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This September 25, 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 current status 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.

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BILL MONITORING

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

HB58 **CURSIVE HANDWRITING INSTRUCTION** (BRENNER A, SLABY M) To require the State Board of Education to develop and adopt a model curriculum in cursive handwriting instruction, which may be used by public schools.

Current Status: 9/25/2018 - Referred to Committee Senate Education

Recent Status: 6/20/2018 - **PASSED BY HOUSE**; Vote 89-4
6/20/2018 - Bills for Third Consideration

Position: Monitor

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-58>

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

Current Status: 8/3/2018 - **VETOED BY GOVERNOR**
Recent Status: 7/24/2018 - Sent to Governor for Signature
6/27/2018 - **PASSED BY HOUSE**; Vote 73-20
Position: Undetermined
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-221>

HB713 **REQUIRE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS** (LEPORE-HAGAN M) With regard to mental health services in public and nonpublic schools, to require school districts to employ school psychologists and intervention specialists, to provide an additional state payment to school districts for school psychologist and intervention specialist services, and to make an appropriation.

Current Status: 7/2/2018 - Introduced
Recent Status:
Position: Monitor
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-713>

SB314 **MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS** (SCHIAVONI J) With regard to mental health services in public and nonpublic schools, to require school districts to employ school psychologists and intervention specialists, to provide an additional state payment to school districts for school psychologist and intervention specialist services, and to make an appropriation.

Current Status: 6/27/2018 - Introduced
Recent Status:
Position: Monitor
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-314>

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: 6/27/2018 - **PASSED BY HOUSE**; Vote 93-0
Recent Status: 6/27/2018 - Bills for Third Consideration
5/31/2018 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED & REPORTED OUT**, House Aging and Long Term Care, (Third Hearing)
Position: Undetermined
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-572>

HB355 **SEXTING UNDER 19** (HILL B, REZABEK J) To generally prohibit sexting by a person under 19 years of age.

Current Status: 6/27/2018 - **PASSED BY HOUSE**; Vote 94-0
Recent Status: 6/27/2018 - Bills for Third Consideration
5/22/2018 - **REPORTED OUT**, House Criminal Justice, (Fourth Hearing)
Position: Undetermined
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-355>

- 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:** 6/27/2018 - **PASSED BY HOUSE**; Vote 92-1
Recent Status: 6/27/2018 - Bills for Third Consideration
5/22/2018 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED & REPORTED OUT**, House Education and Career Readiness, (Third Hearing)
- Position:** Monitor
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-502>
- SB34** **SCHOOL YEARS** (MANNING G) To generally require public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day.
- Current Status:** 6/27/2018 - Senate Education, (Seventh Hearing)
Recent Status: 3/7/2018 - Senate Education, (Sixth Hearing)
2/28/2018 - Senate Education, (Fifth Hearing)
- Position:** Undetermined
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-34>
- HB540** **TEACHER EVALUATIONS** (GAVARONE T, MANNING N) With regard to teacher evaluations.
- Current Status:** 6/27/2018 - **PASSED BY HOUSE**; Vote 91-2
Recent Status: 6/27/2018 - Bills for Third Consideration
5/22/2018 - **REPORTED OUT**, House Education and Career Readiness, (Fourth Hearing)
- Position:** Undetermined
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-540>
- HB580** **EXECUTIVE AGENCY GRANTWRITING** (THOMPSON A) To establish procedures that executive agencies must follow when applying for grants, to require the Governor to approve any major grant application, and to permit the Governor to disapprove any minor grant application.
- Current Status:** 6/26/2018 - House Federalism and Interstate Relations, (Third Hearing)
Recent Status: 5/22/2018 - House Federalism and Interstate Relations, (Second Hearing)
5/15/2018 - House Federalism and Interstate Relations, (First Hearing)
- Position:** Monitor
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-580>
- HB508** **OHIOCORPS PILOT PROJECT** (RYAN S) To establish the OhioCorps Pilot Project and to make an appropriation.
- Current Status:** 6/26/2018 - Senate Finance, (First Hearing)
Recent Status: 5/10/2018 - Referred to Committee Senate Finance
4/11/2018 - **PASSED BY HOUSE**; Vote 90-4

Position: Monitor
Priority: Tier 1 - High
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-508>

HB612 **CHILD ABUSE REGISTRY** (PERALES R) To establish and maintain a publicly accessible child abuse registry containing information on offenders who commit certain offenses against minors under 14 years of age and to name the act Jacob's Law.

Current Status: 6/20/2018 - House Government Accountability and Oversight, (First Hearing)
Recent Status: 5/15/2018 - Referred to Committee House Government Accountability and Oversight
4/19/2018 - Introduced
Position: Monitor
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-612>

HB635 **SCHOOL LICENSE PLATE PROGRAM** (RAMOS D) To create a school license plate program.

