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MASA Legislative Update

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Summary

It's been a quiet couple of weeks in Lansing as we get closer to the General Election on November 8. We have just a few updates to share with you this week.

As always, please [contact MASA](#) with any questions or concerns.

Michigan Constitution Text to be Posted in Schools

Gov. Whitmer signed [House Bill 5703 \(Glenn\)](#), which **requires certain sections of the Michigan Constitution and the Revised School Code be posted in easily accessible areas of a school building.** The sections required to be posted **starting January 1, 2023**, include:

Section 1 of Article VIII of the Michigan Constitution of 1963:

Religion, morality and knowledge being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged.

Section 10 of the Revised School Code:

It is the natural, fundamental right of parents and legal guardians to determine and direct the care, teaching, and education of their children. The public schools of this state serve the needs of the pupils by cooperating with the pupil's parents and legal guardians to develop the pupil's intellectual capabilities and vocational skills in a safe and positive environment.

MSP Releases Guidance

The Michigan State Police **released guidance and the application for the School Resource Officer Grant Program.** The Legislature appropriated \$25 million to the Michigan State Police Grants and Community Services Division to administer **grants to public schools to hire at least one school resource officer. School districts will need to provide a 50% cash match.**

The application is due November 17 and can be viewed [here](#).

The Annual Educator Effectiveness Data Appeals Window

The **data appeals window for inaccurate educator effectiveness ratings** for any of the past five years into the Registry of Educational Personnel (REP) is

open through December 1.

Note: This is not a process for contesting the outcome of an evaluation and any data corrected during the window period will appear in the Michigan Online Educator Certification System immediately after being entered by the district. Please access [this link](#) for more information.

ICYMI: Educator Shortage Survey Results

Last month, MASA conducted a **member survey to gather as much data as possible about how the educator shortage is affecting you and your district right now.** We had more than 150 members participate with all regions represented, as well as several different subgroups. [The survey results are available for your review here.](#)

We know that this historic educator shortage continues to be an issue that so many of you are dealing with every day. While we wish we had a quick fix to institute and alleviate the stress, please know we are doing everything possible to make positive changes! **Our goal is to use the results of this survey to help us advocate on your behalf** at both the state and federal level and provide insight into what's working/not working and what's even possible. Thank you to those who took the time to share your thoughts on this survey.

This Week's Introduced Bills

[HB 6452 \(Meerman\)](#) Limits the instruction in reproductive health and communicable diseases to grade 4 and above

[HB 6453 \(Meerman\)](#) Supplemental appropriations for certain school safety and mental health initiatives, including a behavioral health learning collaborative, a SMART internship program, and a school mental health coordinator and emergency and safety manager

[HB 6465 \(Carter\)](#) Provides funding for installation of panic alarms in school buildings

[HB 6466 \(Carter\)](#) Requires that each school building be equipped with at least one panic button