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This January 2, 2019 Legislative e-Update is provided by OESCA to Ohio's ESCs, their client school districts, and other key education stakeholders. This is the final e-Update for 2018 and the 132nd General Assembly. 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 bill number 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.

132nd General Assembly By the Numbers

- **971** total bills were introduced in the 132nd General Assembly.
 - **24** of the bills introduced or 2.5% were never referred to committee.
 - **121** (12.4%) of the bills introduced were education-focused bills.
 - The Ohio House introduced **91** education bills and the senate introduced **30**.
 - **17** or 14% of the education bills were passed by the 132nd General Assembly.*
- *This does not include appropriations bills including the FY 2018-2019 biennial state operating budget or bills that may have been amended into other bills.*

End of Year Wrap-up: Lame Duck in Review

Lame Duck Full of Education Policies, from Graduation to Cursive to Bus Drivers

While changing high school graduation requirements has drawn much of the attention in education policy discussions, the General Assembly's lame duck session brought a slew of new laws relevant to schools, students and educators.

The graduation changes -- extension and modification of special flexibility created for the class of 2018, plus an effort to develop a long-term fix in finer detail -- came about as an amendment to HB491 (Edwards), an educator licensure bill that became an education omnibus in the Legislature's waning days. HB491 can be found online at <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-documents?id=GA132-HB-491>.

The bill as introduced addresses substitute licenses for pupil services personnel such as speech language pathologists and nurses. Amendments added in the Senate Education Committee include the following:

- allow temporary approval of new counseling education programs that are not accredited;
- change the law on schools' liability for loss of public funds, incorporating the language of HB705 (Hambley);

- add language proposed by the attorney general's office on school resource officer training, cleaning up an issue created in this year's passage of HB318 (LaTourette-Patterson); and
- require schools to adopt policies to reward partial credit for work students complete while serving a suspension.

Lawmakers reached a compromise on the longstanding debate over cursive writing, backing off previous attempts to require its instruction and instead using HB58 (Brenner-Slaby) to direct the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) to develop instructional materials on the subject for inclusion in the state's model curriculum for English language arts.

The Senate on Wednesday added to its calendar but informally passed HB477 (Koehler), a proposal to sweep outdated sections and programs from the laws on K-12 schools. It would eliminate, for example, a requirement that every school be mailed a videotape of the dedication of the Ohio Veterans Plaza, as well as language authorizing a "multitrack high school curriculum pilot project" in Columbiana County. Before sending it to the full chamber, the Senate Education Committee added amendments on civil immunity for schools regarding procurement of mental health services for suspended or expelled students, and on paraprofessional credentialing in programs supported by Title I funds. Sen. Matt Huffman (R-Lima) tried to use it as a vehicle to expand eligibility for EdChoice vouchers and address a funding dispute between private schools and ODE, but committee colleagues rejected those changes.

Schools also would be required to contact parents within two hours when a student is found absent under HB66 (Young), a bill written to address the undergraduate mission of universities but amended to include SB82 (Williams.) Sen. Sandra Williams (D-Cleveland) proposed her bill after the death of Alianna DeFreeze, who was abducted, raped and killed while on her way to school. The Senate passed the legislation Wednesday, sending it back to the House for possible concurrence on amendments this week.

Other education measures passing during lame duck session include the following:

- HB338 (Ginter) expands the list of medical professionals who can conduct school bus drivers' required annual exams.
- HB572 (Scherer-Howse) this year's pension system omnibus, which includes several technical changes for operation of State Teachers Retirement System (STRS) and School Employees Retirement System (SERS). It also restores the past practice of giving a full year's service credit to non-teaching school employees of county boards of developmental disabilities who work nine months of the year but have their pay distributed over the entire year.
- HB291 (Wiggam) includes schools in a list of local jurisdictions allowed to forego surety bonds as protection against employee dishonesty, if they instead obtain an insurance policy for that purpose.

