



2017 BLI Legislative Update

“Budgets, boards and alternative interpretations”

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Agenda

- State Biennial Budget (HB 49)
- Upcoming Hearings
- House Bills
- Senate Bills
- What you can do to help

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House Bill (HB) 49 as introduced

- Spending in this budget is limited
- Majority of districts seeing a loss
- Only formula change is with pupil transportation
- Gain Cap set at 5% each year
- District guarantees set at FY17 level unless loss of enrollment
- Per pupil base aid set at \$6,000
- Continued phase out of TPP w/no supplement

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HB 49 (Budget)

- Pupil Transportation
 - Decreases the minimum state share from 50% to 37.5% in FY18 and 25% in FY19.
 - Reduces total transportation funding by \$128 million over the biennium
 - Majority of districts will see a loss in transportation dollars

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HB 49 (Budget)

- Guarantees – all districts receive the same amount as in FY17
 - Unless, a districts ADM between FY11 and FY16 decreases by more than 5%
 - Any decrease between 5% and 10% is scaled to an amount between 95% and 100% of state aid in FY17

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HB 49 (Budget)

- 4 Reasons a district would end up on the Guarantee in FY18-19
 - On the guarantee in FY17 and remains on guarantee in FY18
 - State Share Index (SSI) decreased from FY16-17 to FY18-19
 - Decrease in transportation funding
 - Recomputed targeted assistance or capacity aid with no increase in per pupil core opportunity (base) aid

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HB 49 (Budget)

- Tangible Personal Property (TPP) and Public Utility Tangible Personal Property (PUTPP) Tax Reimbursements continued with scheduled phase-out
 - No TPP supplement
 - Districts still receiving payments are heavily reliant on TPP and PUTPP

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HB 49 (Budget)

- ESC Funding
 - Operating subsidy cut from \$41.6 million to \$31 million (reduces the per pupil allocation from \$27 to \$20)
- Career Technical Education
 - Continued exemption of weighted funding and associated services funding from any capped amounts
 - Alternative licensure

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HB 49 (Budget)

- Nonvoting board members and teacher externships
 - The governor’s proposal seeks to require local superintendents to appoint 3 nonvoting members to their board that will represent local business
 - Teachers would be required to participate in an on-site work experience with a local business or chamber of commerce as a condition of license renewal

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HB 49 (Budget)

- College Credit Plus (CCP)
 - Student Eligibility: CCP participation would be limited to students who demonstrate college preparedness, such as scoring remediation-free on a college entrance exam
 - Course Eligibility: There will be some restrictions, established by rule, on the courses eligible for CCP funding

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HB 49 (Budget)

- College Credit Plus
 - Continuing Student Participation: Students who underperform in CCP will need to meet certain requirements in order to continue participation
 - Textbooks: The cost to high schools for textbooks will be limited to \$10 per credit hour, or to a cost and distribution arrangement negotiated with the college
 - Funding Floor & Ceiling: The budget eliminates the ability for higher education institutions to negotiate per credit hour funding below the established floor

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Budget Process

- The House will soon be introducing its version of the budget
- The Senate has begun hearings in Senate Finance and subcommittees
- Conference Committee expected in mid-June with passage by June 30

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House Bills

- HB 21 - Charter school enrollment verification
 - Eliminates the current process for school districts to conduct monthly review and would require each charter school to perform monthly review and submit to ODE
- HB 58 – Handwriting instruction
 - Requires districts to offer instruction in printed and cursive handwriting to students in grades K-5

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House Bills

- HB 80 – Summer Food Service
 - Permits a district to allow an approved summer food service sponsor to use a school facility
- HB 87 – Charter School Public Money
 - Requires ODE to credit funds returned to the state because of a community school audit to districts.
- HB 98 – Career Information
 - Prohibits boards from placing restrictions on the presentation of career information on the skilled trades to students if the same restrictions do not apply to other employers, military recruiters and higher education institutions
 - Requires board to provide at least two opportunities per school years to present information in person to students.

