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This April 4, 2018 Legislative e-Update is provided by OESCA to Ohio's ESCs, their client school districts, and other key education stakeholders. The e-Update provides information on breaking news as well as the education bills of interest to Ohio's public education community introduced during the 132nd General Assembly. Bills are organized by last action date and include the full status updates with most recent activity listed first in descending order. There are also links to the state bill page for users to download any bills, analyses or fiscal notes. The document concludes with the latest news on ESCs and from Capitol Square.

Legislative Tracking Report

BILL MONITORING

The following education bill of interest are monitored by OESCA on behalf of the membership and client districts:

- SB287** **K-12 HEALTH EDUCATION STANDARDS (SYKES V)** To require the State Board of Education to develop and adopt health education standards for grades kindergarten through twelve and to require only venereal disease education standards and curriculum adopted by the State Board to be approved by concurrent resolution of the General Assembly.
Current Status: 3/29/2018 - Introduced
Categories: Education
Position: Monitor
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-287>
- HB572** **PERS- DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SCHOOL EMPLOYEE (SCHERER G, HOWSE S)** Regarding Public Employees Retirement System service credit for services as a nonteaching school employee of a county board of developmental disabilities.
Current Status: 3/22/2018 - Introduced
Categories: Education, Mental Health & Disabilities, Pension & Retirement System
Position: Undetermined
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-572>
- HB87** **COMMUNITY SCHOOL PUBLIC MONEYS (ROEGNER K)** Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school.
Current Status: 3/21/2018 - Referred to Committee Senate Education
All Bill Status: 3/7/2018 - **PASSED BY HOUSE**; Vote 94-2
3/7/2018 - Bills for Third Consideration
1/24/2018 - **REPORTED OUT**, House Government

Accountability and Oversight, (Sixth Hearing)
11/29/2017 - **BILL AMENDED**, House Government
Accountability and Oversight, (Fifth Hearing)
11/15/2017 - House Government Accountability and
Oversight, (Fourth Hearing)
11/1/2017 - House Government Accountability and
Oversight, (Third Hearing)
5/17/2017 - House Government Accountability and
Oversight, (Second Hearing)
3/29/2017 - House Government Accountability and
Oversight, (First Hearing)
2/28/2017 - Referred to Committee House Government
Accountability and Oversight
2/22/2017 - Introduced

Categories: Education, State Government

Position: Monitor

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-87>

SB276 **EXPULSION OF STUDENTS** (HOTTINGER J) With respect to the expulsion of a student from a school district, community school, or STEM school for actions that endanger the health and safety of other students or school employees.

Current Status: 3/21/2018 - Introduced

Categories: Education

Position: Monitor

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-276>

SB240 **REGARDING TEACHER EVALUATIONS** (LEHNER P) With regard to teacher evaluations.

Current Status: 3/21/2018 - Referred to Committee Senate Education

All Bill Status: 12/12/2017 - Introduced

Categories: Education, Local Government, Public Employees, State Government

Position: Undetermined

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-240>

HB512 **CONSOLIDATE CAREER-EDUCATION GOVERNANCE** (REINEKE W) To establish the Department of Learning and Achievement; to abolish the Department of Higher Education, the position of the Chancellor of Higher Education, and the Ohio Board of Regents; to transfer, with exceptions, the duties regarding the administration of primary and secondary education programs and all duties regarding the administration of higher education programs to the Department of Learning and Achievement; and to prescribe certain duties regarding educator licensure, community school sponsorship, and other education programs for the State Board of Education, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Department of Education.

Current Status: 3/21/2018 - House Government Accountability and Oversight, (Fifth Hearing)

All Bill Status: 3/14/2018 - House Government Accountability and Oversight, (Fourth Hearing)

3/7/2018 - House Government Accountability and Oversight, (Third Hearing)

2/27/2018 - House Government Accountability and Oversight, (Second Hearing)
2/20/2018 - Referred to Committee House Government Accountability and Oversight
2/20/2018 - House Government Accountability and Oversight, (First Hearing)
2/14/2018 - Introduced

Categories: Education, State Government

Position: Monitor

Priority: Tier 1 - High

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-512>

HB338 BUS DRIVER MEDICAL EXAMS (GINTER T) Regarding medical examinations for school bus drivers.

Current Status: 3/21/2018 - Senate Government Oversight and Reform, (Second Hearing)

All Bill Status: 3/7/2018 - Senate Government Oversight and Reform, (First Hearing)

2/20/2018 - Referred to Committee Senate Government Oversight and Reform

12/13/2017 - **PASSED BY HOUSE**; Vote 93-0

12/13/2017 - Bills for Third Consideration

12/5/2017 - **REPORTED OUT**, House Education and Career Readiness, (Fourth Hearing)

11/14/2017 - House Education and Career Readiness, (Third Hearing)

10/31/2017 - House Education and Career Readiness, (Second Hearing)

10/10/2017 - House Education and Career Readiness, (First Hearing)

9/19/2017 - Referred to Committee House Education and Career Readiness

9/11/2017 - Introduced

Categories: Education, Health Care, Transportation & Infrastructure

Position: Undetermined

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-338>

SB216 PUBLIC SCHOOL DEREGULATION ACT (HUFFMAN M) To enact the "Ohio Public School Deregulation Act" regarding the administration of preschool and primary and secondary education programs.

Current Status: 3/21/2018 - **PASSED BY SENATE**; Amended on floor, Bill Vote 32-0

All Bill Status: 3/21/2018 - Bills for Third Consideration

3/7/2018 - **REPORTED OUT AS AMENDED**, Senate Education, (Seventh Hearing)

2/28/2018 - **BILL AMENDED**, Senate Education, (Sixth Hearing)

2/7/2018 - **BILL AMENDED**, Senate Education, (Sixth Hearing)

1/31/2018 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED**, Senate Education, (Fifth Hearing)

12/13/2017 - Senate Education, (Fourth Hearing)

12/6/2017 - Senate Education, (Third Hearing)

11/8/2017 - Senate Education, (Second Hearing)
10/18/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Education
10/18/2017 - Senate Education, (First Hearing)
10/10/2017 - Introduced

Categories: Education, State Government

Position: Monitor

Priority: Tier 1 - High

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-216>

SB221 **RULE-MAKING AND REVIEW REFORM** (UECKER J) To reform agency rule-making and legislative review thereof.

Current Status: 3/21/2018 - **REPORTED OUT AS AMENDED**, Senate Government Oversight and Reform, (Fourth Hearing)

All Bill Status: 2/27/2018 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED**, Senate Government Oversight and Reform, (Third Hearing)
11/29/2017 - Senate Government Oversight and Reform, (Second Hearing)
11/1/2017 - Senate Government Oversight and Reform, (First Hearing)
10/25/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Government Oversight and Reform
10/19/2017 - Introduced

Categories: General Assembly, State Government

Position: Undetermined

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-221>

SB239 **REGIONAL COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENTS** (DOLAN M) To modify the law concerning regional councils of governments.