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BILL MONITORING

The following education bill of interest, listed by bill number, were monitored by OESCA on behalf of the membership and client districts during the 132nd GA:

- HB21** **COMMUNITY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION** (HAMBLEY S) Regarding verification of community school enrollments and community school sponsor contract specifications; regarding state assessment and graduation requirements for certain chartered nonpublic schools; eliminating the Education Management Information System (EMIS) Advisory Board in favor of a new EMIS Advisory Council; to make other education policy changes.
- Current Status:** 6/29/2018 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; eff. 9/28/18
Recent Status: 6/28/2018 - Sent to Governor for Signature
6/7/2018 - Consideration of Senate Amendments; House Does Concur, Vote 87-0
- Position:** Undetermined
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-21>
- 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>
- 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>
- HB49** **OPERATING BUDGET** (SMITH R) Creates FY 2018-2019 main operating budget.

Current Status: 8/22/2017 - Consideration of Governor's Veto
Recent Status: 8/22/2017 - Consideration of Governor's Veto; Veto Items 25, 30, 33, 36, and 37 Left Pending by Senate
8/22/2017 - Consideration of Governor's Veto; Item #34: Controlling Board Medicaid Expenditures, Vote 23-10, Veto Overridden by Senate
Position: Undetermined
Priority: Tier 1 - High
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-49>

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: 11/13/2018 - House Finance, (First Hearing)
Recent Status: 2/14/2017 - Referred to Committee House Finance
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>

HB58 CURSIVE HANDWRITING INSTRUCTION (BRENNER A) To require the Department of Education to include supplemental instructional materials in cursive handwriting in the English language arts model curriculum.

Current Status: 12/19/2018 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; eff. 90 days
Recent Status: 12/18/2018 - Sent to Governor for Signature
12/12/2018 - Consideration of Senate Amendments; House Does Concur, Vote 90-4
Position: Monitor
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-58>

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>

HB87 COMMUNITY SCHOOL PUBLIC MONEYS (ROEGNER K) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of the enrollment records of a community school, to clarify the time period within which a school district emergency levy or substitute levy may be renewed or replaced, to clarify the responsibilities of a school district treasurer regarding the signing or executing of

certain documents, to require the State Board of Education to adopt standards for learning management software for internet- and computer-based community schools, regarding qualification for state payments by internet- or computer-based community schools, regarding joint health and medical insurance programs by political subdivisions and county boards of developmental disabilities, regarding submission of five-year financial forecasts by public schools, and regarding the moratorium on certain provisions affecting community schools and school districts whose enrollments were affected due to enrolling students of a suspended e-school.

Current Status: 8/3/2018 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; eff. 11/2/18

Recent Status: 7/24/2018 - Sent to Governor for Signature
6/27/2018 - Consideration of Senate Amendments; House Does Concur, Vote 70-23

Position: Monitor

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

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

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>

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>

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>

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>

HB170

COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION (CARFAGNA R, DUFFEY M) With regard to academic content standards and curriculum requirements for computer science; to revise educator qualifications regarding computer science; to create a competitive technology grant program for the 2018-2019 school year; and to make an appropriation.

Current Status: 12/22/2017 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; eff. 3/23/2018

Recent Status: 12/15/2017 - Sent to Governor for Signature
12/13/2017 - Consideration of Senate Amendments; House Does Concur, Vote 85-8

Position: Undetermined

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-170>

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>

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>

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>

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>

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>

- 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>
- 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>
- 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>
- 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>
- 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>

HB318 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS-SCHOOL SECURITY (PATTERSON J, LATOURETTE S) With regard to school resource officers, to require the Facilities Construction Commission to study and report on school building security upgrades and school resource officers, to enact the "SAFE Act" with regard to suspension and expulsion of students in grades pre-kindergarten through three and positive behavior intervention and supports, and to make an appropriation.