Current Status: 6/20/2018 - House Transportation and Public Safety, (First Hearing)
Recent Status: 5/15/2018 - Referred to Committee House Transportation and Public Safety
5/3/2018 - Introduced
Position: Monitor
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-635>

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: 6/20/2018 - **PASSED BY HOUSE**; Vote 91-2
Recent Status: 6/20/2018 - Bills for Third Consideration
1/17/2018 - **REPORTED OUT**, House Community and Family Advancement, (Fourth Hearing)
Position: Undetermined
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-383>

HB708 **PUBLIC PENSION DOUBLE DIPPING** (BECKER J) To enact the "Double Dippers Inappropriately Privileged (DDIP)" to provide that an individual retiring on or after the effective date of this act from one of the state's public retirement systems who is re-employed as a public employee will not receive the pension portion of the retirement allowance for the period of employment.

Current Status: 6/20/2018 - Introduced
Recent Status:
Position: Monitor
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-708>

- HB707** **ONLINE CHARTER SCHOOL ENROLLMENT** (REINEKE W, FABER K) With regard to the operation of internet- and computer-based community schools and to require the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review to review the Department of Education's manual on full-time equivalency student enrollment reporting.
- Current Status:** 6/19/2018 - House Education and Career Readiness, (First Hearing)
- Recent Status:** 6/19/2018 - Introduced
- Position:** Neutral
- Priority:** Tier 3 - Low
- State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-707>
- HB628** **RESIDENT EDUCATOR LICENSES** (STEIN D, RETHERFORD W) With regard to qualifications for obtaining a resident educator license.
- Current Status:** 6/19/2018 - House Education and Career Readiness, (Second Hearing)
- Recent Status:** 5/22/2018 - House Education and Career Readiness, (First Hearing)
5/15/2018 - Referred to Committee House Education and Career Readiness
- Position:** Monitor
- Priority:** Tier 3 - Low
- State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-628>
- 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:** 6/19/2018 - House Education and Career Readiness, (First Hearing)
- Recent Status:** 2/14/2018 - Referred to Committee House Education and Career Readiness
1/30/2018 - Introduced
- Position:** Undetermined
- Priority:** Tier 3 - Low
- State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-487>
- 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:** 6/19/2018 - House Education and Career Readiness, (First Hearing)
- Recent Status:** 6/5/2018 - Referred to Committee House Education and Career Readiness
5/16/2018 - **PASSED BY SENATE**; Vote 32-0
- Position:** Monitor
- Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium
- State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-246>

- HB544 STATE BOARD-ADOPT SCHOOL SAFETY STANDARDS** (ROGERS J, PERALES R) To require the State Board of Education to adopt rules prescribing standards for safety enhancements to new public and nonpublic school facilities and to require the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission to revise its construction and design standards to comply with the State Board's standards.
- Current Status:** 6/19/2018 - House Education and Career Readiness, (Second Hearing)
- Recent Status:** 5/15/2018 - House Education and Career Readiness, (First Hearing)
3/13/2018 - Referred to Committee House Education and Career Readiness
- Position:** Monitor
- Priority:** Tier 3 - Low
- State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-544>
- 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:** 6/19/2018 - Senate Finance, (First Hearing)
- Recent Status:** 2/1/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Finance
1/31/2017 - Introduced
- Position:** Undetermined
- Priority:** Tier 3 - Low
- State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-17>
- HB705 LOSS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDS** (HAMBLEY S) Regarding the circumstances in which school district and educational service center treasurers may be held liable for a loss of public funds.
- Current Status:** 6/13/2018 - Introduced
- Recent Status:**
- Position:** Monitor
- Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium
- State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-705>
- 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:** 6/7/2018 - **PASSED BY HOUSE**; Vote 86-2
- Recent Status:** 6/7/2018 - Bills for Third Consideration
5/16/2018 - Bills for Third Consideration
- Position:** Support
- Priority:** Tier 1 - High
- State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-491>
- 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:** 6/6/2018 - Senate Education, (First Hearing)
- Recent Status:** 4/11/2018 - Referred to Committee Senate Education
3/21/2018 - Introduced
- Position:** Monitor

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

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

SB294 **PILOT PROJECT SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNTS** (EKLUND J, LEHNER P) To increase the maximum amount that may be awarded to students under the Pilot Project (Cleveland) Scholarship Program.