Current Status: 3/21/2018 - Senate Government Oversight and Reform, (Fifth Hearing)

All Bill Status: 3/7/2018 - **BILL AMENDED**, Senate Government Oversight and Reform, (Third Hearing)
2/27/2018 - Senate Government Oversight and Reform, (Third Hearing)
2/21/2018 - Senate Government Oversight and Reform, (Second Hearing)
1/31/2018 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED**, Senate Government Oversight and Reform, (First Hearing)
1/17/2018 - Referred to Committee Senate Government Oversight and Reform
12/5/2017 - Introduced

Categories: Local Government, State Government

Position: Monitor

Priority: Tier 1 - High

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-239>

HB438 **ESC ANNEXATION** (HAMBLEY S, KICK D) To permit the addition of appointed members to educational service center boards and to permit a local school district to sever its territory from one educational service center and annex that territory to an adjacent service center under specified conditions.

Current Status: 3/21/2018 - Referred to Committee Senate Education

All Bill Status: 3/7/2018 - **PASSED BY HOUSE**; Vote 96-0
3/7/2018 - Bills for Third Consideration
2/20/2018 - **REPORTED OUT**, House Education and Career Readiness, (Fourth Hearing)
2/13/2018 - **BILL AMENDED**, House Education and Career Readiness, (Third Hearing)
1/30/2018 - House Education and Career Readiness, (Second Hearing)
1/23/2018 - House Education and Career Readiness, (First Hearing)
1/16/2018 - Referred to Committee House Education and Career Readiness
12/7/2017 - Introduced
Categories: Education
Position: Support
Priority: Tier 1 - High
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-438>

HB377 **CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE EDUCATION** (HAGAN C, RAMOS D) With respect to age-appropriate student instruction in child sexual abuse and sexual violence prevention and in-service staff training in child sexual abuse prevention.

Current Status: 3/20/2018 - House Education and Career Readiness, (Fourth Hearing)
All Bill Status: 1/30/2018 - House Education and Career Readiness, (Third Hearing)
12/12/2017 - House Education and Career Readiness, (Second Hearing)
11/14/2017 - House Education and Career Readiness, (First Hearing)
10/17/2017 - Referred to Committee House Education and Career Readiness
10/10/2017 - Introduced
Categories: Crime & Punishment, Education
Position: Undetermined
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-377>

HB378 **OHIO BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT** (SMITH R, CERA J) To create the Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program and to make an appropriation.

Current Status: 3/20/2018 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED & REPORTED OUT**, House Finance, (Eighth Hearing)
All Bill Status: 3/6/2018 - **BILL AMENDED**, House Finance, (Seventh Hearing)
2/28/2018 - House Finance, (Sixth Hearing)
2/27/2018 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED**, House Finance, (Fifth Hearing)
2/20/2018 - House Finance, (Fourth Hearing)
2/6/2018 - House Finance, (Third Hearing)
12/12/2017 - House Finance, (Second Hearing)
11/28/2017 - House Finance, (First Hearing)
10/17/2017 - Referred to Committee House Finance
10/10/2017 - Introduced
Categories: Energy & Utilities, Local Government, State Government
Position: Undetermined

Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-378>

HB355 **SEXTING UNDER 21** (HILL B, REZABEK J) To generally prohibit sexting by a person under 21 years of age.

Current Status: 3/20/2018 - House Criminal Justice, (Third Hearing)
All Bill Status: 3/13/2018 - House Criminal Justice, (Second Hearing)
2/13/2018 - **BILL AMENDED**, House Criminal Justice, (First Hearing)
10/10/2017 - Referred to Committee House Criminal Justice
9/21/2017 - Introduced
Categories: Crime & Punishment
Position: Undetermined
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-355>

HB318 **SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER DEFINITION** (PATTERSON J, LATOURETTE S) To define the necessary qualifications and responsibilities of school resource officers.

Current Status: 3/20/2018 - House Finance, (First Hearing)
All Bill Status: 3/6/2018 - Re-Referred to Committee
2/27/2018 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED & REPORTED OUT**, House Education and Career Readiness, (Third Hearing)
10/31/2017 - House Education and Career Readiness, (Second Hearing)
10/10/2017 - House Education and Career Readiness, (First Hearing)
9/12/2017 - Referred to Committee House Education and Career Readiness
8/9/2017 - Introduced
Categories: Education
Position: Amend
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-318>

HB491 **SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS-SPECIFIED SERVICES** (EDWARDS J) To require the State Board of Education to issue a substitute license to specified pupil services personnel.

Current Status: 3/20/2018 - **REPORTED OUT AS AMENDED**, House Education and Career Readiness, (Fourth Hearing)
All Bill Status: 3/13/2018 - House Education and Career Readiness, (Third Hearing)
2/27/2018 - House Education and Career Readiness, (Second Hearing)
2/20/2018 - House Education and Career Readiness, (First Hearing)
2/14/2018 - Referred to Committee House Education and Career Readiness
1/31/2018 - Introduced
Categories: Education
Position: Support
Priority: Tier 1 - High
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-491>

- HB502** **YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING-PUBLIC** (ANIELSKI M) With regard to educator in-service training on youth suicide awareness and prevention in public schools.
- Current Status:** 3/20/2018 - House Education and Career Readiness, (Second Hearing)
- All Bill Status:** 2/27/2018 - House Education and Career Readiness, (First Hearing)
2/20/2018 - Referred to Committee House Education and Career Readiness
2/13/2018 - Introduced
- Categories:** Education, Public Safety
- Position:** Monitor
- Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium
- State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-502>
- HB508** **OHIOCORPS PILOT PROJECT** (RYAN S, REINEKE W) To establish the OhioCorps Pilot Project and to make an appropriation.
- Current Status:** 3/20/2018 - House Finance, (Fifth Hearing)
- All Bill Status:** 3/6/2018 - **BILL AMENDED**, House Finance, (Fourth Hearing)
2/28/2018 - House Finance, (Third Hearing)
2/27/2018 - House Finance, (Second Hearing)
2/20/2018 - House Finance, (First Hearing)
2/14/2018 - Referred to Committee House Finance
2/13/2018 - Introduced
- Categories:** Higher Education, Jobs, Labor, Occupations & Professions
- Position:** Monitor
- Priority:** Tier 1 - High
- State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-508>
- SB246** **STUDENT SAFETY ACT** (LEHNER P, MANNING G) To enact the "SAFE Act" to revise the procedures for emergency removal of a student, to prohibit certain suspensions and expulsions of students in grades pre-kindergarten through three, to require each public school to implement a positive behavior intervention and supports framework in accordance with state standards, and to make an appropriation.
- Current Status:** 3/20/2018 - Senate Finance, (Third Hearing)
- All Bill Status:** 3/13/2018 - Senate Finance, (Second Hearing)
3/6/2018 - Senate Finance, (First Hearing)
1/17/2018 - Referred to Committee Senate Finance
12/21/2017 - Introduced
- Categories:** Education, Public Safety
- Position:** Monitor
- Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium
- State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-246>
- HB540** **TEACHER EVALUATIONS** (GAVARONE T, MANNING N) With regard to teacher evaluations.
- Current Status:** 3/20/2018 - House Education and Career Readiness, (First Hearing)

All Bill Status: 3/13/2018 - Referred to Committee House Education and Career Readiness
3/6/2018 - Introduced
Categories: Education
Position: Undetermined
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-540>

HB553 **EXPAND THEFT IN OFFICE PENALTIES** (CUPP B) To expand the increased penalties for theft in office based on the amount of property or services stolen and to include as restitution certain audit costs of the entity that suffered the loss involved in the offense.

