waiting on response from CMS with regards to ORP requirements and possible extension.
- At this time schools are asked to follow the process as it stands currently (ODE memo).
- A legislative change may be necessary going forward to allow school based therapists to write the required Medicaid referrals (HB 89).



Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

- ESSA Collaboration
 - Our Work
 - Stakeholder Group Process [BASA, OASBO, OASSA, OAESA, OEA, OFT, OHIO PTA, OSBA]
 - Ongoing Meetings with Superintendent DeMaria
 - ODE Regional Meetings
 - ODE Webinars
 - ODE Survey



Biennial Budget

- 2017 is a budget year
 - State agencies instructed to limit spending requests to 90% of current GRF (not uncommon)
 - Non-GRF limits to 100% of current level
 - Why?
 - Lower tax revenue projected
 - Potential loss of sales tax on Medicaid managed care plans
 - Further income tax reductions possible



Budget Guidance Document

- The OASBO Board requested state budget guidance document that could help districts as they prepare the next 5-year forecast and highlight:
 - Areas of the funding formula that could be modified or changed in the next biennial budget bill
 - Possible assumptions for what might be proposed about the “transitional aid guarantee”
 - Our best thinking on issues like TPP and what might be expected in the next budget bill
- Final guidance document on our websites



Questions

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