Current Status: 6/6/2018 - Senate Education, (First Hearing)

Recent Status: 5/10/2018 - Referred to Committee Senate Education
4/30/2018 - Introduced

Position: Monitor

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-294>

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: 6/6/2018 - Senate Education, (First Hearing)

Recent Status: 4/11/2018 - Referred to Committee Senate Education
3/29/2018 - Introduced

Position: Monitor

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-287>

HB652 **LOVING STATE INDEX** (HOWSE S) To create the Loving State Index and the Loving State Index Commission to evaluate and rank municipal corporations in Ohio regarding critical supports that are vital to student academic success in order to identify gaps in opportunity for low-income individuals and minority individuals.

Current Status: 6/5/2018 - Referred to Committee House Education and Career Readiness

Recent Status: 5/15/2018 - Introduced

Position: Undetermined

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-652>

HB646 **ENHANCE PENALTY-STOP FOR SCHOOL BUSES** (BROWN R, SCHERER G) To enhance the penalty for failing to stop for a school bus that is picking up or dropping off school children when the offender has a prior violation within a five-year period.

Current Status: 6/5/2018 - Referred to Committee House Criminal Justice

Recent Status: 5/14/2018 - Introduced

Position: Monitor

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-646>

HB702 **ESC SOCIAL WORKERS** (MANNING N) To make an appropriation for grants to support the employment of social workers at educational service centers.

Current Status: 6/5/2018 - Introduced

Recent Status:

Position: Support
Priority: Tier 1 - High
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-702>

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: 6/5/2018 - Senate Finance, (First Hearing)
Recent Status: 5/24/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Finance
5/17/2017 - Introduced
Position: Undetermined
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-154>

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: 5/23/2018 - Senate Education, (Third Hearing)
Recent Status: 3/14/2018 - Senate Education, (Second Hearing)
2/28/2018 - Senate Education, (First Hearing)
Position: Undetermined
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-241>

SB289 THREATS OF SCHOOL VIOLENCE (KUNZE S) With respect to the expulsion of a student from a school district, community school, or STEM school for communicating a threat of violence to occur on school grounds.

Current Status: 5/23/2018 - Senate Education, (First Hearing)
Recent Status: 4/11/2018 - Referred to Committee Senate Education
4/9/2018 - Introduced
Position: Monitor
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-289>

HB591 STATE REPORT CARD REVISIONS (DUFFEY M) To revise the state report card rating system for school districts and public schools.

Current Status: 5/23/2018 - House Education and Career Readiness, (Third Hearing)
Recent Status: 5/22/2018 - House Education and Career Readiness, (Second Hearing)
5/15/2018 - Referred to Committee House Education and Career Readiness
Position: Monitor
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-591>

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: 5/22/2018 - House Education and Career Readiness, (Second Hearing)
Recent Status: 4/10/2018 - House Education and Career Readiness, (First Hearing)
3/20/2018 - Referred to Committee House Education and Career Readiness
Position: Undetermined
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-549>

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: 5/22/2018 - House Education and Career Readiness, (Ninth Hearing)
Recent Status: 11/28/2017 - **BILL AMENDED**, House Education and Career Readiness, (Eighth Hearing)
11/14/2017 - House Education and Career Readiness, (Seventh Hearing)
Position: Undetermined
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-200>

HB338

BUS DRIVER EXAM-CRIB LINERS (GINTER T) Regarding medical examinations for school bus drivers; to eliminate the ban on the reckless manufacture or selling of mesh crib liners in the absence of safety standards promulgated by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission after Oct. 9, 2016.

Current Status: 5/16/2018 - **REPORTED OUT AS AMENDED**, Senate Government Oversight and Reform, (Fourth Hearing)
Recent Status: 4/18/2018 - Senate Government Oversight and Reform, (Third Hearing)
3/21/2018 - Senate Government Oversight and Reform, (Second Hearing)
Position: Undetermined
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-338>

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: 5/16/2018 - Senate Education, (First Hearing)
Recent Status: 5/10/2018 - Referred to Committee Senate Education
4/11/2018 - **PASSED BY HOUSE**; Vote 69-27
Position: Undetermined
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-360>

HB630

ALTERNATIVE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS EXTENSION (GALONSKI T) To extend the alternative graduation requirements for two additional years.

Current Status: 5/15/2018 - Referred to Committee House Education and Career Readiness

Recent Status: 5/3/2018 - Introduced
Position: Monitor
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-630>

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: 5/15/2018 - Referred to Committee House Education and Career Readiness
Recent Status: 4/11/2018 - **PASSED BY SENATE**; Vote 33-0
4/11/2018 - Bills for Third Consideration
Position: Undetermined
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-82>

HB609 **EXPULSION-THREAT OF VIOLENCE** (HUGHES J) With respect to the expulsion of a student from a school district, community school, or STEM school for communicating a threat of violence to occur on school grounds.