Current Status: 3/20/2018 - Referred to Committee House Criminal Justice
All Bill Status: 3/13/2018 - Introduced
Categories: Crime & Punishment, Local Government, State Government
Position: Undetermined
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-553>

HB549 **SCHOOL OPENINGS-AFTER LABOR DAY** (ARNDT S) To generally require public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day.

Current Status: 3/20/2018 - Referred to Committee House Education and Career Readiness
All Bill Status: 3/13/2018 - Introduced
Categories: Education
Position: Undetermined
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-549>

SB241 **ACCREDITED NONPUBLIC SCHOOL CATEGORY** (TERHAR L, THOMAS C) To establish a category of nonpublic schools called "accredited nonpublic schools" and to prescribe requirements and exemptions for such schools.

Current Status: 3/14/2018 - Senate Education, (Second Hearing)
All Bill Status: 2/28/2018 - Senate Education, (First Hearing)
1/17/2018 - Referred to Committee Senate Education
12/12/2017 - Introduced
Categories: Education, State Government
Position: Undetermined
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-241>

HB360 **ANTI-BULLYING AND HAZING** (GREENSPAN D) To enact the "Ohio Anti-Bullying and Hazing Act" with regard to school discipline and bullying and hazing policies at public schools and public colleges.

Current Status: 3/13/2018 - **REPORTED OUT AS AMENDED**, House Education and Career Readiness, (Fifth Hearing)
All Bill Status: 2/27/2018 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED**, House Education and Career Readiness, (Fourth Hearing)
12/12/2017 - House Education and Career Readiness, (Third Hearing)

10/31/2017 - House Education and Career Readiness,
(Second Hearing)
10/24/2017 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED**, House
Education and Career Readiness, (First Hearing)
10/10/2017 - Referred to Committee House Education and
Career Readiness
9/26/2017 - Introduced

Categories: Education, Higher Education

Position: Undetermined

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-360>

HB442

SCHOOL ATHLETICS-F1 VISA (ANTANI N) To authorize any student from a country or province outside the United States who attends an elementary or secondary school in Ohio and holds an F-1 visa to participate in interscholastic athletics at that school on the same basis as Ohio residents.

Current Status: 3/13/2018 - House Education and Career Readiness, (Third Hearing)

All Bill Status: 2/13/2018 - House Education and Career Readiness,
(Second Hearing)
1/23/2018 - House Education and Career Readiness, (First Hearing)
1/16/2018 - Referred to Committee House Education and Career Readiness
12/7/2017 - Introduced

Categories: Arts, Sports & Entertainment

Position: Undetermined

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-442>

SB34

SCHOOL YEARS (MANNING G) To generally require public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day.

Current Status: 3/7/2018 - Senate Education, (Sixth Hearing)

All Bill Status: 2/28/2018 - Senate Education, (Fifth Hearing)
11/8/2017 - Senate Education, (Fourth Hearing)
4/25/2017 - Senate Education, (Third Hearing)
3/8/2017 - Senate Education, (Second Hearing)
2/15/2017 - Senate Education, (First Hearing)
2/6/2017 - Introduced

Categories: Education

Position: Undetermined

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-34>

HB166

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM REVISIONS (REINEKE W, CUPP B) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week.

Current Status: 3/7/2018 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED**, House Higher Education and Workforce Development, (Seventh Hearing)

All Bill Status: 10/11/2017 - House Higher Education and Workforce Development, (Sixth Hearing)
9/20/2017 - **BILL AMENDED**, House Higher Education and Workforce Development, (Fifth Hearing)
9/13/2017 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED**, House Higher Education and Workforce Development, (Fourth Hearing)
6/21/2017 - **BILL AMENDED**, House Higher Education and Workforce Development, (Third Hearing)
6/7/2017 - House Higher Education and Workforce Development, (Second Hearing)
5/17/2017 - House Higher Education and Workforce Development, (First Hearing)
5/1/2017 - Referred to Committee House Higher Education and Workforce Development
3/28/2017 - Introduced

Categories: Economic & Workforce Development, Education, Jobs, Mental Health & Disabilities

Position: Undetermined

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-166>

HB203 **YOUTH SUMMER JOBS INITIATIVE** (BARNES, JR. J) To require the Director of Development Services to establish a youth summer jobs pledging initiative to increase access to summer employment opportunities for high school and college youth.

Current Status: 3/7/2018 - **BILL AMENDED**, House Higher Education and Workforce Development, (Third Hearing)

All Bill Status: 9/20/2017 - House Higher Education and Workforce Development, (Second Hearing)
5/31/2017 - House Higher Education and Workforce Development, (First Hearing)
5/16/2017 - Referred to Committee House Higher Education and Workforce Development
5/9/2017 - Introduced

Categories: Economic & Workforce Development, Jobs

Position: Monitor

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-203>

HB526 **VOLUNTEER SCHOOL SECURITY** (DEVITIS A, SWEENEY M) To authorize a public or chartered nonpublic school to enter into an agreement with a volunteer law enforcement officer to patrol school premises to prevent or respond to a mass casualty event, to provide the parties with a qualified immunity from civil liability, and to provide a tax credit for volunteer service.

Current Status: 3/6/2018 - Referred to Committee House Education and Career Readiness

All Bill Status: 2/26/2018 - Introduced

Categories: Education, Public Safety

Position: Monitor

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-526>

HB449 **CHARTER SCHOOL SPONSOR RATINGS-UNIVERSITIES** (ROGERS J, PATTERSON J) To require the Department of Education to attribute any community school sponsor

ratings an entity received during its relationship with a state university board of trustees to that entity even if it no longer has a relationship with the university.

Current Status: 2/28/2018 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED**, House Higher Education and Workforce Development, (First Hearing)

All Bill Status: 1/24/2018 - House Higher Education and Workforce Development, (First Hearing)
1/16/2018 - Referred to Committee House Higher Education and Workforce Development
12/12/2017 - Introduced

Categories: Education, Higher Education

Position: Undetermined

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-449>

SB82

SCHOOL ABSENCES-PARENTAL NOTIFICATION (WILLIAMS S, LEHNER P) To require a public school to place a telephone call within one hour of the start of the school day to a parent whose child is absent without legitimate excuse.