Current Status: 8/3/2018 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; Appropriation eff. 8/2/18, bill eff. 11/2/18

Recent Status: 7/24/2018 - Sent to Governor for Signature
6/27/2018 - Consideration of Senate Amendments; House Does Concur, Vote 71-20

Position: Amend

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-318>

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>

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: 11/13/2018 - House Finance, (First Hearing)

Recent Status: 9/12/2017 - Referred to Committee House Finance
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>

- HB338** **BUS DRIVER EXAM** (GINTER T) To modify the law governing medical examinations for school bus drivers.
- Current Status:** 12/19/2018 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; eff. 90 days
 Recent Status: 12/13/2018 - Sent to Governor for Signature
 12/6/2018 - Consideration of Senate Amendments; House Does Concur, Vote 79-1
- Position:** Undetermined
 Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
 State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-338>
- HB355** **SEXTING UNDER 19** (HILL B, REZABEK J) To generally prohibit sexting by a person under 19 years of age.
- Current Status:** 12/3/2018 - Senate Judiciary, (Second Hearing)
 Recent Status: 11/27/2018 - Senate Judiciary, (First Hearing)
 11/14/2018 - Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary
- Position:** Undetermined
 Priority: Tier 3 - Low
 State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-355>
- 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:** 11/13/2018 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED**, Senate Education, (Second Hearing)
 Recent Status: 5/16/2018 - Senate Education, (First Hearing)
 5/10/2018 - Referred to Committee Senate Education
- Position:** Undetermined
 Priority: Tier 3 - Low
 State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-360>
- 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>
- 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>

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>

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>

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>

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>

- 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>
- HB438 ESC ANNEXATION (HAMBLEY S, KICK D)** To permit the addition of appointed members to educational service center boards and to permit a local school district to sever its territory from one educational service center and annex that territory to an adjacent service center under specified conditions; and to modify provisions for community school grants by requiring at least three rounds of funding and specifically permitting participants to receive additional funding.
- Current Status:** 6/29/2018 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; eff. 9/28/18
Recent Status: 6/28/2018 - Sent to Governor for Signature
6/7/2018 - Consideration of Senate Amendments; House Does Concur, Vote 72-15
Position: Support
Priority: Tier 1 - High
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-438>
- 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>
- 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>
- 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>

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>

HB491

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS-SPECIFIED SERVICES (EDWARDS J) To require the State Board of Education to issue a substitute license to specified pupil services personnel, to make changes regarding the circumstances in which school treasurers may be held liable for a loss of public funds, to require school districts to adopt a policy for assignments completed in connection with a suspension, to revise school resource officer training course requirements, to permit the Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board to temporarily approve certain counselor education programs, and to extend alternative high school graduation pathways through the class of 2020.

Current Status: 12/19/2018 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; eff. 90 days

Recent Status: 12/13/2018 - Sent to Governor for Signature
12/6/2018 - Consideration of Senate Amendments; House Does Concur, Vote 79-1

Position: Support

Priority: Tier 1 - High

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-491>

HB502

YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING-PUBLIC (ANIELSKI M) With regard to educator in-service training on youth suicide awareness and prevention in public schools.

Current Status: 12/21/2018 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

Recent Status: 12/21/2018 - Sent to Governor for Signature
12/13/2018 - **PASSED BY SENATE**; Vote 31-0

Position: Monitor

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-502>

- HB508** **OHIOCORPS PILOT PROJECT** (RYAN S) 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>
- 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>
- 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>
- HB529** **CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS** (RYAN S) To make capital appropriations and changes to the law governing capital projects and to make reappropriations for the biennium ending June 30, 2020.
- Current Status:** 3/30/2018 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; eff. 6/29/18
Recent Status: 3/29/2018 - Sent to Governor for Signature
3/21/2018 - **PASSED BY SENATE**; Vote 32-1
- Position:** Monitor
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-529>

- 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>
- 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>
- 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>
- 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>
- HB572** **PERS- DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SCHOOL EMPLOYEE** (SCHERER G) To revise the laws governing the Public Employees Retirement System, the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund, the State Teachers Retirement System, and the School Employees Retirement System.