Current Status: 5/15/2018 - Referred to Committee House Education and Career Readiness
Recent Status: 4/19/2018 - Introduced
Position: Monitor
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-609>

HB611 **ONLINE SCHOOL PAYMENT** (FABER K, ROEGNER K) To condition payment from the Department of Education to an Internet or computer-based community school on the school's use of automatically verifiable software that tracks attendance, class size, and participation.

Current Status: 5/15/2018 - Referred to Committee House Education and Career Readiness
Recent Status: 4/19/2018 - Introduced
Position: Monitor
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-611>

HB378 **OHIO BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT** (SMITH R, CERA J) To create the Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program, to encourage the Department of Transportation to work with telecommunications providers to lay fiber optic cable, and to make an appropriation.

Current Status: 5/10/2018 - Referred to Committee Senate Finance
Recent Status: 4/11/2018 - **PASSED BY HOUSE**; Vote 85-11
4/11/2018 - Bills for Third Consideration
Position: Undetermined
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-378>

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: 4/11/2018 - House Higher Education and Workforce Development, (Fourth Hearing)

Recent Status: 3/7/2018 - **BILL AMENDED**, House Higher Education and Workforce Development, (Third Hearing)
9/20/2017 - House Higher Education and Workforce Development, (Second Hearing)

Position: Monitor

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

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

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: 4/10/2018 - House Criminal Justice, (First Hearing)

Recent Status: 3/20/2018 - Referred to Committee House Criminal Justice
3/13/2018 - Introduced

Position: Undetermined

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-553>

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: 4/10/2018 - House Government Accountability and Oversight, (First Hearing)

Recent Status: 9/12/2017 - Referred to Committee House Government Accountability and Oversight
6/28/2017 - **PASSED BY SENATE**; Vote 24-9

Position: Undetermined

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-79>

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)

Recent Status: 3/14/2018 - House Government Accountability and Oversight, (Fourth Hearing)
3/7/2018 - House Government Accountability and Oversight, (Third Hearing)

Position: Monitor
Priority: Tier 1 - High
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-512>

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

Current Status: 3/21/2018 - Referred to Committee Senate Education
Recent Status: 12/12/2017 - Introduced
Position: Undetermined
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-240>

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)
Recent Status: 1/30/2018 - House Education and Career Readiness, (Third Hearing)
12/12/2017 - House Education and Career Readiness, (Second Hearing)
Position: Undetermined
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-377>

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)
Recent Status: 2/13/2018 - House Education and Career Readiness, (Second Hearing)
1/23/2018 - House Education and Career Readiness, (First Hearing)
Position: Undetermined
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-442>

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)
Recent 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)
Position: Undetermined

Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-166>

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

Recent Status: 2/26/2018 - Introduced

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)

Recent Status: 1/24/2018 - House Higher Education and Workforce Development, (First Hearing)
1/16/2018 - Referred to Committee House Higher Education and Workforce Development

Position: Undetermined

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

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

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)

Recent Status: 10/10/2017 - Referred to Committee House Finance
10/2/2017 - Introduced

Position: Undetermined

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-369>

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)

Recent Status: 1/23/2018 - House Education and Career Readiness, (Second Hearing)
1/16/2018 - House Education and Career Readiness, (First Hearing)

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)
Recent Status: 10/24/2017 - House Education and Career Readiness, (First Hearing)
5/23/2017 - Referred to Committee House Education and Career Readiness
Position: Undetermined
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-224>
- 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)
Recent Status: 12/12/2017 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED**, House Education and Career Readiness, (Second Hearing)
9/12/2017 - House Education and Career Readiness, (First Hearing)
Position: Amend
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-246>
- 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)
Recent Status: 11/28/2017 - Referred to Committee House Education and Career Readiness
11/21/2017 - Introduced
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
Recent Status: 12/12/2017 - Introduced
Position: Monitor
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-443>
- 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)
Recent Status: 6/20/2017 - House Finance, (First Hearing)
3/7/2017 - Referred to Committee House Finance
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)
Recent Status: 10/24/2017 - House Education and Career Readiness, (Third Hearing)
5/31/2017 - House Education and Career Readiness, (Second Hearing)
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)
Recent Status: 11/28/2017 - Referred to Committee House Criminal Justice
11/21/2017 - Introduced
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)
Recent 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

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

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
Recent Status: 9/14/2017 - Introduced
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)
Recent Status: 10/10/2017 - Referred to Committee House Higher Education and Workforce Development
9/26/2017 - Introduced
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)
Recent Status: 9/27/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Education
9/19/2017 - Introduced
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)
Recent Status: 9/27/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary
9/19/2017 - Introduced
Position: Undetermined
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-196>

