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This October 30, 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:

- HB752 HEALTH EDUCATION STANDARDS (SYKES E)** 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:** 10/24/2018 - Introduced
Recent Status:
Position: Undetermined
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-752>
- 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:** 9/25/2018 - Referred to Committee Senate Education
Recent Status: 6/27/2018 - **PASSED BY HOUSE**; Vote 92-1
6/27/2018 - Bills for Third Consideration
Position: Monitor
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-502>
- 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>

HB540 **TEACHER EVALUATIONS** (GAVARONE T, MANNING N) With regard to teacher evaluations.

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

Recent Status: 6/27/2018 - **PASSED BY HOUSE**; Vote 91-2
6/27/2018 - Bills for Third Consideration

Position: Undetermined

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-540>

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: 9/25/2018 - Referred to Committee Senate Insurance and Financial Institutions

Recent Status: 6/27/2018 - **PASSED BY HOUSE**; Vote 93-0
6/27/2018 - Bills for Third Consideration

Position: Undetermined

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-572>

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: 9/25/2018 - Referred to Committee Senate Finance

Recent Status: 6/27/2018 - Introduced

Position: Monitor

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-314>

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>
- 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>
- 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>
- 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 OHIOCORPUS PILOT PROJECT (RYAN S)** To establish the OhioCorpus 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->

- 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?pid=GA132-SB-240>
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- 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?pid=GA132-HB-377>
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- 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?pid=GA132-HB-442>
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- 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?pid=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?pid=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?pid=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->

- 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>
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- 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>
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- 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>
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- 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>

Capitol Square in Review

Friday, October 26, 2018

BALLOT ISSUES

Former Ohio Supreme Court Justice William O'Neill, who earlier this year ran for governor in the Democratic primary, endorsed Monday the passage of Issue 1, a proposed constitutional amendment meant to prioritize treatment over incarceration for some drug crimes. In a statement accompanying an endorsement editorial, O'Neill also raised questions about the conduct of his former colleague, Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor, one of the most prominent critics of Issue 1.

EDUCATION

The Ohio 8 Coalition, representing teachers and administrators in the state's largest urban school districts, is urging extension of graduation flexibility for an additional three years, mirroring a recommendation approved by a State Board of Education committee this week. Also this week, the Board of Governors for the Columbus Education Association voted unanimously to adopt a resolution calling for extension through 2021.

Thornville Elementary School teacher Krista Trent was named Ohio's only 2018-19 Milken Educator. The award comes with a \$25,000 individual cash prize that the fourth-grade teacher can use however she wishes.

Rep. Niraj Antani (R-Miamisburg) recently introduced HB738 to require the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) and the Department of Education (ODE) to study the status of school buildings regarding air conditioning, accessibility, school safety "and any other amenity that the commission and the department determine should be available in all school buildings." The bill also requires that once the study is completed, that 25 percent of future school construction money be dedicated to air conditioning, disability accessibility, safety "and any other amenity ..."

A new advisory panel gathered for the first time Tuesday to discuss its assignment to recommend improvements to Ohio's education database, which gathers information for uses including state report cards, school finance, truancy and many others. The Education Management Information System (EMIS) Advisory Council is made up of Ohio Department of Education (ODE) staff and representatives of school districts and other entities that regularly interact with the database. It replaces the EMIS Advisory Board, which was convened by lawmakers and included State Board of Education members as well as representatives of various education groups.

A total of 100 Ohio public school programs and projects will be featured at the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) Student Achievement Fair at its 2018 Capital Conference and Trade Show. Among those being showcased are fifth-graders who use a 3-D printer to design prosthetic hands for children in need and a bell choir whose members are high school students with disabilities.

The Ohio Supreme Court said Wednesday it will consider whether the new, more powerful nature of academic distress commissions violates constitutional protections for local control, and whether lawmakers took improper shortcuts in empowering the commissions.

Justices announced they'll accept *Youngstown City School District Board of Education v. State of Ohio* and review the decisions of the 10th District Court of Appeals and Franklin County Common Pleas Court, which both ruled against Youngstown school officials in their bid to upend the Youngstown Academic Distress Commission.

In its final meeting Wednesday evening, the State Board of Education (SBOE) Report Card Workgroup recommended eliminating the school district report card "A through F" rating scale and replacing it with an online dashboard compliant with the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The recommendation will be heard before the SBOE Accountability and Continuous Improvement Committee at a Nov. 15 meeting.