Current Status: 12/21/2018 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**
Recent Status: 12/21/2018 - Sent to Governor for Signature
12/12/2018 - Consideration of Senate Amendments; House Does Concur, Vote 92-0
Position: Undetermined
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-572>

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>

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

Current Status: 12/4/2018 - House Education and Career Readiness, (Fourth Hearing)
Recent Status: 5/23/2018 - House Education and Career Readiness, (Third Hearing)
5/22/2018 - House Education and Career Readiness, (Second Hearing)
Position: Monitor
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-591>

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: 11/13/2018 - House Education and Career Readiness, (First Hearing)

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

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>

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>

HB630 **ALTERNATIVE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS EXTENSION** (GALONSKI T) To extend the alternative graduation requirements for two additional years.

Current Status: 11/27/2018 - House Education and Career Readiness, (First Hearing)
Recent Status: 5/15/2018 - Referred to Committee House Education and Career Readiness
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>

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>

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: 11/13/2018 - House Criminal Justice, (First Hearing)

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

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: 12/4/2018 - House Education and Career Readiness, (First Hearing)

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

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>

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: 12/5/2018 - **PASSED BY HOUSE**; Vote 89-2

Recent Status: 12/5/2018 - Bills for Third Consideration
12/4/2018 - **REPORTED OUT**, House Government Accountability and Oversight, (Third Hearing)

Position: Monitor

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-705>

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>

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: 11/28/2018 - House Aging and Long Term Care, (First Hearing)
Recent Status: 11/13/2018 - Referred to Committee House Aging and Long Term Care
6/20/2018 - Introduced
Position: Monitor
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-708>

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: 11/13/2018 - Referred to Committee House Education and Career Readiness
Recent Status: 7/2/2018 - Introduced
Position: Monitor
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-713>

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: 11/13/2018 - Referred to Committee House Education and Career Readiness
Recent Status: 10/24/2018 - Introduced
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-752>

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>

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: 11/13/2018 - House Finance, (First Hearing)

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

HJR15

UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL EDUCATION (FEDOR T, WEST T) To require a universal preschool education program that is free and available to any four- or five-year-old child who resides in the state.

Current Status: 12/4/2018 - House Education and Career Readiness, (First Hearing)

Recent Status: 5/15/2018 - Referred to Committee House Education and Career Readiness
5/1/2018 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HJR-15>

SB3

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (BEAGLE B, BALDERSON T) 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: 11/6/2017 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; Eff. 2/5/2018

Recent Status: 11/2/2017 - Sent to Governor for Signature
10/25/2017 - Consideration of House Amendments; Senate Does Concur, Vote 32-0

Position: Undetermined

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

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

SB8

SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY (GARDNER R, TERHAR L) 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: 12/22/2017 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; eff. 3/23/2018

Recent Status: 12/14/2017 - Sent to Governor for Signature
11/29/2017 - Consideration of Conference Committee Report; House Accepts Conference Committee Report, Vote 88-4

Position: Monitor

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-8>

- 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:** 11/13/2018 - Senate Finance, (First Hearing)
Recent Status: 6/19/2018 - Senate Finance, (First Hearing)
2/1/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Finance
- Position:** Undetermined
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-17>
- 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>
- 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>
- 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>
- 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>

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>

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: 11/27/2018 - House Education and Career Readiness, (Second Hearing)
Recent Status: 11/13/2018 - House Education and Career Readiness, (First Hearing)
5/15/2018 - 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-SB-82>

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>

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>

- 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>
- 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>
- 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>
- 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>
- SB191** **ESTABLISH SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAMS** (SCHIAVONI J) To establish the Breakfast After The Bell Program for public schools.
- Current Status:** 11/14/2018 - Senate Education, (First Hearing)
- Recent Status:** 10/25/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Education
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>

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>

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>

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>

SB216 **PUBLIC SCHOOL DEREGULATION ACT** (HUFFMAN M) To enact the "Ohio Public School Deregulation Act" regarding the administration of preschool and primary and secondary education programs, to add the territory of Summit County to the Stark State College District, and to prescribe procedures for appointing the board of trustees of the combined technical college district.

