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Legislative Update for May 10th

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Hi All,

For more up-to-the-minute information on important happenings here in Lansing, or in Washington DC, you may want to 'like' MEMSPA's Facebook page or sign up to follow MEMSPABob and DebbieSquires on Twitter. (Bob and I each post different information)

Budget

The House passed their version of the K-12 budget last week. It was finally put up for a vote at the end of an 8 hour session that included a number of breaks to go into party caucuses visited by both the State Budget Director, John Nixon, and Governor Snyder. Following the behind closed doors arm twisting, a number of passionate speeches were given on the floor; both pro and con. But ultimately HB4325 passed 57-53. The bill includes a \$900 million cut to K-12 and a transfer of School Aid dollars to universities and community colleges.

To see how your legislator voted click [here](#) and scroll to page 612.

To see an analysis of the bill as passed by the House click [here](#).

To see a district-by-district cut list click [here](#).

The Senate and House passed versions now go to a conference committee to work out the differences. Your association will be working hard to preserve K-12 funding, and to reduce the identified cuts to schools. The May Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference is scheduled for next Monday, the 16th. It is anticipated that an additional \$500 million in revenues will be available within the General and School Aid Funds. More to come!

Legislative Alerts

Thanks to the 300+ of you that responded to the most recent legislative alert, which went out last week. You really did make a difference! While you were part of the reason it took so long to get to a final approval, it will take greater numbers to make a difference in the Conference Committee agreement.

While our participation rate was good for last week's alert, it was considerably lower for the two alerts sent last month asking you to email and call; 194 and 50 respectively. I understand that your day is filled with many issues that need your attention, and this may not be at the top of your priority list. In most instances the work that MEMSPA does on legislative issues can be accomplished by your legislative liaison and colleagues. However, if we are to have an impact on identified legislation, your elected officials occasionally need to feel pressure that only YOU can provide.

If you haven't used our legislative alert system yet, because you think it is too difficult or time consuming, check it out. Emails to your officials only take 30 seconds; phone calls a few minutes. Don't know who your elected officials are (I know there are a few of you)? No problem – if you know your own address the system will pick the right ones for you. It doesn't get much easier than that.

Michigan PTA Advocacy Day and Rally for Our Children

In recent email messages from MEMSPA you received information regarding the Michigan PTA's Advocacy Day and Rally for Our Children on Thursday, May 12th. MEMSPA and MASSP have partnered with the PTA for this event. The morning will be filled with information sharing on legislative issues and preparing you for meetings with your legislators. We are suggesting that anyone coming up for the day try to make appointments with their Senators and Representatives. The afternoon includes a rally on the Capitol steps.

If you can get away from your building with some parents, even for a portion of the day, we encourage you to take this step in sending your elected officials a message that funding for K-12 is important.

Advocacy Day information and registration are available by clicking [here](#).

Rally information is available by clicking [here](#).

Useful Reports

You may remember in last week's legislative alert, we referenced a report due out this week from the House Fiscal Agency. We predicted the report would show additional revenue over estimates of approximately \$500 million. According to the report the General Fund shows \$340 million extra, and the School Aid Fund shows \$115 million. To read the Quarterly Revenue Review click [here](#).

Citizens Research Council of Michigan (CRC) released their latest in a series of reports about K-12 education. This report deals with district governance management and reform efforts. To check out the executive summary, as well as the full report click [here](#).

In addition, the CRC released their State Budget Notes report for May. This document summarizes the budget process to date. To check out this report click [here](#).

Assorted Education Related Bills and Resolutions

This is a list of the latest bills/resolutions introduced since the last update. Because of the Governor's tax and government reform initiatives more bills than usual are being included. Some of these bills can 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 4512 of 2011

Income tax; credit; credit for expenditures by certain school teachers for certain supplies; provide for.

Last Action: 4/12/2011 referred to Committee on Tax Policy

- HB 4513 of 2011

Education; attendance; age and date requirement for entering school; revise in school code. TIE BAR WITH: HB 4514'11

Last Action: 4/12/2011 referred to Committee on Appropriations

- HB 4514 of 2011

School aid; membership; age and date requirement for entering school and being counted in membership; revise in school aid act. TIE BAR WITH: HB 4513'11

Last Action: 4/12/2011 referred to Committee on Appropriations

- HB 4530 of 2011

School aid; other; reduction in per-pupil funding; prohibit if school district staff are paying certain percentage of health insurance premium.