Current Status: 2/28/2018 - **REPORTED OUT AS AMENDED**, Senate Education, (Seventh Hearing)

All Bill Status: 2/21/2018 - Senate Education, (Sixth Hearing)
2/7/2018 - Senate Education, (Fifth Hearing)
1/31/2018 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED**, Senate Education, (Fourth Hearing)
4/25/2017 - Senate Education, (Third Hearing)
3/29/2017 - Senate Education, (Second Hearing)
3/22/2017 - Senate Education, (First Hearing)
3/7/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Education
3/2/2017 - Introduced

Categories: Children and Family Issues, Education, Municipal Services

Position: Undetermined

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-82>

HB21

COMMUNITY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION (HAMBLEY S) Regarding verification of community school enrollments.

Current Status: 2/28/2018 - Senate Education, (Third Hearing)

All Bill Status: 2/21/2018 - Senate Education, (Second Hearing)
2/7/2018 - Senate Education, (First Hearing)
1/17/2018 - Referred to Committee Senate Education
12/13/2017 - **PASSED BY HOUSE**; Vote 94-0
12/13/2017 - Bills for Third Consideration
11/28/2017 - **REPORTED OUT**, House Education and Career Readiness, (Fifth Hearing)
11/14/2017 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED**, House Education and Career Readiness, (Fourth Hearing)
9/12/2017 - House Education and Career Readiness, (Third Hearing)
6/20/2017 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED**, House Education and Career Readiness, (Second Hearing)
2/14/2017 - House Education and Career Readiness, (First Hearing)
2/8/2017 - Referred to Committee House Education and Career Readiness
2/1/2017 - Introduced

Categories: Education
Position: Undetermined
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-21>

HB369 **PER PUPIL FUNDING GUARANTEE** (SWEENEY M) To prescribe a per pupil funding guarantee for certain school districts and to make an appropriation.

Current Status: 2/20/2018 - House Finance, (First Hearing)
All Bill Status: 10/10/2017 - Referred to Committee House Finance
10/2/2017 - Introduced
Categories: Education
Position: Undetermined
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-369>

HB487 **RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL-COMMUNITY SCHOOLS** (INGRAM C) To eliminate the right of first refusal for community schools, college-preparatory boarding schools, and science, technology, engineering, and mathematics schools in the acquisition of school district real property.

Current Status: 2/14/2018 - Referred to Committee House Education and Career Readiness
All Bill Status: 1/30/2018 - Introduced
Categories: Education, Land Use
Position: Undetermined
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-487>

HB58 **CURSIVE HANDWRITING INSTRUCTION** (BRENNER A, SLABY M) To address the teaching of cursive handwriting.

Current Status: 1/31/2018 - **REPORTED OUT**, House Higher Education and Workforce Development, (Seventh Hearing)
All Bill Status: 1/24/2018 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED**, House Higher Education and Workforce Development, (Sixth Hearing)
1/23/2018 - Re-Referred to Committee
6/21/2017 - **REPORTED OUT**, House Higher Education and Workforce Development, (Fourth Hearing)
6/7/2017 - House Higher Education and Workforce Development, (Fourth Hearing)
5/3/2017 - House Higher Education and Workforce Development, (Third Hearing)
3/29/2017 - House Higher Education and Workforce Development, (Second Hearing)
3/1/2017 - House Higher Education and Workforce Development, (First Hearing)
2/21/2017 - Referred to Committee House Higher Education and Workforce Development
2/13/2017 - Introduced
Categories: Education
Position: Monitor
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-58>

- HCR11** **ESSA IMPLEMENTATION** (GAVARONE T) To approve Ohio's state education plan for implementation of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act.
- Current Status:** 1/30/2018 - House Education and Career Readiness, (Third Hearing)
- All Bill Status:** 1/23/2018 - House Education and Career Readiness, (Second Hearing)
1/16/2018 - House Education and Career Readiness, (First Hearing)
6/6/2017 - Referred to Committee House Education and Career Readiness
6/6/2017 - Introduced
- Position:** Monitor
- Priority:** Tier 3 - Low
- State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HCR-11>
- HB224** **RE-SERVING SCHOOL LUNCH ITEMS** (INGRAM C) To permit districts and schools to re-serve time- and temperature-controlled food items to students if items are unused and returned unopened, undamaged, and in the original packaging.
- Current Status:** 1/23/2018 - House Education and Career Readiness, (Second Hearing)
- All Bill Status:** 10/24/2017 - House Education and Career Readiness, (First Hearing)
5/23/2017 - Referred to Committee House Education and Career Readiness
5/16/2017 - Introduced
- Categories:** Children and Family Issues, Education, Public Safety
- Position:** Undetermined
- Priority:** Tier 3 - Low
- State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-224>
- HB383** **CHILD CARE HEALTH & SAFETY RISKS** (CARFAGNA R) Regarding parental notice of serious risks to the health or safety of children receiving child care.
- Current Status:** 1/17/2018 - **REPORTED OUT**, House Community and Family Advancement, (Fourth Hearing)
- All Bill Status:** 12/13/2017 - House Community and Family Advancement, (Third Hearing)
12/6/2017 - House Community and Family Advancement, (Second Hearing)
11/1/2017 - House Community and Family Advancement, (First Hearing)
10/17/2017 - Referred to Committee House Community and Family Advancement
10/11/2017 - Introduced
- Categories:** Children and Family Issues, Public Safety
- Position:** Undetermined
- Priority:** Tier 3 - Low
- State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-383>
- HB418** **SCHOOL RECORDS TRANSFER** (INGRAM C) To require a public or chartered nonpublic school to transmit a student's records within five business days when the student transfers to another school.

Current Status: 1/16/2018 - House Education and Career Readiness, (First Hearing)
All Bill Status: 11/28/2017 - Referred to Committee House Education and Career Readiness
11/21/2017 - Introduced
Categories: Education
Position: Undetermined
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-418>

HB443 **MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION** (SWEENEY M) To require school district boards of education to incorporate mental health instruction into their health education curricula.

Current Status: 1/16/2018 - Referred to Committee House Education and Career Readiness
All Bill Status: 12/12/2017 - Introduced
Categories: Education, Mental Health & Disabilities
Position: Monitor
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-443>

HB246 **DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY CLASSROOMS** (BOCCIERI J, REZABEK J) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to provide funding to certain county boards of developmental disabilities to assist in the acquisition of classroom facilities.

Current Status: 1/16/2018 - House Education and Career Readiness, (Third Hearing)
All Bill Status: 12/12/2017 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED**, House Education and Career Readiness, (Second Hearing)
9/12/2017 - House Education and Career Readiness, (First Hearing)
6/6/2017 - Referred to Committee House Education and Career Readiness
5/24/2017 - Introduced
Categories: Education, Mental Health & Disabilities
Position: Amend
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-246>

HB102 **SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM** (BRENNER A) To replace locally levied school district property taxes with a statewide property tax and require recipients of certain tax exemptions to reimburse the state for such levy revenue lost due to those exemptions; to increase the state sales and use tax rates and allocate additional revenue to state education purposes; to repeal school district income taxes; to require the Treasurer of State to issue general obligation bonds to refund certain school district debt obligations; to create a new system of funding schools where the state pays a specified amount per student that each student may use to attend the public or chartered nonpublic school of the student's choice, without the requirement of a local contribution; to eliminate the School Facilities Commission; to eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program, Pilot Project Scholarship Program, Autism Scholarship Program, and Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program; to eliminate interdistrict open enrollment; to require educational service centers to transport students on a countywide basis; and to permit school districts to enter into a memoranda of understanding for one district to manage another.

