2018 SHORT SESSION UPDATE

June 11, 2018

LET’S BREAK TO EDUCATE
WEBINAR SERIES
Legislative discussions
Mondays @ noon
Week of June 4 – 8 - Highlights

- Amendment from Rep. Larry Pittman – allowing **armed school employees**
  - Amending HB960 (dealing with local law enforcement citizen academies).
  - Amendment put into the chamber dashboard for Thursday, when the bill was originally on the House calendar.
    - Moved to calendar for Tuesday, June 12.
  - Would allow teachers and other school employees to voluntarily provide security services if they are trained and possess concealed carry permit.
  - NCSBA opposes.......70% of school bd member respondents to March school safety survey said teachers should not be armed.
  - CONTACT your House members and communicate your concerns about arming teachers and school employees.
and on page 2, lines 45-46 by rewriting those lines to read:

"Commission and, unless the individual is covered under subsection (d) of this section, is authorized in writing to do so by the chief of police of the police department sponsoring the program.

(d) Any person, including a teacher, faculty member, or staff member who is employed at a particular school, providing security services as a volunteer pursuant to G.S. 115C-47(g)(1), and possessing a concealed handgun permit, may be armed while providing volunteer services if the person has successfully completed 16 hours of active shooter training in a program administered by the North Carolina Sheriff's Education and Training Standards Commission.

Any person providing volunteer services pursuant to this subsection shall function in cooperation with and under the supervision of the school's office having jurisdiction over the area where the school is located. The local board of education shall notify the principal of the school and the
Week of June 4 – 8 - Highlights

- Governor Cooper vetoes General Assembly spending plan.
  - Cites inadequate public education funding a reason.
- Senate overrides veto less than 24 hours later.
- House override vote likely to happen Tuesday.
Week of June 4-8 - Highlights

Senate Bill 15

- Modifies provisions of the ISD law.
  - Eliminates cap by allowing 2 add’l schools each year after 2021-22.
  - Schools adopting one of the reform/turnaround models (like Restart) no longer exempt from ISD consideration.
  - New date for local board to have to decide whether to accept inclusion of a school into ISD or close the school (December 15 instead of February 15).
  - ISD operator – priority in use of capital funds.
  - Local board must submit closure plan to DPI if it decides to close a school proposed to be in the ISD.

- Allows for employment of superintendents’ spouses by LEA
  - County population ≤ 65,000
  - City population ≤ 15,000
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House Bill 514

- Allows cities/towns to apply to set up and operate “municipal charter schools.”
  - Matthews
  - Mint Hill
  - Cornelius (added by Senate)
  - Huntersville (added by Senate)

- Final Senate vote Monday night – passed
- House concurrence vote Wednesday – passed
- Law of the land
  - Since it is a local bill the Governor cannot veto.
House Bill 514 – NCSBA Concerns

- Budget provision allows cities to use revenues to enter into leasing agreements for real property or mobile classroom units for use as school facilities for public schools.
  - Currently, cities are not authorized to use property tax revenue for schools.

- HB514 combined with this budget provision would create a significant policy shift in operation and funding of NC public schools.

- Sets a precedent that impacts students, districts, and communities across the state.

- It has been the policy of this state to bar governmental entities from appropriating taxpayer dollars for capital for charter schools.

- Too many potential risks and unintended consequences.
House Bill 514 – Questions

- What, if any, retirement plan will employees of the municipal charter participate? What other benefits would or would not be available to employees?

- What happens if there is a time when less than a majority of student enrollment live in the municipality? Is this a violation of the public purpose clause in the constitution?

- Can the town contract with EMO to run the school or must all employees be employees of the town?

- What would this do to pre-existing schools run by the LEA that are located in or near the municipality that taxpayers have already paid?

- What effect would this have on traditional charter schools in the area?

- Do the citizens of the municipality have a voice in whether the school is established or not?
Week of June 4-8 - Highlights

Following bills approved by House.....sent to Senate Rules:

- **HB938**
  - Multiple school safety initiatives.

- **HB934**
  - Threat assessment teams in schools.

- **HB965**
  - Schools must post National and State mottos.

- **HB986**
  - LEAs must offer advanced math courses in grades 3 and up.
  - Students scoring at level 5 on math eog/eoc = automatic enrollment in the advanced courses.
Week Ahead – What We Know

- Senate session – Monday at 1:30 (voting session at 7:00)
  - SB810- expands school calendar weather waiver for certain counties

- House session – Monday at 7:00
  - HB92

- Program Evaluation Oversight – Monday at 1:00
  - Report on improving effectiveness of Educator Preparation Program Data Reporting System

- Senate Rules – Monday at 4:00
Please note - no webinar next week – June 18