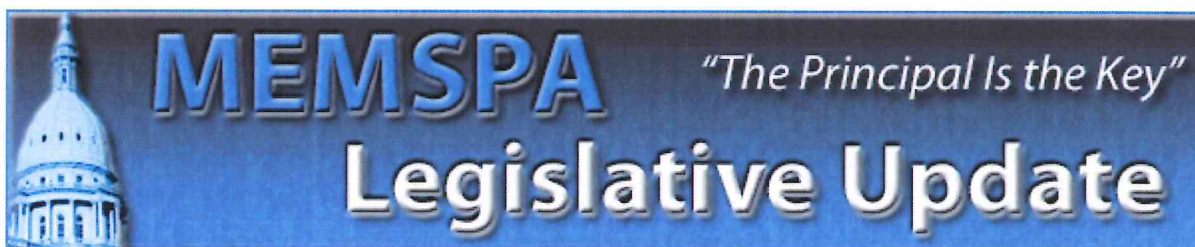


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Update for May 4, 2012

Hi All,

It's never dull around Lansing these days. As I said last week - we can expect May and June to be busy. Keep an eye out for possible upcoming alerts!

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We expect a substitute version of [SB1040](#) to be introduced as early as next week. We are hopeful that some of the concerns raised during recent testimony will be addressed in the upcoming version. Stay tuned for more information.

Governor's Council on Educator Effectiveness

You may remember that PA102 of 2011 established the Governor's Council on Educator Effectiveness to determine an educator evaluation system and growth model for students, and that they were supposed to report their findings to the Legislature by April 30, 2012. Well, last week the Michigan Council for Educator Effectiveness (their new name) issued their Interim Progress Report.

A timeline with their recommendations -

- June 2012

- Determine up to 3 observation tools to be used for a pilot
 - Release details for a 12 district pilot for 2012-13 school year
- July 2012
 - Release other components of teacher evaluation system
- October 2012
 - Determine student growth model
- November 2012
 - Determine evaluation tool for school administrators
 - Release details regarding the pilot for administrator evaluations
 - Release district waiver processes and principles
- April 2013
 - Professional certificate
- June 2012
 - Review all recommendations and adjust based on new data and info

To view the entire report [click here](#).

Kindergarten Entry Age Change

This week the Senate passed [SB315](#) & [316](#) sponsored by Sen. Darwin Booher (R-Ewart). The bills would phase-in a change in the kindergarten age requirement beginning in the 2013-14 school year.

- 2012-13 age 5 by December 1
- 2013-14 age 5 by November 1
- 2014-15 age 5 by October 1
- 2015 - and beyond age 5 by September 1

An amendment allows parents to notify school districts by June 1, if their child will be age 5 by December 1 that they intend to enroll their child in the upcoming kindergarten class. (By August 1 if a new resident) Although the school can advise a parent that the child may not be ready, the final decision to enroll the child rests with the parent.

The bill now moves to the House Education Committee. Given that [HB4513](#) & [4514](#) mirror the Senate version with the exception of the waiver (2 year limit in the House version), it is likely the House will move quickly on the bill package.

Cyber Schools Expansion

After weeks of holding off the vote, the expansion of cyber schools in Michigan is one step away from being a reality. [SB619](#) introduced by Sen. Patrick Colbeck (R-Canton) is on its way to the Governor for his signature. The bill did undergo a number of changes as it made its way through the legislative process.

Highlights of the bill includes:

- Through December 31, 2013 a limit of 5 cyber charter schools with a maximum of 2,500 students each
- Through December 31, 2014 a limit of 10 cyber charter schools with a maximum of 5,000 students each
- After December 31, 2014 a limit of 15 cyber charter schools with a maximum of 10,000 students each

Why Should the PPT Reform Be Important to You?

The Senate Finance Committee approved a package of eight bills [SB1065-1072](#) which would phase out the personal property tax (PPT) for industrial properties, as well as provide an exemption for small commercial properties.

This seemingly unrelated proposed legislation is a great example of why local units of government (including school districts) have significantly lower amounts of revenue these days. The passage of these bills could cut state and local revenue by \$600 million by 2012-22 according to the Senate Fiscal Agency.

Data available suggests that residents of over 400 local districts will see local property tax increases to sustain local bond project payments as a result of the bill package. In addition, ISDs that levee operating millages will see reduced annual revenues.

School groups have advocated for guaranteed replacement funds each and every time tax changes reduce available revenue for schools. This time the local municipalities have joined the fight. Although the proposed language creates a fund to reimburse a portion of the loss, the fund has no guaranteed revenue itself. Not much of a guarantee!

To read the Senate Fiscal Analysis of the bill package [click here](#).

Assorted Education Related Bills and Resolutions

This is a list of the latest bills/resolutions introduced since last week's update that may have an impact on education policy or appropriations. As a reminder, some of these bills will see action and ultimately become law. Others will never even receive a hearing.

- [HB 5576 of 2012](#) Income tax; city; withholdings by all employers that have employees who are residents of a city that levies a city income tax; require. Amends secs. 51 & 54, ch. 2 of 1964 PA 284 (MCL 141.651 & 141.654). Last Action: 4/26/2012 referred to Committee on Tax Policy
- [HB 5593 of 2012](#) Income tax; credit; corporate income tax credit for qualified internships; provide for. Amends 1967 PA 281 (MCL 206.1 - 206.713) by adding sec. 675. Last Action: 5/3/2012 referred to Committee on Tax Policy
- [HB 5597 of 2012](#) Fire; other; firefighter training programs in schools and organized fire departments; expand to include girl scouts of America organizations. Amends

sec. 2 of 2011 PA 153 (MCL 29.332). Last Action: 5/3/2012 referred to Committee on Local, Intergovernmental, and Regional Affairs

- [SB 1112 of 2012](#) Children; protection; task force on the prevention of sexual abuse of children; create. Amends 1975 PA 238 (MCL 722.621 - 722.638) by adding sec. 12b. Last Action: 5/3/2012 REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH POLICY
- [SB 1113 of 2012](#) Education; school districts; school district policy regarding child sex abuse and suggested instruction and training in child sex abuse prevention; provide for. Amends 1976 PA 451 (MCL 380.1 - 380.1852) by adding sec. 1505. TIE BAR WITH: SB 1114'12 Last Action: 5/3/2012 REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH POLICY
- [SB 1114 of 2012](#) Education; curricula; opt-out from instruction regarding child sexual abuse and opportunity for parental preview; provide for. Amends 1976 PA 451 (MCL 380.1 - 380.1852) by adding sec. 1505a. TIE BAR WITH: SB 1113'12 Last Action: 5/3/2012 REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH POLICY

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Thanks to Region 13 for their invitation to join them last week. If your Region would like a presentation just let me know.

Feel free to contact me for any questions you may have about this update or other legislation being considered.

Advocating for You,

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