

## **I. House and Senate K-12 Appropriation Sub-Committees Budget**

The House and Senate K-12 Appropriation Sub-Committees released their budgets last week. Here are highlights related to issues impacting faith-based schools:

### **HOUSE**

- Restores full shared time funding
- Includes \$2.5 million to reimburse non-public schools for compliance with state health and safety mandates
- Appropriates \$250,000 in general fund money for non-public schools to apply for FIRST Robotics grants

### **SENATE**

- Caps the amount of an FTE that may be claimed by a school district at .75 FTE. A purported \$2 million savings. This means \$53 million of the proposed \$55 million cut has been restored.
- Includes \$2.5 million to reimburse non-public schools for compliance with state health and safety mandates
- Appropriates \$500,000 in general fund money for public school districts and non-public schools to apply for FIRST Robotics grants. This is in *addition* to the \$2.5 million from the school aid fund for FIRST Robotics grants that only public schools are eligible for.

MANS and MCC staff will continue to work with legislators as the budget works its way through the legislative process. The K-12 budget will end up in a Senate/House Conference Committee where differences will be negotiated.