Current Status: 12/12/2017 - House Finance, (Second Hearing)
All Bill Status: 6/20/2017 - House Finance, (First Hearing)
3/7/2017 - Referred to Committee House Finance
3/1/2017 - Introduced
Categories: Education, Taxation, Transportation & Infrastructure
Position: Amend
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-102>

HB176

SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS (THOMPSON A) With regard to state achievement assessments, statewide academic content standards and model curricula, and teacher and administrator evaluations.

Current Status: 12/5/2017 - **BILL AMENDED**, House Education and Career Readiness, (Fourth Hearing)
All Bill Status: 10/24/2017 - House Education and Career Readiness, (Third Hearing)
5/31/2017 - House Education and Career Readiness, (Second Hearing)
5/16/2017 - House Education and Career Readiness, (First Hearing)
5/1/2017 - Referred to Committee House Education and Career Readiness
4/5/2017 - Introduced
Categories: Education
Position: Oppose
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-176>

HB426

SCHOOL SEXUAL CONDUCT (HAGAN C) To prohibit an employee of a school or institution of higher education who is not in a position of authority from engaging in sexual conduct with certain students.

Current Status: 12/5/2017 - House Criminal Justice, (First Hearing)
All Bill Status: 11/28/2017 - Referred to Committee House Criminal Justice
11/21/2017 - Introduced
Categories: Crime & Punishment, Education
Position: Undetermined
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-426>

HB320

LONG-RANGE FINANCIAL OUTLOOK COUNCIL (HAGAN C, ROEGNER K) To create the Long-range Financial Outlook Council for the purpose of informing the public and the General Assembly about the financial status of the state by studying financial and other conditions and issuing an annual long-range financial outlook report.

Current Status: 11/28/2017 - House Financial Institutions, Housing and Urban Development, (Second Hearing)
All Bill Status: 9/19/2017 - House Financial Institutions, Housing and Urban Development, (First Hearing)
9/12/2017 - Referred to Committee House Financial Institutions, Housing and Urban Development
8/15/2017 - Introduced
Categories: Budget and Appropriations, Economy, General Assembly, State Government

Position: Undetermined
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-320>

HB200 **OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION** (KOEHLER K) To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program.

Current Status: 11/28/2017 - **BILL AMENDED**, House Education and Career Readiness, (Eighth Hearing)

All Bill Status: 11/14/2017 - House Education and Career Readiness, (Seventh Hearing)
10/10/2017 - House Education and Career Readiness, (Sixth Hearing)
6/20/2017 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED**, House Education and Career Readiness, (Fifth Hearing)
6/13/2017 - House Education and Career Readiness, (Fourth Hearing)
6/6/2017 - House Education and Career Readiness, (Third Hearing)
5/31/2017 - House Education and Career Readiness, (Second Hearing)
5/16/2017 - House Education and Career Readiness, (First Hearing)
5/9/2017 - Referred to Committee House Education and Career Readiness
5/2/2017 - Introduced

Categories: Education

Position: Undetermined

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-200>

SB191 **ESTABLISH SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAMS** (SCHIAVONI J) To establish the Breakfast After The Bell Program for public schools.

Current Status: 10/25/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Education

All Bill Status: 9/14/2017 - Introduced

Categories: Children and Family Issues, Education

Position: Undetermined

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-191>

HB363 **CAMPUS FREE SPEECH** (GOODMAN W, BRENNER A) To enact the "Campus Free Speech Act" with respect to the freedom of speech and assembly at state institutions of higher education and the charging and allocation of student activity fees.

Current Status: 10/25/2017 - House Higher Education and Workforce Development, (First Hearing)

All Bill Status: 10/10/2017 - Referred to Committee House Higher Education and Workforce Development
9/26/2017 - Introduced

Categories: Civil and Human Rights, Higher Education

Position: Undetermined

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-363>

SB197 **SCHOOL DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES** (WILLIAMS S, BROWN E) To require a tiered disciplinary procedure for harassment, intimidation, or bullying in school; to require annual student instruction about preventing such acts; and to create the offense of aggravated bullying as a third-degree misdemeanor.

Current Status: 10/11/2017 - Senate Education, (First Hearing)

All Bill Status: 9/27/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Education
9/19/2017 - Introduced

Categories: Children and Family Issues, Crime & Punishment, Education, Justice & the Courts

Position: Undetermined

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-197>

SB196 **AGGRAVATED BULLYING-OFFENSE CREATION** (WILLIAMS S, BROWN E) To create the offense of aggravated bullying, a third-degree misdemeanor.

Current Status: 10/3/2017 - Senate Judiciary, (First Hearing)

All Bill Status: 9/27/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary
9/19/2017 - Introduced

Categories: Children and Family Issues, Crime & Punishment, Education, Justice & the Courts

Position: Undetermined

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-196>

HB235 **EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT PROCEDURE** (GAVARONE T) Regarding procedures for approval or disapproval of the state education plan for the federal Every Student Succeeds Act.

Current Status: 9/27/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Education

All Bill Status: 9/20/2017 - **PASSED BY HOUSE**; Vote 85-9
9/20/2017 - Bills for Third Consideration
6/20/2017 - **REPORTED OUT**, House Education and Career Readiness, (Third Hearing)
6/13/2017 - House Education and Career Readiness, (Second Hearing)
6/6/2017 - Referred to Committee House Education and Career Readiness
6/6/2017 - House Education and Career Readiness, (First Hearing)
5/23/2017 - Introduced

Categories: Education

Position: Monitor

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-235>

SB39 **COMMUNITY SCHOOL OPERATION** (SCHIAVONI J) Regarding community school operator contracts, the operation of Internet- and computer-based community schools, and performance metrics for blended learning schools.

Current Status: 9/27/2017 - Senate Education, (Second Hearing)

All Bill Status: 3/1/2017 - Senate Education, (First Hearing)
2/15/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Education
2/8/2017 - Introduced
Categories: Education
Position: Monitor
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-39>

SB199 **OHIO BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS** (SCHIAVONI J, HITE C) To create the Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program and to make an appropriation.

Current Status: 9/26/2017 - Introduced
Categories: Budget and Appropriations, Science & Technology, State Government
Position: Undetermined
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-199>

SB104 **PROHIBIT SECLUSION USE-SCHOOLS** (TAVARES C) To prohibit the use of seclusion on students in public schools.

Current Status: 9/20/2017 - Senate Education, (First Hearing)
All Bill Status: 4/5/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Education
3/21/2017 - Introduced
Categories: Education
Position: Monitor
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-104>

SB79 **STATE DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW SCHEDULE** (JORDAN K) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review.