Last Action: 4/12/2011 referred to Committee on Government Operations

- HB 4546 of 2011

Elections; local; revised school code; amend to allow nonresident owners of real property the right to vote on millage issues.

Last Action: 4/13/2011 referred to Committee on Redistricting and Elections

- HB 4549 of 2011

Transportation; school vehicles; school district inspection of school buses; revise.

Last Action: 4/13/2011 referred to Committee on Education

- HB 4550 of 2011

Transportation; school vehicles; inspections of school buses; revise.

Last Action: 4/13/2011 referred to Committee on Education

- HB 4551 of 2011

Education; employees; salary increase to be based on performance evaluation; require.

Last Action: 4/13/2011 referred to Committee on Education

- HB 4560 of 2011

Education; financing; school district's permissible use of sinking funds; expand.

Last Action: 4/14/2011 referred to Committee on Tax Policy

- HB 4562 of 2011

School aid; membership; per-pupil funding formula based on prior year's pupil count; provide for.

Last Action: 4/14/2011 referred to Committee on Appropriations

- HB 4568 of 2011

Education; financing; levy of 3-mill enhancement millage at local school district level; allow.

Last Action: 4/21/2011 referred to Committee on Tax Policy

- HB 4569 of 2011

Appropriations; supplemental; multisection school aid supplemental; provide for fiscal year 2012-2013.

Last Action: 4/21/2011 referred to Committee on Appropriations

- HB 4570 of 2011

Appropriations; supplemental; multisection school aid supplemental; provide for fiscal year 2011-2012.

Last Action: 4/21/2011 referred to Committee on Appropriations

- HB 4572 of 2011

Public employees and officers; compensation and benefits; cap on public employer contributions to health insurance; create.

Last Action: 4/21/2011 referred to Committee on Oversight, Reform, and Ethics

- HB 4586 of 2011

Education; teachers; opportunity for teacher to submit written response to tenure charges; require in tenure act.

Amends sec. 2, art. IV of 1937 (Ex Sess) PA 4 (MCL 38.102).

Last Action: 4/27/2011 referred to Committee on Education

- HB 4588 of 2011

Labor; collective bargaining; public employer collection of union dues for public employees; prohibit. Amends sec. 10 of 1947 PA 336 (MCL 423.210).

Last Action: 4/27/2011 referred to Committee on Oversight, Reform, and Ethics

- HJR T of 2011

Legislature; legislators; part-time legislature, reduction of legislative salaries and benefits, limitation of number of committees legislators may serve on, limitation of number of bills legislators may request, elimination of term limits, and requirement that all budgets to be presented to the governor before June 1; provide for. Amends secs. 12, 13, 16, 22 & 31, art. IV & sec. 15, art. V & repeals sec. 54, art. IV of the state constitution.

Last Action: 4/13/2011 printed joint resolution filed 04/13/2011

- HJR U of 2011

Constitutional amendments; state; permissible uses of state school aid fund; revise. Amends sec. 11, art. IX of the state constitution.

Last Action: 4/27/2011 referred to Committee on Government Operations

- SB 0315 of 2011

Education; attendance; age and date requirement for entering school; revise in school code. Amends sec. 1147 of 1976 PA 451 (MCL 380.1147). TIE BAR WITH: SB 0316'11

Last Action: 4/12/2011 REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

- SB 0316 of 2011

School aid; membership; age and date requirement for entering school and being counted in membership; revise in school aid act. Amends sec. 6 of 1979 PA 94 (MCL 388.1606). TIE BAR WITH: SB 0315'11

Last Action: 4/12/2011 REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

- SB 0344 of 2011

Education; teachers; tenure rights for certain teachers assigned to teach in certain schools; modify. Amends sec. 4, art. II of 1937 (Ex Sess) PA 4 (MCL 38.84).

Last Action: 4/26/2011 REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

- SB 0345 of 2011

Labor; collective bargaining; staffing of certain schools and programs; define and make prohibited subject of bargaining. Amends sec. 15 of 1947 PA 336 (MCL 423.215).

Last Action: 4/26/2011 REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

- SJR M of 2011

Constitutional amendments; state; permissible uses of state school aid fund; revise. Amends sec. 11, art. IX of the state constitution.

Last Action: 4/27/2011 REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

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

Advocating for You,

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