ELECTIONS 2018

Ohio state auditor candidates Rep. Keith Faber (R-Celina) and former U.S. Rep. Zack Space (D-Dover) offered their differing philosophies on the purpose of the office while trading barbs during Friday's auditor's debate hosted at Zane State College in Zanesville and moderated by *Cleveland Plain Dealer* reporter Jeremy Pelzer.

The 15th Congressional District saw its first debate Friday as U.S. Rep. Steve Stivers (R-Hilliard) and Democratic challenger Rick Neal faced off in a "community conversation" of sorts in the state capital. Stivers, completing his fourth term after serving in the Ohio Senate, and Neal, an international development professional and member of the Ohio Democratic Party Executive Committee, fielded questions ranging from entitlements to immigration to campaign finance.

Republican state Auditor Dave Yost and former U.S. Attorney Steve Dettelbach faced off in their first and only scheduled debate Monday, as the Democrat accused Yost of being a career politician and the latter charged Dettelbach with corresponding partisanship. Their answers at the City Club of Cleveland strayed from questions on the Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow (ECOT), criminal justice reform, cyber-security and other policy issues to assorted attacks designed to expose each other's perceived weaknesses.

U.S. Sen Sherrod Brown (D-OH) and his challenger, U.S. Rep. Jim Renacci (R-Wadsworth), met Saturday in Columbus for their second of three planned debates. The discussion consisted predominantly of attacks, as Brown harped on the benefit to the wealthy and powerful from Renacci's vote for federal tax legislation, and Renacci described Brown as a poster child for term limits.

Friends of Sherrod Brown Monday launched "Educators for Sherrod," a coalition of teachers, administrators and other educators who are working to re-elect U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH).

Former Kansas Gov. and U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius stopped in Columbus Monday to stump for Democrat Richard Cordray's gubernatorial campaign, accusing Republican opponent and Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine of duplicity in having originally opposed the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and now claiming support for preexisting conditions and "reformed" Medicaid expansion.

The Republican and Democratic candidates for the offices of treasurer and secretary of state spent Monday evening answering voter-submitted questions during a forum at Otterbein University. During the relatively cordial affair, secretary of state candidates Sen. Frank LaRose (R-Copley) and Rep. Kathleen Clyde (D-Kent) both discussed their affinity for bipartisanship and their commitment to civility in politics. Treasurer candidates Rep.

Robert Sprague (R-Findlay) and Democratic opponent Rob Richardson of Cincinnati both emphasized their financial experience during their time on stage.

Secretary of State Jon Husted announced that as of Friday, Oct. 19, an estimated 1,053,697 absentee ballots had been requested and 332,663 cast statewide. This includes more than 8,620 ballot requests from military and overseas voters, whose absentee ballots started going out on Saturday, Sept. 22, of which nearly 2,160 have been cast. Ballots for all other voters started going out on Oct. 10 and more than 330,000 have been cast by mail and in person.

The major party gubernatorial campaigns raised and spent more than \$10 million apiece from July through mid-October, with Democrat Richard Cordray bringing in more money but Republican Mike DeWine showing a heftier bank account in the home stretch, in large part because of a \$3 million personal loan to his campaign. DeWine, the attorney general, and running mate Jon Husted, the secretary of state, raised almost \$1.3 million, spent \$11.8 million and reported nearly \$6.1 million on hand -- \$3 million of it loaned by DeWine this week. Cordray, the former attorney general, and running mate Betty Sutton, a former member of Congress, raised \$1.6 million, spent close to \$10 million and had more than \$1.1 million on hand. Fundraising was competitive among other statewide candidates, but Republican legislative caucuses led their Democratic counterparts by substantial margins.

The full field of major and minor party candidates for state auditor spoke Wednesday night on topics including higher education costs, gerrymandering and civility in government at a New Albany election forum that also featured legislative and congressional candidates. Bob Kendrick of Columbus TV news affiliates ABC6 and FOX28 moderated the discussions for the evening. Democrat Zack Space, a former U.S. representative, and Republican Rep. Keith Faber (R-Celina), former Ohio Senate president, were joined by Libertarian candidate Robert Coogan for the forum.

Health care is the "defining" issue in their races, Democratic gubernatorial and attorney general candidates Rich Cordray and Steve Dettelbach told reporters Thursday, and they stand apart from their Republican opponents, current Attorney General Mike DeWine and Auditor Dave Yost, by having protected those with pre-existing conditions.

