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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Martin Ackley, Director, Office of Public and Governmental Affairs

SUBJECT: State and Federal Legislative Update

MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The House Education committee met twice in September. During that time, it discussed the following legislation:

HB 5669 (VerHeulen) Allows a state-approved nonpublic school to provide teacher professional development for nonpublic school teachers. The committee reported the bill.

[http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(1vdbwmigqknspner2qu4enat\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2014-HB-5669](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(1vdbwmigqknspner2qu4enat))/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2014-HB-5669)

HB 5778 (Kesto) Requires that public schools, grades 8 to 12 include at least 6 hours each school year of instruction about genocide, including, but not limited to, the holocaust. A substitute H-2 was adopted during committee stripping the 6 hour requirement for each school year and changing the requirement to 6 hours total grades 8 to 12. The bill was not reported from committee.

[http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(1vdbwmigqknspner2qu4enat\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2014-HB-5778](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(1vdbwmigqknspner2qu4enat))/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2014-HB-5778)

HB 5793 (Lyons) A fix regarding the foreign language requirement for this year's graduating seniors. The year "2015" was stripped from the original language and replaced with "2021." This bill moved through both the House and Senate and has been signed into law by the Governor.

[http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(1vdbwmigqknspner2qu4enat\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2014-HB-5793](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(1vdbwmigqknspner2qu4enat))/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2014-HB-5793)

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HR 301 (Abed) A resolution to memorialize the Congress and the President of the United States to enact legislation that would fund state Pay-It-Forward college financing pilot programs. The Education committee referred the resolution to the Michigan Competitiveness Committee.

[http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(1vdbwmiqqnksner2qu4enat\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2014-HR-0301](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(1vdbwmiqqnksner2qu4enat))/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2014-HR-0301)

The following education-related House bills were introduced in September:

HB 5752 (Irwin) Redefines ingredients in pesticides as they are used on school grounds.

[http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(1vdbwmiqqnksner2qu4enat\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2014-HB-5752](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(1vdbwmiqqnksner2qu4enat))/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2014-HB-5752)

HB 5778 (Kesto) Requires that public schools, grades 8 to 12 include at least 6 hours each school year of instruction about genocide, including, but not limited to, the holocaust. The bill was referred to the Committee on Education.

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HB 5786 (Hobbs) Requires that school districts provide full-day kindergarten. The bill was referred to the Committee on Education.

[http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(1vdbwmiqqnksner2qu4enat\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2014-HB-5786](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(1vdbwmiqqnksner2qu4enat))/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2014-HB-5786)

HB 5813 (Price) Allows for 1 or more counties to form a community college district by a majority vote of the residents living in the district where the community college is located. The bill was referred to the Committee on Education.

[http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(1vdbwmiqqnksner2qu4enat\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2014-HB-5813](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(1vdbwmiqqnksner2qu4enat))/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2014-HB-5813)

HB 5845 (Irwin) Reduces per pupil allocation for cyber schools by two-thirds beginning in 2014-15. The bill was referred to the committee on Appropriations.

[http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(1vdbwmiqqnksner2qu4enat\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2014-HB-5845](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(1vdbwmiqqnksner2qu4enat))/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2014-HB-5845)

HB 5848 (Zemke) Increases per-pupil funding formula for consolidated or annexed schools. The bill was referred to the committee on Appropriations.

[http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(1vdbwmiqqnksner2qu4enat\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2014-HB-5848](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(1vdbwmiqqnksner2qu4enat))/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2014-HB-5848)

HB 5852 (Roberts) Provides for restrictions on issuing contracts for any new charter schools or approving any new charter schools campuses. The bill was referred to the committee on Education.

[http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(1vdbwmiqqnksner2qu4enat\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2014-HB-5852](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(1vdbwmiqqnksner2qu4enat))/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2014-HB-5852)

HB 5861 (Schor) Creates a year-round district pilot program; funding provided from the Michigan strategic fund. The bill was referred to the committee on Appropriations.

[http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(1vdbwmiqqnksner2qu4enat\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2014-HB-5861](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(1vdbwmiqqnksner2qu4enat))/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2014-HB-5861)

HB 5866 (Singh) Provides for reimbursement for cost of identifying gifted and talented pupils. The bill was referred to the committee on Appropriations.

[http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(1vdbwmiqqnksner2qu4enat\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2014-HB-5866](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(1vdbwmiqqnksner2qu4enat))/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2014-HB-5866)

HB 5868 (Price) In the case of disincorporation, annexation, consolidation, or merger of 2 or more participating municipalities provide for the transfer of certain portions of district library districts. The bill was referred to the committee on Local Government.

[http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(1vdbwmiqqnksner2qu4enat\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2014-HB-5868](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(1vdbwmiqqnksner2qu4enat))/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2014-HB-5868)

MICHIGAN SENATE

The Senate Education committee met once in September to discuss the following legislation:

SB 1074 (Jansen) A bill to revise the number of job training programs offered by Community Colleges. The committee took testimony only on the bill.

[http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(1vdbwmiqqnksner2qu4enat\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2014-SB-1074](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(1vdbwmiqqnksner2qu4enat))/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2014-SB-1074)

The following education-related Senate bill was introduced in September:

SB 1104 (Hopgood) Provide for increased oversight over charter schools; certificate of need for new charter schools; open bid process for contracted services; and procedures for removal of charters school board members. The bill was referred to the committee on Education.

[http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(1vdbwmiqqnksner2qu4enat\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2014-SB-1104](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(1vdbwmiqqnksner2qu4enat))/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2014-SB-1104)

Action by the Governor

The Governor signed **SB 66 (Proos)** that ensures students will be provided information about how career and technical education courses fit into the merit curriculum requirements. It is **Public Act 288 of 2014**.

The Governor signed **HB 5793 (Lyons)** A fix regarding the foreign language requirement for this year's graduating seniors. The year "2015" was stripped from the original language and replaced with "2021." It is **Public Act 293 of 2014**.

FEDERAL UPDATE

31 Organizations Pledge Support for Teach to Lead

The U.S. Department of Education and the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards announced that 31 organizations have joined the Teach to Lead initiative as supporters in the effort to advance student learning by expanding opportunities for teacher leadership. Supporters include the National Education Association (NEA), the American Federation of Teachers (AFT), the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP), the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) and the National Network of State Teachers of the Year (NNSTOY). Each organization pledged to help engage the field and their members in various ways, including through social media, summits, training, policy work and advocacy opportunities for future teacher leaders.

"This collaboration will be part of the solution to take teacher leadership to scale—using the ample existing body of work on this as a springboard for action," U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan said "I've heard from so many teachers who are tired of the heartbreaking choice between serving their students and serving their profession. Teacher leadership must be a force for changing education—not a result of it."

In addition, Teach to Lead announced that Boston, Denver and Louisville, Kentucky, will be the sites for the first regional Teacher Leadership Summits to be held between December and early 2015, bringing together educators from multiple states to spur meaningful commitments to teacher leadership.

The commitments could entail scaling existing programs, creating new programs or spearheading supportive policies that give teachers more opportunities to lead, particularly while continuing to teach. In these working meetings, participants and supporter organizations will share resources and collaborate to create plans of action. Each summit will be followed by smaller

Teacher Leadership Labs, which will focus on the implementation of plans to help local districts drive student success through teacher leaders.

The summits will be designed to reflect and support collaboration between supporters, local school districts, teachers associations and other key leaders on the ground to advance teacher leadership.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these or other legislative issues, please contact me at (517) 241-4395.