Current Status: 9/12/2017 - Referred to Committee House Government Accountability and Oversight
All Bill Status: 6/28/2017 - **PASSED BY SENATE**; Vote 24-9
6/28/2017 - Bills for Third Consideration
6/28/2017 - **REPORTED OUT AS AMENDED**, Senate Government Oversight and Reform, (Third Hearing)
3/29/2017 - Senate Government Oversight and Reform, (Second Hearing)
3/15/2017 - Senate Government Oversight and Reform, (First Hearing)
3/7/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Government Oversight and Reform
3/2/2017 - Introduced
Categories: General Assembly, State Government
Position: Undetermined
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-79>

- HB322** **SCHOOL EMERGENCY PLANS** (MILLER A, KENT B) To revise the law regarding emergency management plans and school safety drills; to require each educational service center to employ an emergency response planner; to make an appropriation; and to declare an emergency.
- Current Status:** 9/12/2017 - Referred to Committee House Finance
All Bill Status: 8/15/2017 - Introduced
Categories: Education, Public Safety
Position: Amend
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-322>
- SB175** **RECOVERED FUNDS-SCHOOL AUDIT** (SCHIAVONI J) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school.
- Current Status:** 9/7/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Government Oversight and Reform
All Bill Status: 8/7/2017 - Introduced
Categories: Education, State Government
Position: Undetermined
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-175>
- SB149** **ELECTION POLLING PLACES-SCHOOLS** (LAROSE F) Regarding the use of a school district building as a polling place for elections.
- Current Status:** 6/21/2017 - Senate Government Oversight and Reform, (First Hearing)
All Bill Status: 5/17/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Government Oversight and Reform
5/11/2017 - Introduced
Categories: Campaigns & Elections
Position: Undetermined
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-149>
- HB262** **INDEPENDENT BUDGET PROCESS** (BUTLER, JR. J, ROMANCHUK M) To provide for the preparation of a state biennial budget independent of that submitted by the Governor and to authorize the Legislative Service Commission, upon the request of the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President of the Senate, to arrange for an independent actuarial review of a proposed bill, specified analyses of economic policy initiatives and state benchmarking data, and a study of the state's long-range financial outlook.
- Current Status:** 6/20/2017 - Referred to Committee House Government Accountability and Oversight
All Bill Status: 6/8/2017 - Introduced
Categories: Budget and Appropriations, General Assembly
Position: Undetermined
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-262>

- HB242** **SCHOOL RETIREMENT-COST OF LIVING** (CARFAGNA R) Regarding School Employees Retirement System annual cost-of-living adjustments.
- Current Status:** 6/20/2017 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED**, House Aging and Long Term Care, (Third Hearing)
- All Bill Status:** 6/14/2017 - House Aging and Long Term Care, (Second Hearing)
6/7/2017 - House Aging and Long Term Care, (Second Hearing)
6/6/2017 - Referred to Committee House Aging and Long Term Care
5/24/2017 - Introduced
- Categories:** Education, Pension & Retirement System
- Position:** Undetermined
- Priority:** Tier 3 - Low
- State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-242>
- SB151** **SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ADJUSTMENTS** (HITE C) To permit, rather than require, the School Employees Retirement System to grant annual cost-of-living adjustments to retirement, disability, and survivor benefit recipients and to reduce the maximum amount of the adjustment.
- Current Status:** 6/20/2017 - Senate Insurance and Financial Institutions, (Second Hearing)
- All Bill Status:** 6/13/2017 - Senate Insurance and Financial Institutions, (First Hearing)
5/24/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Insurance and Financial Institutions
5/17/2017 - Introduced
- Categories:** Education, Pension & Retirement System, Public Employees
- Position:** Undetermined
- Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium
- State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-151>
- HB220** **NONPUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDS** (LELAND D) With regard to the use of funds by community schools and nonpublic schools.
- Current Status:** 6/20/2017 - House Education and Career Readiness, (First Hearing)
- All Bill Status:** 5/23/2017 - Referred to Committee House Education and Career Readiness
5/16/2017 - Introduced
- Categories:** Education
- Position:** Undetermined
- Priority:** Tier 3 - Low
- State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-220>
- HB181** **ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT STANDARDS** (HOOD R, BRINKMAN T) With regard to the state academic content standards and primary and secondary education assessments.
- Current Status:** 6/20/2017 - **BILL AMENDED**, House Education and Career Readiness, (Third Hearing)
- All Bill Status:** 6/13/2017 - House Education and Career Readiness, (Second Hearing)
5/23/2017 - House Education and Career Readiness, (First Hearing)

5/1/2017 - Referred to Committee House Education and Career Readiness
4/10/2017 - Introduced
Categories: Education
Position: Oppose
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-181>

SB54

SUMMER FOOD PROGRAMS (BROWN E, LEHNER P) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions.

Current Status: 6/6/2017 - Senate Government Oversight and Reform, (Fifth Hearing)
All Bill Status: 3/29/2017 - Senate Government Oversight and Reform, (Fourth Hearing)
3/22/2017 - Senate Government Oversight and Reform, (Third Hearing)
3/8/2017 - Senate Government Oversight and Reform, (Second Hearing)
2/22/2017 - Senate Government Oversight and Reform, (First Hearing)
2/15/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Government Oversight and Reform
2/14/2017 - Introduced
Categories: Children and Family Issues, Education
Position: Undetermined
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-54>

SB154

OPIOID ADDICTION RESPONSE (SCHIAVONI J, YUKO K) To provide for the prevention and treatment of opioid addiction, to make an appropriation, and to declare an emergency.

Current Status: 5/24/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Finance
All Bill Status: 5/17/2017 - Introduced
Categories: Addiction & Narcotics, Budget and Appropriations, Health Care, Mental Health & Disabilities
Position: Undetermined
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-154>

HB37

SCHOOL SAFETY-STRUCTURES (ARNDT S) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security.

Current Status: 5/23/2017 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED**, House Education and Career Readiness, (Second Hearing)
All Bill Status: 2/14/2017 - House Education and Career Readiness, (First Hearing)
2/8/2017 - Referred to Committee House Education and Career Readiness
2/7/2017 - Introduced
Categories: Education

Position: Undetermined
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-37>

SB36

AGRICULTURAL COMPUTATION (HITE C) To require that the computation of the capitalization rate for the purposes of determining CAUV of agricultural land be computed using a method that excludes appreciation and equity buildup and to stipulate that CAUV land used for a conservation practice or enrolled in a federal land retirement or conservation program for at least three years must be valued at the lowest of the values assigned on the basis of soil type.

Current Status: 5/16/2017 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means
All Bill Status: 5/10/2017 - **PASSED BY SENATE;** Vote 33-0
5/10/2017 - Bills for Third Consideration
5/10/2017 - **REPORTED OUT AS AMENDED,** Senate Ways and Means, (Sixth Hearing)
5/3/2017 - **BILL AMENDED,** Senate Ways and Means, (Fifth Hearing)
3/8/2017 - Senate Ways and Means, (Fourth Hearing)
3/1/2017 - Senate Ways and Means, (Third Hearing)
2/22/2017 - Senate Ways and Means, (Second Hearing)
2/15/2017 - Senate Ways and Means, (First Hearing)
2/7/2017 - Introduced

Categories: Agriculture
Position: Undetermined
Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-36>

HB134

SCHOOL COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (HAMBLEY S, KICK D) To allow community improvements board grants to a school district to be spent for permanent improvements outside the county so long as the improvements are within the school district.

