

Senate proposals Sub. House Bill 64 (Budget)

- Requires high-performing community schools be given the right of first refusal in the sale or lease of school district real property.
- Removes temp law that was repeated from the last budget bill re: Auditor of State and unauditable community schools. Passage of HB10 in 130th GA makes this temp law unnecessary.
- Removes provision permitting community schools receiving a "C" or better on overall value-add, performance index, or K-3 Literacy from operating a preschool programs and receive funding for that program.
- Increases funding for ESC's and the per pupil amount to \$35.
- Removes a requirement that ODE develop a plan to expand ODE's authority to sponsor community schools and a ratings rubric for sponsor evaluations.
- Removes provisions creating new criteria & exemptions for high-performing school districts.
- Permits the Superintendent of Public Instruction to adopt guidelines identifying circumstances in which ODE, after consulting with the lead district of a career-tech planning district, may approve or disapprove a school districts, community schools, or STEM school's career technical education program after the new May 15th deadline.
- Decreases the e-school facilities assistance amount from \$25 to \$12.50 per pupil in fiscal year 2016.
- Decreases the facilities assistance amount from \$200- \$150 per pupil in fiscal year 2016 for all other community or STEM schools.
- Removes the requirement that community schools be sponsored by an exemplary sponsor in order to receive facilities assistance funding and instead requires the school itself to be high-performing.