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)

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

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
Recent Status: 9/20/2017 - **PASSED BY HOUSE**; Vote 85-9
9/20/2017 - Bills for Third Consideration
Position: Monitor
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-235>

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

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
Recent Status: 8/15/2017 - Introduced
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
Recent Status: 8/7/2017 - Introduced

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)
Recent Status: 5/17/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Government Oversight and Reform
5/11/2017 - Introduced
Position: Undetermined
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-149>

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)
Recent Status: 6/13/2017 - House Education and Career Readiness, (Second Hearing)
5/23/2017 - House Education and Career Readiness, (First Hearing)
Position: Oppose
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-181>

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)
Recent Status: 6/14/2017 - House Aging and Long Term Care, (Second Hearing)
6/7/2017 - House Aging and Long Term Care, (Second Hearing)
Position: Undetermined
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-242>

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
Recent Status: 6/8/2017 - Introduced
Position: Undetermined
Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-262>

- 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)
- Recent Status:** 6/13/2017 - Senate Insurance and Financial Institutions, (First Hearing)
5/24/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Insurance and Financial Institutions
- 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)
- Recent Status:** 5/23/2017 - Referred to Committee House Education and Career Readiness
5/16/2017 - Introduced
- Position:** Undetermined
- Priority:** Tier 3 - Low
- State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-220>
- 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)
- Recent Status:** 3/29/2017 - Senate Government Oversight and Reform, (Fourth Hearing)
3/22/2017 - Senate Government Oversight and Reform, (Third Hearing)
- Position:** Undetermined
- Priority:** Tier 3 - Low
- State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-54>
- 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)
- Recent Status:** 2/14/2017 - House Education and Career Readiness, (First Hearing)
2/8/2017 - Referred to Committee House Education and Career Readiness
- Position:** Undetermined

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-37>

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)

Recent Status: 5/9/2017 - House State and Local Government, (Second Hearing)
4/25/2017 - House State and Local Government, (First Hearing)

Position: Undetermined

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

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

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

Recent Status: 5/10/2017 - **PASSED BY SENATE**; Vote 33-0
5/10/2017 - Bills for Third Consideration

Position: Undetermined

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

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

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)

Recent Status: 3/7/2017 - House Education and Career Readiness, (First Hearing)
2/14/2017 - Referred to Committee House Education and Career Readiness

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)

Recent Status: 4/5/2017 - Senate Education, (Second Hearing)
3/22/2017 - Senate Education, (First Hearing)

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

Recent Status: 3/15/2017 - **PASSED BY HOUSE**; Vote 90-4
3/15/2017 - Bills for Third Consideration

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)

Recent Status: 3/21/2017 - Referred to Committee House State and Local Government
3/14/2017 - Introduced

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

Recent Status: 3/1/2017 - Introduced

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

Recent Status: 2/13/2017 - Introduced

Position: Undetermined

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

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

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AUDITOR OF STATE

Auditor Dave Yost's office Wednesday released a review of results from recent school district performance audits, promoting the audits as a resource to stave off deficits many schools are projected to face in coming years. The auditor's office notes 93 percent of school districts are expected to see spending outpace revenue within the next five years. While some can rely on carryover balances, 148 districts are projected to end FY22 with deficit fund balances, according to forecasts submitted to the Ohio Department of Education (ODE).

CENSUS

U.S. Census Bureau data released recently show an increase in the state's rate of uninsured individuals, a decrease in poverty and a noticeable increase in the state's median household income. Ohio's percentage of uninsured individuals increased from 5.4 percent in 2016 to 6.0 percent in 2017; its rate of poverty decreased from 14.6 percent in 2016 to 14.0 percent in 2017; and its household median income increased from \$52,334 in 2016 to \$54,021 in 2017.

CHILDREN/FAMILIES

The Center for American Progress (CAP), a Democratic leaning group, released findings from a public opinion poll on the state of child care in Ohio and what voters support to improve the system. The poll, conducted by GBA Strategies, found 68 percent of respondents with children under 18 say that lack of access to quality, affordable child care is a serious problem. Sixty-one percent said they or an immediate family member have had their career or career prospects negatively affected due to child care considerations.

EDUCATION

In times when misinformation can spread as quickly as accurate information through traditional and social media, school communications professionals are perhaps more important than they have ever been when it comes to engaging parents and the larger community, especially in times of crisis. A panel of five such professionals presented at the School Security and Safety Solutions Summit at the Columbus Convention Center recently, explaining their own experiences and sharing tips with other communications professionals in the audience.