Current Status: 5/16/2017 - **REPORTED OUT AS AMENDED,** House State and Local Government, (Third Hearing)
All Bill Status: 5/9/2017 - House State and Local Government, (Second Hearing)
4/25/2017 - House State and Local Government, (First Hearing)
3/29/2017 - Referred to Committee House State and Local Government
3/21/2017 - Introduced

Categories: Education, Local Government
Position: Undetermined
Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-134>

HB47

STUDENTS IN MILITARY (BOCCIERI J) To enact the "Students to Soldiers Support Act (S3A)" regarding the participation of students who are serving in the uniformed services in extracurricular activities at public and nonpublic schools and public and private colleges.

Current Status: 5/9/2017 - House Education and Career Readiness, (Second Hearing)
All Bill Status: 3/7/2017 - House Education and Career Readiness, (First Hearing)

2/14/2017 - Referred to Committee House Education and Career Readiness
2/8/2017 - Introduced
Categories: Education, Military Affairs
Position: Undetermined
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-47>

SB85 **OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION** (HUFFMAN M) To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program.

Current Status: 4/25/2017 - Senate Education, (Second Hearing)
All Bill Status: 4/5/2017 - Senate Education, (Second Hearing)
3/22/2017 - Senate Education, (First Hearing)
3/7/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Education
3/2/2017 - Introduced
Categories: Education, Higher Education, State Government
Position: Oppose
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-85>

HB80 **SCHOOL FOOD-SUMMER INTERVENTION** (LATOURETTE S, SMITH K) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions.

Current Status: 4/5/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Government Oversight and Reform
All Bill Status: 3/15/2017 - **PASSED BY HOUSE**; Vote 90-4
3/15/2017 - Bills for Third Consideration
3/14/2017 - **REPORTED OUT AS AMENDED**, House Education and Career Readiness, (Second Hearing)
3/7/2017 - House Education and Career Readiness, (First Hearing)
2/28/2017 - Referred to Committee House Education and Career Readiness
2/22/2017 - Introduced
Categories: Education, Health Care
Position: Undetermined
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-80>

HB129 **SCHOOL EXTERNSHIPS-GOVERNOR** (SMITH K, KELLY B) To require the Governor to complete a forty-hour externship consisting of on-site work experience in city, local, and exempted village school districts in the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years.

Current Status: 3/28/2017 - House State and Local Government, (First Hearing)
All Bill Status: 3/21/2017 - Referred to Committee House State and Local Government
3/14/2017 - Introduced
Categories: Administration - Governor, Education
Position: Undetermined
Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-129>

HJR3 SCHOOL DISTRICT OBLIGATIONS REFUND (BRENNER A) To conditionally authorize the issuance of state obligations to refund pending school district obligations, to conditionally waive, beginning in 2020, the requirement that schools levy property taxes to pay debt charges on their obligations, and to conditionally authorize a treasury fund that is restricted exclusively to educational purposes.

Current Status: 3/7/2017 - Referred to Committee House Finance

All Bill Status: 3/1/2017 - Introduced

Categories: Education, Taxation

Position: Undetermined

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HJR-3>

HB53 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES-MEMBER DUES (BECKER J) To remove any requirement under the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Law that public employees join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit public employers from requiring public employees to join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit an employee organization from being required to represent public employees who are not members of the employee organization, and to make an appropriation.

Current Status: 2/14/2017 - Referred to Committee House Finance

All Bill Status: 2/13/2017 - Introduced

Categories: Budget and Appropriations, Labor, Public Employees, State Government

Position: Undetermined

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-53>

SB17 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND ALLOCATION (TAVARES C) To increase monthly allocations to the Local Government Fund from 1.66% to 3.68% of the total tax revenue credited to the General Revenue Fund each month.

Current Status: 2/1/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Finance

All Bill Status: 1/31/2017 - Introduced

Categories: Local Government, State Government, Taxation

Position: Undetermined

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-17>

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BALLOT ISSUES

In a rare meeting by conference call, the Ohio Republican Party's State Central Committee endorsed Issue 1, the congressional redistricting reform issue that will appear on the May primary ballot. Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina) and House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville) told committee members that the issue is much better than what they could have faced in a ballot issue pushed by activists and said they wanted to get ahead of efforts that are spreading around the country in the form of ballot issues and court cases.

EDUCATION

A recent national study that ranked Ohio highly for the share of school funding directed toward high-poverty districts is flawed because it does not reflect Ohio's use of districts as pass-throughs for charter school funding, according to the Ohio Education Policy Institute (OEPI). OEPI's Howard Fleeter was commissioned to analyze the "Funding Gaps 2018" study from Education Trust by the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA), Ohio Association of School Business Officials (OASBO) and Buckeye Association of School Administrators (BASA).

Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina) said Monday he's resistant to the State Board of Education's call to extend graduation flexibility to the classes of 2019 and 2020, saying special rules created for the class of 2018 were supposed to be a temporary solution.

Lawmakers will make changes to graduation requirements before breaking for summer but are unlikely to simply adopt the State Board of Education's recent recommendations, House Education Committee Chairman Rep. Andrew Brenner (R-Powell) said Tuesday. "One way or the other the question will be answered," Brenner said.

Charles Froehlich of Avon Lake will move from his local school board to the State Board of Education after an appointment from Gov. John Kasich. Froehlich replaces Kathleen McGervey, who resigned her Second District seat earlier this year.

Ahead of an inaugural meeting Wednesday, U.S. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos released details of a federal school safety commission the president named her to lead, saying other cabinet-level officials with jurisdiction on school safety matters would comprise the panel's membership. DeVos will be joined on the commission by U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions, U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar; and U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Kristjen Nielsen.

Ohio education leaders are drawing attention to new options for earning a high school equivalency credential, with two additional tests joining the GED this school year in getting state recognition. According to the Ohio Department of Education (ODE), nearly 11 percent of Ohioans over the age of 18 do not have a high school diploma or equivalent. Just before the start of the 2017-2018 school year, ODE approved HiSET and TASC as two additional equivalence exams students can pursue beyond the GED, which remains an option.

The Ohio Manufacturers' Association (OMA) said Thursday its board discussed and has decided to endorse a legislative proposal backed by Gov. John Kasich and many House Republicans to merge the Ohio Department of Education, the Ohio Department of Higher Education and the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation.

ELECTIONS 2018

Former Ohio Attorney General Richard Cordray and former U.S. Rep. Dennis Kucinich are tied for the Democratic nomination for governor in a new poll conducted by SurveyUSA on behalf of WOIO in Cleveland. Both would lose in head-to-head matchups with Attorney General Mike DeWine.

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Richard Cordray announced his plans as governor to combat the opioid epidemic, including declaring a statewide public health emergency. He said his administration would bring together public sector, private sector and nonprofit leaders at all levels to find proven solutions.

Republican state treasurer candidate Robert Sprague has released his first television ad, his campaign said Monday.

