

SEHCB Recommendations for Amended Substitute HB 153

To

the Ohio Senate Finance Committee (2011)

1. Reinstate the School Employees Healthcare Board (SEHCB), as currently in O.R.C. 9.901, to make SEHCB responsible for implementing the provisions of O.R.C. 9.901, including additional authority as specified in these requests.

There would be no time lost for start up and connecting to school districts with the continuation of SEHCB.

2. Provide SEHCB authority to enforce Best Practices.

3. Remove the current requirement for a one year wait period before school districts must implement Best Practices.

4. Provide authority for SEHCB to establish a statewide mandatory pool for purchasing health insurance for K-12 school districts, with five regional networks to provide for regional variations and regional management, to be implemented by July 1, 2012. A Progress Report from SEHCB should be submitted to the Governor, Speaker of the House, President of the Senate, and the public on July 1, 2012. An evaluation of the first year of implementation should be submitted by SEHCB by May 1, 2013.

5. Establish a timetable for further exploration of a broad state wide pool. Our recommendations are:

a. Step One: The SEHCB will take the lead to conduct a study for the feasibility of creating a health care pool for other public employees. This will be completed by July 1, 2012.

b. Step Two: If it is feasible and with the approval of the Legislature and Governor, a statewide pool for other public employees will be established by July 1, 2013.

6. The Board is requesting that the Legislature provide a budget of \$1.6 million for the biennium for SEHCB, which is the same as the current budget amount.