Launching a bus tour of their own with a stop at Columbus' Strongwater bar, statewide Republican candidates told supporters and reporters that they can make the state even more prosperous than it is now, while Democratic opponents would represent a step back. Many of the candidates offered similar comments to those given at the Ohio Republican Party's state dinner in August.

EMPLOYMENT/UNEMPLOYMENT

Ohio nonfarm employment reached a record high of 5,638,900, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) reported Friday, with spokesman Bret Crow saying the record is "a positive indicator that Ohio's economy is continuing its strong trajectory upward." The latest jobs report also showed that Ohio added jobs at a higher rate than the U.S. both from September 2017 to September 2018 and through 2018 so far, while also seeing average weekly earnings grow since 2011 at a higher rate than the nation. The unemployment rate remained at 4.6 percent, the same as August and July, and the record high in jobs was achieved through the addition of 4,300 jobs over August's revised total of 5,634,600.

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) and U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) both recently released mobile apps offering information on labor markets,

according to separate announcements by the two organizations. The two were developed independently, ODJFS spokesman Bret Crow told *Hannah News*, with the BLS app offering a "snapshot of occupational employment and wages for states and metro areas." The state app, release by ODJFS' Bureau of Labor Market Information, offers that area of detail along with historical trends and visualization.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY/STATEHOUSE

Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina) identified legislation on energy standards and regulatory reform as priorities for the lame duck session, adding that he plans to meet with House Speaker Ryan Smith (R-Bidwell) to discuss plans for the post-election session in the near future.

GOVERNOR

Gov. John Kasich signed two bills into law Tuesday: HB353 (Reineke), regarding unclaimed funds; and HB405 (Perales), which creates a criminal offense of counterfeiting.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

A recent report from health care advocacy nonprofit Families USA posited that health outcomes for "working class" women, which the report defined as women with a high school education or lower, are considerably worse than health outcomes for college-educated men. Because these differences transcended racial lines, the authors argued that the findings were a unifying measure for people of different backgrounds during a time of divisive rhetoric; however, the authors also stated that health outcomes were sometimes worse for people of color.

A new survey of more than 3,500 physicians working in hospital emergency departments around the country shows that violence is rising, harming physicians, staff and patients. The data was presented Tuesday at the American College of Emergency Physicians' (ACEP) 2018 Scientific Assembly. The survey was conducted by Marketing General Incorporated via email in Aug. 2018. Ohio had the sixth highest response rate, with 168 physicians responding out of 3,539 total.

Calling the report that will be coming out of the meetings of the Managed Long-Term Services and Supports (MLTSS) Study Committee a "resource document" for the next General Assembly and governor, co-chair Rep. Mark Romanchuk (R-Mansfield) told *Hannah News* it will help decide how the state should proceed on the question of moving long-term services into the managed care system.

HIGHER EDUCATION

The University of Toledo (UT) and Toledo Museum of Art (TMA) recently announced a strengthened partnership to advance visual literacy education. The new initiative will provide opportunities for UT students across all majors to master the ability to "speak visual" through targeted curriculum modules incorporated into their existing course offerings.

STATE GOVERNMENT

The Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) received its "2018 Executive Director's Report" Thursday, which provided a broad overview of its activities over the past year, highlighting the increase in projects being completed on-time and on-budget. Commission staff member Jeff Westhoven informed the body that 88.9 percent of projects were on or under budgets, 77.8 percent of projects were on or ahead of schedule and 100 percent of agency facilities have been condition assessed within the past fiscal year, among other positive indicators.

TRANSPORTATION/INFRASTRUCTURE

The Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission (OTIC) announced Monday it would be working with Electrify America to provide electric vehicle (EV) charging stations along the Ohio Turnpike for the first time. OTIC Executive Director Randy Cole said charging stations will be placed at the Wyandot and Blue Heron Service Plazas in Genoa and at the Indian Meadow and Tiffin River Service Plazas in West Unity, with the locations based on projections of where demand will be most significant in the near future. They are expected to be available in the first quarter of 2019.

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and its public-private partnership DriveOhio have worked with local governments on making U.S. 33 a smart corridor, and on Monday the city of Dublin entered a memorandum of agreement (MoA) to pursue future testing of autonomous vehicles within the city, though there is no set timetable for when that would occur.

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