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Legislature Moves to Restore \$44 Million in Tangible Personal Property Tax Supplemental Aid to School Districts

Today, the Ohio House of Representatives passed Senate Bill (SB) 208 by a vote of 84-6. SB 208 received unanimous support in the Ohio Senate last week. The primary purpose of the bill was to clarify tax changes included in the state budget. While in the Senate, the bill was amended to include a provision which restores approximately \$44 million of approximately \$89 million that Governor Kasich vetoed in Tangible Personal Property Tax (TPPT) supplemental aid (HB 64) for the 2016-2017 school year. The amendment benefits districts that had their funding levels fall below 96 percent of their 2015 total aid (state and local) due to Governor Kasich's veto. Of the 110 school districts impacted by the veto, 75 school districts will receive some restoration of funds and 35 school districts will not benefit. You may view the Ohio Legislative Services Commission spreadsheet detailing district appropriations by clicking here.

SB 208 also changes the methodology for how the TPPT reimbursement phase-outs will be made beginning in Fiscal Year 2018. This would be subject to future deliberation by the Ohio General Assembly.

OEA recognizes that the TPPT provisions included in SB 208 are better for many school districts than current law. OEA will continue to advocate for reinstatement of all funds to every school district that were lost as a result of the Governor's veto. The bill is pending action by Governor Kasich.







"Right to Work" is WRONG Bill Introduced in Ohio House - HB 377 (R-Brinkman)

A "Right to Work" is WRONG bill (HB 377) that applies to private employees was introduced by Rep. Tom Brinkman (R-Cincinnati) last Thursday, October 22, 2015. A similar bill that applies to public employees has not been introduced yet. HB 377 has nine co-sponsors, which is five fewer co-sponsors than were on a previous bill when it was introduced in 2013.

The OEA strongly opposes HB 377 and will work with the We Are Ohio coalition to stop it, if it should gain any traction.

The trick-titled "Right to Work" legislation is WRONG. It is a deceptive effort to pay working people lower wages, take away hard-earned benefits and undermine workplace safety requirements. It is being pushed by a small group of out-of-state billionaires and millionaires who stand to gain even more by stripping working people of these rights.

We've seen this before. HB 377 is an unsafe and unfair attack on workers' rights, good jobs, families and the middle class. "Right to Work" is WRONG for all of us. Don't trust it!