U.S. Rep. Steve Chabot (R-Cincinnati) Wednesday put to rest any rumors that he may retire before November, saying in his weekly blog that there is "not a chance" he would leave, and said he never hinted that he was considering it. Chabot responded after the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee had put Chabot on a retirement watch list, suggesting he may leave rather than face a tough reelection battle.

Secretary of State and lieutenant governor candidate Jon Husted said Wednesday that the next administration under Mike DeWine and himself would use the successes of the Third Frontier to create the next generation of programs to support entrepreneurs in the state. Husted spoke on a panel discussion in Columbus at Rev1, a stop that was also expected to include DeWine, who is seeking the Republican nomination for governor, but DeWine had to bow out due to a conflict.

The Ohio Supreme Court Thursday denied a writ of mandamus to put Jonathan Heavey and his running mate Adam Hudak on the Democratic primary ballot, saying the candidates have not shown by clear and convincing evidence that they have a legal right to have their names put on the May 8 ballot. Heavey, a physician at the Cleveland Clinic, had made waves in the gubernatorial race when he announced he was running and put \$1.5 million of his own money into his campaign. But despite filing more than 2,000 signatures, Secretary of State Jon Husted's office ruled Heavey did not meet the minimum threshold of 1,000 valid signatures.

Saying they want to put the focus back on Ohio's economic picture and elevate the gubernatorial debate, officials at Ohio State's John Glenn College of Public Affairs Thursday released three policy papers intended to inform the gubernatorial campaigns of the economic issues Ohio currently face. The briefs were written by Bill Shkurti, a former budget director under Gov. Richard Celeste and a former chief financial officer at Ohio State, and Fran Stewart, a senior research fellow at Ohio State's Ohio Manufacturing Institute and an expert in workforce development.

The University of Akron announced this week its Bliss Institute of Applied Politics will sponsor separate one-on-one interviews with the six major Democratic and Republican candidates for governor of Ohio. Tom Beres, retired senior political correspondent for Cleveland's WKYC, will conduct the livestreamed interviews starting next week.

EMPLOYMENT/UNEMPLOYMENT

Ohio's unemployment rate fell to 4.5 percent in February, down from 4.7 percent in January. Unemployed workers numbered 262,000 last month, 9,000 less than in January. Non-agricultural wage and salary employment increased 13,400, from a revised 5,553,000 in January to 5,556,400 in February. The U.S. unemployment rate for February was 4.1 percent, unchanged from January and down from 4.7 percent in February 2017.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY/STATEHOUSE

Hannah News interview series with new legislators featured Rep. Jim Hoops (R-Napoleon), who's not new per se, having served more than a decade ago.

House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville) is looking into allegations of sexual conduct lodged by a woman running in the primary against Rep. Rick Perales (R-Beavercreek), a House Republican spokesperson said. Rosenberger spokesperson Brad Miller said the speaker first learned of the situation recently, when the *Dayton Daily News* published a story in which Jocelyn Smith, who's running in the 73rd District GOP primary, said Perales kissed and choked her. Perales told local media he did exchange flirtatious and inappropriate text messages with Smith, but denied her other allegations.

GUNS

With firearm sales in decline following the election of President Donald Trump and an ongoing debate over gun violence and legislation, personal finance site WalletHub studied how much state economies benefit from the gun industry in a recent report. Ohio placed 27th nationally in the report, which used 16 metrics and also offered three subrankings. Ohio placed 31st in "Firearms Industry," 25th in "Gun Prevalence" and 27th in "Gun Politics."

After a weekend where thousands participated in marches against gun violence in cities across the country, Sen. Cecil Thomas (D-Cincinnati) appeared alongside Cincinnati March For Our Lives organizers Monday to request support for new legislation crafted by Senate Democrats.

A statewide survey recently released by Baldwin Wallace University's Community Research Institute (CRI) finds broad support for new measures to regulate the sale of firearms. The survey was conducted as a faculty-mentored project in a research methods course under the direction of Lauren Copeland, associate director of CRI and an assistant professor of political science. Copeland said students added the series of questions about gun laws to their survey on the 2018 and 2020 election after the school shooting in Parkland, FL and the subsequent gun debate.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

A recent study from the American Lung Association's (ALA) Lung Force advocacy group indicates that Ohio is behind the curve when it comes to lung cancer prevention and treatment, and that the state's total number of lung cancer diagnoses is the 11th highest in the nation. According to the "State of Lung Cancer" report, lung cancer is one of the deadliest common cancers, with an average five-year survival rate of only 18.1 percent. The U.S. Center for Disease Control states that lung cancer is the third most common cancer diagnosis, behind only breast cancer and prostate cancer.

Ohio has room to improve in conditions for doctors, a report by personal finance site WalletHub found, as it has low rankings both nationally and compared to neighboring states. The Buckeye State was 40th in the overall rankings, and fell behind all surrounding states, which included West Virginia, 21st; Indiana, 25th; Pennsylvania, 32nd; Kentucky, 33rd; and Michigan, 35th.

HIGHER EDUCATION

Cincinnati State Technical and Community College, Lorain County Community College and Sinclair Community College got the greenlight from the state to offer bachelor's degree programs for the first time. The biennial budget, HB49 (R. Smith), authorized expansion of the institutions' missions into bachelor's programs in cases where a compelling workforce need was not being met by other programs in a region.

Marion Technical College (MTC) recently announced a new scholarship program that will cover the cost of tuition for recipients during their second year of degree completion.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Auditor Dave Yost released a report, "Path out of the Red: How to Escape and Avoid Fiscal Emergency," that detailed conditions that most commonly lead to fiscal emergencies and offered advice to local governments on how to stay solvent, highlighting real solutions employed by localities to remove themselves from the designation.

MEDICAID/MEDICAID REFORM

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine joined a bipartisan coalition of 48 other state attorneys general to voice support for congressional legislation that would ease federal restrictions on states' ability to investigate and prosecute abuse and neglect of Medicaid beneficiaries. Introduced by U.S. Reps. Tim Walberg (R-Mich.) and Peter Welch (D-Vt.), HR3891 would expand the authority of state Medicaid Fraud Control Units (MCFUs) -- most of which are housed within state attorney general offices -- to detect, investigate and prosecute Medicaid patient abuse in non-institutional settings.

STATE GOVERNMENT

A request from the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) was delayed Monday after lawmakers on the state Controlling Board complained about not having the materials to properly make a decision about the item. OFCC was requesting an increase in appropriation authority for \$2.2 million for state construction management operations, but Sen. Bill Coley (R-West Chester) held the item and raised concerns about the scoring process the agency used to select the vendors and whether it falls in line with how the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) scored some of the same vendors.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) made an official launch of its \$2 million safety awareness campaign Tuesday after last year's announcement of an encompassing, \$44 million safety effort -- itself a part of the bureau's latest "Billion Back" to employers.

WORKFORCE

The number of women enrolling in Joint Apprenticeship Training programs nearly doubled last year, from 262 in 2016 to 460 in 2017, according to Affiliated Construction Trades (ACT) Ohio.

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