State Board of Education members and Superintendent Paolo DeMaria talked through both how they'd shoulder big cuts and where they'd like to see funding increases as they discussed planning for the FY20-21 budget Monday. DeMaria and Ohio Department of Education (ODE) budget chief Aaron Rausch presented outlines for two funding scenarios that the Office of Budget and Management (OBM) has asked agencies to plan for -- 90 percent of prior-year funding, and flat funding. DeMaria also prepared an appendix to the official budget submission to express board members' priorities for additional spending should the administration and lawmakers make additional money available.

As an advisory group nears completion of recommendations for new high school graduation rules, Superintendent Paolo DeMaria updated State Board of Education members on the outline of those proposals in advance of the recommendations formally going to the board in October.

Members of Native American communities and concerned citizens from around the state testified at Tuesday's State Board of Education meeting, urging the board and the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) to speak out against derogatory representations of native people in school mascots.

Officials at the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) on Monday detailed two recently released online tools meant to help school districts gain insight into the art coursework being offered at schools statewide and to adopt strategies that will improve student outcomes. These included the new Ohio Arts Education Data Project and Evidence-Based Clearinghouse. The data project is intended to provide schools and the public a snapshot of

the state of arts education in the state. Developed in partnership with the Ohio Alliance for Arts Education, the Ohio Arts Council and Quadrant Research, the database will be provided to the public by Ohio and four other states. The second tool is the first version of the Evidence-Based Clearinghouse, which seeks to collect best practice strategies that improve student results and engagement and to share them statewide. The tool, part of ODE's Empowered by Evidence initiative, first launched on Monday, Sept. 10.

Pending minor revisions to reflect suggestions at its final meeting, the workgroup developing a long-term replacement for graduation requirements agreed Wednesday to a proposal to send to the State Board of Education, which will consider formally recommending it to the General Assembly. The draft final proposal largely fits the system Superintendent Paolo DeMaria presented to the school board's Achievement and Graduation Requirements Committee earlier in the week.

Charter schools in Ohio's eight largest urban districts generally outperformed their traditional school peers in student growth data, according to an analysis by Buckeye Charter School Boards Inc. (BCSB), an advocacy nonprofit. Site-based, general education charter schools got an A, B or C more often than nearby district schools on the overall value-added measurement; specifically, 44 percent of the charters got such grades, while 33 percent of district schools did. This measurement is based on testing data for math, English and science in grades four through eight, as well as some high school end-of-course exams.

ELECTIONS 2018

Two attorneys general -- one former, one current - sharply compared and contrasted their respective track records in public office as Republican Attorney General Mike DeWine and Democratic former Attorney General and former head of the U.S. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) Richard Cordray met each other at the first 2018 Ohio gubernatorial debate Wednesday. Held at the University of Dayton, the candidates exchanged mutual criticisms of their roles in public office, clashing over their handling of the opioid epidemic, the handling of rape kits, gun violence, marijuana, criminal justice and several other issues throughout the debate. The next gubernatorial debate will be at Marietta College on Monday, Oct. 1.

Secretary of State Jon Husted Friday broke a tie at the Franklin County Board of Elections in favor of allowing 20th House District candidate Bobby Mitchell to remain on the ballot for November. The board deadlocked on whether to keep Mitchell on the ballot after a challenge was filed by a resident of the Canal Winchester apartment complex listed as Mitchell's voting address. The challenger alleged that Mitchell lives in a house that is outside the district. Mitchell had argued that he spends most of his nights at the apartment because it is closer to the church where he pastors.

Two different polls released in the last week show a vastly different take on the upcoming U.S. Senate race between incumbent U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH) and his opponent, U.S. Rep. Jim Renacci (R-Wadsworth). The first came from Innovation Ohio, which showed Brown leading Renacci 46 percent to 42 percent while the Politico/AARP poll showed Brown leading Renacci 47 percent to 31 percent, with 22 percent undecided.

Meanwhile, the IO poll showed Democrat Richard Cordray and Republican Mike DeWine tied at 43 percent in the governor's race, though DeWine takes a slight lead 45 percent to 43 percent when Green and Libertarian candidates are included. In the governor's race, the Politico/AARP poll said DeWine leads Cordray 39 percent to 38 percent, with 23 percent undecided.

A new poll released Tuesday by Baldwin Wallace University (BWU) saw U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown leading in the U.S. Senate race and Attorney General Mike DeWine leading in the governor's race, but a large percentage of voters remain undecided. In the Senate race, Brown leads 49.2 percent to U.S. Rep. Jim Renacci's 31.8 percent, with 19.1 percent undecided. In the governor's race, DeWine leads Democrat Richard Cordray 41.8 percent to 37 percent, with 21.3 percent undecided.