Current Status: 8/3/2018 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; eff. 11/2/2018
Recent Status: 7/24/2018 - Sent to Governor for Signature
6/27/2018 - Consideration of House Amendments; Senate does concur, Vote 28-1
Position: Monitor
Priority: Tier 1 - High
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-216>

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

Current Status: 11/14/2018 - Consideration of Governor's Veto; Vote 70-22, Veto Overridden by House

Recent Status: 11/14/2018 - Consideration of Governor's Veto; Vote 24-8, Veto Overridden by Senate
8/3/2018 - **VETOED BY GOVERNOR**
Position: Undetermined
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-221>

SB226 SALES TAX HOLIDAY-SCHOOL SAFETY (BACON K) To provide for a permanent three-day sales tax "holiday" each August during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use tax, to authorize a county school financing district property tax for school safety, security, and mental health services, and to declare an emergency.

Current Status: 3/30/2018 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; eff. immediately
Recent Status: 3/29/2018 - Sent to Governor for Signature
3/21/2018 - **PASSED BY SENATE**; Vote 32-1, Emergency Clause 32-1
Position: Support
Priority: Tier 1 - High
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-226>

SB239 REGIONAL COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENTS & DESIGNATIONS (DOLAN M) to modify the law concerning regional councils of governments to clarify that a municipal corporation eligible to designate a tourism development district may designate more than one district, to specify that the American Law Institute's approved "Restatement of the Law, Liability Insurance" does not constitute the public policy of Ohio, to designate a portion of U.S. Route 33 in Meigs County as the "Steve Story Memorial Highway," to designate a portion of Interstate Route 270 in Franklin County as the "Officers Anthony Morelli and Eric Joering Memorial Highway," and to designate the portion of U.S. Route 24 in Henry County as the "Henry County Veterans Highway."

Current Status: 7/30/2018 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; eff. 10/29/2018
Recent Status: 7/24/2018 - Sent to Governor for Signature
6/27/2018 - Consideration of House Amendments; Senate does concur, Vote 29-0
Position: Monitor
Priority: Tier 1 - High
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-239>

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>

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>

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>

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>

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>

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>

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>

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>

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ABORTION

On the same day Gov. John Kasich vetoed HB258 (Hagan-Hood), the heartbeat bill, he signed another abortion restriction, SB145 (Huffman-Wilson), which bars the procedure of "dilation and evacuation" or "dismemberment," the most common method of performing a second-trimester abortion.

CHILDREN/FAMILIES

A recent report from the Public Children Services Association of Ohio (PCSAO) indicates that the state's foster care system is housing 3,500 more children than it was five years ago, characterizing those children as the "invisible victims" of the opioid epidemic.

ECONOMY

Women today earn just 49 cents to the typical men's dollar, much less than the 80 cents usually reported, according to a new study by economists Heidi I. Hartmann and Stephen J. Rose released Wednesday by the Institute for Women's Policy Research (IWPR). The study, "Still a Man's Labor Market: The Slowly Narrowing Gender Wage Gap," uses the Panel Study on Income Dynamics, a longitudinal data set to look at the gender earnings gaps between men and women in 15-year time spans.

EDUCATION

While changing high school graduation requirements has drawn much of the attention in education policy discussions, the General Assembly's lame duck session brought a slew of new laws relevant to schools, students and educators. They touch on topics ranging from cursive writing instruction to promptly notifying parents of student absences to repealing numerous, outdated education laws, among others.

ELECTIONS 2018

Highlighting the importance of voting, Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted announced five 2018 elections that were either decided by one vote or resulted in a tie. These five contests were local tax levies that took place in Bailey Lakes, Ripley Township, Orange Township, Clarington Village and Gilboa Village.

EMPLOYMENT/UNEMPLOYMENT

Ohio's unemployment rate held at 4.6 percent in November, unchanged since July, according to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, which reported the addition of 5,200 jobs and a decrease of 3,000 in the number of unemployed Ohioans. A recent report from think tanks Policy Matters Ohio (PMO) and the Ohio Justice and Policy Center (OJPC) indicates that 1.3 million Ohio jobs are inaccessible to Ohioans with certain criminal convictions. That amounts to a full quarter of Ohio jobs, according to the study. About 850 Ohio laws known as collateral sanctions bar individuals with various prior criminal convictions from working certain jobs, and these jobs pay \$4,700 more on average and are growing at twice the rate of other jobs, the report finds.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY/STATEHOUSE

The Senate released its first half calendar for 2019, with opening day session set for Monday, Jan. 7, and the next session after that set for Wednesday, Jan. 30. Release of the House schedule was on hold pending leadership elections.