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House Bills

- HB 102 – School Funding Reform
 - Replaces locally levied property tax with a statewide property tax
 - Repeals the school district income tax
 - State would pay a specified amount per pupil for each student to attend any public or private school
 - Requires ESCs to transport student on a countywide basis
 - Allows districts to enter a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for one district to manage another

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House Bills

- HB 108 – Informed Student Document
 - Requires ½ unit of instruction in economics and financial literacy in either the high school social studies curriculum or as an elective
 - Course can be taught by teachers licensed to teach social studies, business education or consumer and family sciences
- HB 129 – Governor participate in externship
 - Requires the Governor to complete an externship consisting of on-site work experience in city, local and exempted village school districts in the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years

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House Bills

- HB 170 – Computer Science education
 - Requires the State Board to adopt standards for computer science in grades K-12
 - Allows computer science classes to fulfill high school science, mathematics or elective course requirements for graduation
 - Creates a technology grant program to provide competitive grants to districts, ESCs, JVSDs, community schools and STEM schools to support computer science programs

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House Bills

- HB 176 – School Assessments
 - Prohibits the common core standards and assessments based on the common core
 - Requires the state to adopt the standards Massachusetts used prior to 2010
 - Requires the state to replace the assessment system with the assessments Iowa used prior to 2010

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Senate Bills

- SB 3- Workforce Development (HB 166)
 - Authorizes the creation of STEAM schools
 - Allows STEM and STEAM schools to offer all-day kindergarten
 - Requires ODE and ODJFS to develop an option for career technical education students to participate in pre-apprenticeship programs
 - Allows schools to integrate academic content into a course in a different subject area and allow a student to receive credit for both subject areas
 - Requires ODE to develop a framework for schools to grant competency based credit and requires districts to use the framework beginning in the 2018-2019 school year
 - Established the OhioMeansJobs- Ready certificate
 - Designates the first week in May as “In-Demand Jobs Week”

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Senate Bills

- SB 8 – Funding for school safety and technology infrastructure (HB 37)
 - Requires School Facilities Commission to establish program for infrastructure improvements related to school safety and technology
 - In order to qualify, a district must not have used Classroom Facilities Assistance Program funding
 - OSFC to establish guidelines and procedures for participation

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Senate Bills

- SB 34 – School Calendar
 - Requires schools to open after Labor Day unless the school board adopts a resolution allowing the school to open earlier
 - Requires the school board to hold a public hearing at least 30 days prior to adopting a resolution
- SB 36 – CAUV
 - Changes methodology used to calculate the Current Agricultural Use Values (CAUV)
 - Could adversely impact school foundation formula
 - Reduction in agricultural land values and taxes leads to increases in residential taxes

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Senate Bills

- SB 39 – Increased oversight for online charter schools
 - Requires E-schools to record the number of hours each student is actively participating during a 24-hour period
 - Requires records to be submitted to ODE monthly
 - Creates reporting mechanism when student fails to participate or performance declines
 - Requires E-school governing board meetings to be livestreamed
 - Requires any advertisement purchased with public funds to include a disclaimer with the school's most recent report card grade
 - Specifies that when Auditor issues a finding for recovery, the money is returned to the traditional public school district.

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Senate Bills

- SB 85 – Income-based voucher
 - Eligibility based on household income up to 400% of the federal poverty level (\$98,400 for a family of four)
 - Combines the Cleveland, EdChoice and EdChoice expansion voucher into one
 - Voucher amounts for families at 200% of the federal poverty level would equal \$5,000 grades K-8 and \$7,500 for high school

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Senate Bills

- SB 85 – Income-based voucher
 - Proposal includes the addition of Education Savings Accounts (ESAs)
 - ESAs would be utilized for any unused voucher amounts in the students name
 - ESAs can be used for private school tuition or for college tuition at any Ohio public or private school

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