In other BWU findings, nearly 43 percent of respondents approve of President Donald Trump's job performance, while nearly 52 percent disapprove. Half of respondents approve of how the Trump administration has handled tax cuts, but voters were split on trade tariffs and immigration. Fifty-three percent of respondents approve of the Mueller investigation into Russian meddling in the 2016 election.

Despite a disagreement over state Issue 1, the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (OPBA) Tuesday announced it was endorsing Richard Cordray for governor, who pushed back against ads suggesting he is soft on crime because of his support for the constitutional amendment favoring probation over incarceration.

Ohioans who care about clean air and water should cast their votes for Democratic gubernatorial candidate Richard Cordray, environmental advocates said Tuesday. During a press conference hosted by Conservation Ohio PAC, a campaign arm of the League of Conservation Voters, Columbus City Councilmember Elizabeth Brown said she supports Cordray because of his record at the U.S. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and his plans to protect Ohio's environment.

A current and a former employee of the U.S. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) have filed a class action lawsuit against the agency and Trump administration Acting Director Mick Mulvaney, alleging that the CFPB "maintains a biased culture replete with harmful stereotypes regarding its racial minority and female employees that infect its policies and decision-making, including performance evaluations, compensation and promotions." The allegations stretch back to 2011, covering the tenure of former Director Richard Cordray, the current Democratic candidate for Ohio governor.

Richard Cordray and U.S. Rep. Jim Renacci (R-Wadsworth) explained the motivations behind their respective 2018 political campaigns on Thursday, with both candidates emphasizing their desire to achieve bipartisan, practical solutions for Ohioans. The Democratic candidate for governor and the Republican candidate for U.S. Senate were also able to attack their respective opponents unanswered at an AARP-Politico event in Columbus, as Republican Attorney General Mike DeWine and U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH) were unable to attend.

The Ohio Elections Commission Thursday found that Ohio Attorney General candidate Steve Dettelbach did not violate campaign finance law by telling supporters they could meet former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder if they donated, while the commission determined that current Hamilton County Clerk of Courts Aftab Pureval might have spent county campaign funds improperly towards his congressional campaign, warranting another hearing in the near future.

Secretary of State Jon Husted announced that absentee voting for military and overseas voters begins Saturday, Sept. 22, for the upcoming general election. The deadline to register to vote or update an existing registration ahead of the Nov. 6 General Election is Tuesday, Oct. 9 (30 days before the election). Voters may go to www.MyOhioVote.com/VoterRegistration to register online or update an existing registration. Voter registration forms can also be printed from www.MyOhioVote.com or obtained from a local library or board of elections office.

The following endorsements were made over the week:

- The Human Rights Campaign endorsed Louise Valentine and Nickie Antonio for Ohio Senate and Mary Lightbody, Beth Liston, Allison Russon, Casey Weinstein, Jeremy Blake, and Taylor Sappington for Ohio House.
- The re-election campaign of Rep. Dave Greenspan announced the endorsements of Teamsters Ohio D.R.I.V.E.
- The Ohio Education Association (OEA) endorsed Issue 1.
- The Ohio Business Roundtable announced its opposition to Issue 1.
- The Central Ohio Chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) endorsed Tim Barhorst and Kris Jordan for Ohio House and Andrew Brenner for Ohio Senate.
- The Columbus Dispatch endorsed Frank LaRose for secretary of state.
- The National Rifle Association Political Victory Fund endorsed Jim Renacci for U.S. Senate.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY/STATEHOUSE

The Ohio Statehouse Museum closed Wednesday for renovations that will ultimately bring the original Ohio Constitutions to the Statehouse in an exhibit described as the first of its kind in the nation. The \$850,000 exhibit

will display the original 1802 and 1851 Ohio Constitutions and will also include interactive educational displays to not only introduce visitors to the documents but also show how they are relevant in the 21st century.

The Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board (CSRAB) announced that tickets for the 2018 edition of its Haunted Statehouse Tours are now available. The special Halloween tours will take place Friday, Oct. 19; Saturday, Oct. 20; Friday, Oct. 26; and Saturday, Oct. 27. Tickets for the Haunted Statehouse Tours are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under the age of 12. CSRAB said the event is ticketed and tickets must be pre-ordered.

JUDICIAL

The Ohio Supreme Court has opened the application period for grants to help defray transportation costs for student field trips to the Thomas J. Moyer Ohio Judicial Center and its Visitor Education Center. All schools receiving state funds are eligible to apply. Grants are awarded based the percentage of students enrolled in the free-and-reduced-lunch program, as reported by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE). Preference will be given to schools that didn't receive transportation grant funds during the 2016-2017 or 2017-2018 school years. Grant applications must be completed online at www.sc.ohio.gov/VisitorInfo/CivicEd/grants/default.asp by authorized teachers or school administrators.

