




Michigan Association of Superintendents & Administrators

# MASA Legislative Update

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## Summary

While it's quiet at the Capitol as legislators focus on campaigning ahead of the November 8 general election, we have a new staff member to introduce and a couple of updates to share with you.

**The MASA team is excited to welcome Hannah Sweeney as our new Legislative Policy Analyst.** Hannah has legislative staff experience and served as a Policy Fellow for the Institute of Public Policy and Social Research (IPPSR) while earning her Master of Public Policy at Michigan State University. Most recently, Hannah was the Government Affairs Assistant at the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC). She will be working closely with me on education-related issues at the Capitol. Please reach out to her at [hsweeney@gomasa.org](mailto:hsweeney@gomasa.org) to say hello or if you have any questions.

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

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## **Bipartisan School Safety Group Bill Package**

Last week, the MASA Government Relations team met with Rep. Calley, Chair of the Committee on Rules and Competitiveness, to discuss the **bipartisan 14-bill School Safety Commissions package**. The bills, introduced in June, address a variety of school safety issues, including **adding new commissions, requirements, and a new ISD safety coordinator position**. Notably, **there is nothing in the bill package dealing with guns and schools**.

The first few bills in the package would modify requirements for active shooter drills and school safety plans. [House Bill 6319 \(Sabo\)](#) would require seven fire drills and four tornado drills with one of the four tornado drills required to include security measures in accordance with an emergency such as the presence of a potentially dangerous individual. Additionally, [House Bill 6320 \(Hornberger\)](#) **would require schools to update their safety plans every three years**, in consultation with an ISD safety coordinator beginning July 1, 2024.

An update in staff school safety plans would come under [House Bill 6321 \(Eisen\)](#) and [House Bill 6322 \(Cambensy\)](#), with **a school resource officer being assigned to the school and increased requirements for staff security training**, while [House Bill 6332 \(VanSingel\)](#) would require law enforcement officers who are assigned to work in a school district to assume liability of property damage or personal injury in the school from the law enforcement agency. [House Bill 6223 \(Breen\)](#) would create and define the role of **a new ISD safety coordinator position and mental health coordinator** to serve as a liaison between state agencies.

Also in the package is [House Bill 6326 \(Meerman\)](#), which would **create a School Safety and Mental Health Commission** consisting of eight members with a term of four years. The Commission would be required to collaborate with state agencies to make recommendations for the use of grant funding for the state school aid act. Quarterly reporting of OK2Say tips under [House Bill](#)

[6330 \(Neely\)](#) would also be required and would be reported to the Commission.

Additionally, [House Bill 6224 \(Puri\)](#) and [House Bill 6225 \(Young\)](#) would **create a school safety terminology plan to develop uniform definitions** of various security terms. Similarly, [House Bill 6328 \(Weiss\)](#) provides a definition of OK2Say and [House Bill 6327 \(Brann\)](#) would require OK2Say program information be printed on student identification cards beginning July 1, 2023. [House Bill 6329 \(O'Malley\)](#) **requires that OK2Say tips are passed on to ISD safety coordinators and local law enforcement within 24 hours. Finally,**[House Bill 6331 \(Lightner\)](#) provides **updated guidance on modern security measures when engaging in new school building construction** to understand the impact of fire and building codes on lockdown and evacuation procedures in schools.

While the 14 bills were introduced, **the final report has yet to be released.** MASA will continue to be in conversations with bill sponsors and other stakeholders as the package moves through the legislative process. **We urge you to take a look at each bill and reach out to the MASA Government Relations team with thoughts or concerns.**

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## 2022-23 Pupil Accounting Manual Update

Each year, the Legislature adopts new state laws that change, in small measure or substantially, the state's pupil accounting rules. These new state laws serve as the foundation for the pupil accounting manual (PAM). The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is responsible for implementing these changes in law and **has released the updated version of the Pupil Accounting Manual for the 2022-23 school year.** The updated PAM is available on the State Aid and School Finance website at [www.michigan.gov/sasf](http://www.michigan.gov/sasf) or may be accessed directly [here](#). **Revisions have been highlighted throughout the PAM** for convenience. In addition, [this document](#) catalogs the most notable changes. View the complete [MDE MEMO #085-22](#).

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## ***Let MI Kids Learn* Voucher Update**

Last week, the *Let MI Kids Learn* initiative turned in their “other” ballot proposal dealing with “learning scholarships.” We continue to monitor the status of the proposal, but as of now **have no indication that the petitions are any closer to getting approved than our last update.**

As a reminder, this two-part proposal would:

1. Allow tax write-offs for contributions to scholarship-granting organizations, and
2. Create “student opportunity scholarships” that parents could apply for to use for educational purposes.

**These programs would divert hundreds of millions in tax revenue away from public schools.** The amount taken away would increase by 20% every year for five years, meaning **up to \$1 billion could be taken away annually.**

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## **This Week's Introduced Bills**

[House Bill 1157/1158 \(Stamas\)](#) Placeholder bills for supplemental appropriations in the school aid act for fiscal year 2022-2023

[House Bill 6333 \(Eisen\)](#) Creates a school safety guardian program