MEDICAID/MEDICAID REFORM

Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee (JMOC) Chairman Sen. Dave Burke (R-Marysville) Thursday cautioned -- and prodded -- all players in the transition of behavior health services to managed care plans to get the program implemented. For the managed care plans (MCPs), he noted that he will be closely examining the "over and under" payments "in this space" come budget time. He further explained that the money is "out there [and] sits with you. It is important to find a way to get the money out to the providers." For the providers, he observed first that the contingency payments are "loans not grants," adding that the way the program is now set up opens it up to competition. Burke said agencies need to see themselves as businesses and not as government agencies. He added that, down the road, he can see these services provided by others "without the longevity in the state."

MIDWESTERN GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

The future of automotive technology and infrastructure was the principal theme for the opening of the Midwestern Governors Association's (MGA) 2018 conference, with Gov. John Kasich and Ford President and CEO Jim Hackett delivering the opening remarks and Wednesday keynote, respectively. MGA Executive Director Jesse Heier noted displays on robotics and drones in the lobby of COSI, where the conference was held, and Kasich offered a summary of his initiatives to make Ohio a leader in the future, including his energy policy and solving workforce issues through partnerships among business and education institutions. The Governor's Executive Workforce Board held its second-to-last meeting of Kasich's administration at COSI as well Tuesday, in advance of the MGA conference.

The state of Ohio is on its way to ensuring it will receive a healthy slice of the burgeoning \$10 trillion personal transportation industry, KPMG in the United Kingdom (U.K.) Global Head of Infrastructure Richard Threlfall said Wednesday. Threlfall participated in a panel discussion on the intersection of physical and digital infrastructure at the 2018 MGA Summit at COSI. He was joined by AT&T Internet of Things Solutions Assistant Vice President Ken DiPrima, Ford Smart Mobility Vice President John Quant and Smart Columbus Vice President Mark Patton.

The Canadian government believes it is important to maintain its relationships with states, the consul general of Canada told the audience during a session on trade at the MGA Summit held this week. Douglas George sat down with Gov. John Kasich for a question and answer session to talk about the trade issues between the United States and Canada as both countries begin a new round of renegotiations of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). George said both sides have agreed to not share details of the talks while they are ongoing, but he stressed that Canada is a friend to the U.S.

Chairman Asim Haque of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) led panelists in an extended energy tech-talk Wednesday at the MGA conference, covering everything from the Internet of Things to artificial intelligence to variable versus fixed utility costs. Haque pitched questions to Ram Sastry, vice president of infrastructure and business continuity at American Electric Power (AEP), Jake Oster, director of energy policy at Amazon, and Dana Saucier, senior managing director of energy and chemicals at JobsOhio.

While Wednesday's opening sessions of the MGA conference focused on transit and infrastructure development, Thursday's opening panel and keynote remarks were all about how the coming tech revolution will change the workforce and what steps should be taken to prepare. The panel on education and workforce development featured Sebastian Thrun, chairman and president of online college Udacity; Brookings Institute Vice President and Director of Governance Studies Darrell West; Stark State College President Para Jones; and Cisco Systems Senior Vice President Tae Yoo. Columbus State Community College President David Harrison moderated the discussion, also offering his own perspective at times.

PENSIONS

The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) reported double-digit 2017 returns to state lawmakers Thursday but said a dropoff in the capital market outlook led actuaries to recommend it consider lowering its long-term assumptions for investment earnings. Karen Carraher, CEO of OPERS, presented the 2017 valuation report to the Ohio Retirement Study Council, reporting "very favorable returns" of 16.7 percent, representing \$6.8 billion in excess earnings over expectations.

STATE GOVERNMENT

The Kasich administration's Common Sense Initiative (CSI) Small Business Advisory Council heard from National Federation of Independent Businesses (NFIB) Ohio Executive Director Roger Geiger at its Wednesday meeting, where Geiger informed members of the latest results of the NFIB small business survey and offered what he said were the top policy priorities for small businesses.

TRANSPORTATION/INFRASTRUCTURE

The Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission (OTIC) on Monday approved a five-year, \$1.87 million deal with Agile Network Builders LLC to provide redundant fiber optic connections to the commission's network and service plaza-wide WiFi access.

WORKFORCE

In its penultimate meeting of the Kasich administration, the Governor's Executive Workforce Board Tuesday discussed efforts to connect education curriculums and employer needs and made plans to review its work when the board convenes for the final time. Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation (OWT) Director Ryan Burgess said that work would continue "to the finish line" as Gov. John Kasich's final term winds down, saying that at a high level they have completed 60 percent of board recommendations and will finish another 28 percent by the end of the year, with 12 percent remaining.

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