Lawmakers overrode two of three vetoes Gov. John Kasich issued during lame duck session but fell short by one vote in one chamber on the third. On Friday, Dec. 21, Kasich vetoed HB258 (Hagan-Hood), the anti-abortion "heartbeat bill," and SB296 (Hottinger), a measure to increase survivor benefits for families of fallen first responders that was amended to also include elected official pay increases. He had vetoed HB228 (LaTourette-Johnson), which shifts the burden of proof in cases involving use of deadly force in self-defense, days earlier.

The General Assembly returned for rare, post-Christmas sessions on Thursday to counter Kasich's actions. They overrode the veto of SB296 on a vote of 25-6 in the Senate and 70-16 in the House; and did the same on HB228 on respective votes of 21-11 and 67-22. The heartbeat bill, however, will not become law this session, though Gov.-elect Mike DeWine's past statements of support for the measure could portend future movement on the proposal. The House voted 61-28 to override the veto of HB258, but the Senate vote was 19-13, one shy of the three-fifths majority of 20 votes required for an override.

Aside from veto overrides, the House and Senate wrapped up work on several other measures with votes for passage and concurrence. Bills now headed for Gov. John Kasich's desk include:

HB101 (Merrin), regarding epinephrine auto-injectors;

HB139 (Perales-Keller), generally making records exempt from disclosure public 100 years after their creation;

HB300 (Barnes), extending the expiration date of non-driver ID cards for people who are permanently and irreversibly disabled;

HB425 (Antani-Craig), establishing when police body camera footage is considered a public record;

HB477 (Koehler), repealing outdated education laws;

HB411 (Lanese-Rogers), changing the age of marital consent;

HB66 (Young), creating the Undergraduate Mission Study Committee;

HB341 (Huffman-Cera), adding judges to the list of officials whose residential and familial information is not a public record;

HB420 (Sykes), designating November as "Ohio Adoption Awareness Month"; and HB422 (Ginter-Rogers), regarding acquisitions of water and sewer systems.

House Speaker Ryan Smith (R-Bidwell) won an informal caucus vote to retain his position in the 133rd General Assembly, but supporters of rival Rep. Larry Householder (R-Glenford) stayed away from the caucus meeting and raised doubts about its validity beforehand. Smith won all votes from the 34 members in attendance, giving him a majority of the 61-member caucus. Rep. Kirk Schuring (R-Canton), outgoing dean of the Republican Caucus, scheduled the Thursday, Dec. 27 gathering, following incoming dean Rep. Jim Butler's (R-Oakwood) decision not to call any meetings amid lack of caucus unity. Rep.-elect Jamie Callender (R-Concord) raised questions about the meeting ahead of time, saying that because Schuring won't be a member of the next General Assembly, the meeting might be illegal or would need to be opened to the public and press. Rep. Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati) responded that the meeting was called by Schuring at the direction of Smith, who will be a member of the next General Assembly. Smith, Householder or any other candidate will need 50 votes on the House floor to officially be elected speaker at the opening session on Monday, Jan. 7. Otherwise, voting promises to end up as another long series of ballots, as was the case earlier this year when Smith succeeded former Speaker Cliff Rosenberger, who resigned amid FBI scrutiny.

Kathleen Clyde (D-Kent) resigned from her position as state representative for the 75th District Thursday and was appointed Portage County Commissioner by the Portage County Democratic Party Central Committee. She ran for secretary of state this year and was due to leave the General Assembly at year's end because of term limits.

As the first Democrat African American woman from Franklin County to serve in both the House and Senate of the Ohio Legislature, a former Columbus City Councilwoman and the CEO of a prominent health care system in the area, one might be hard-pressed to find a more prominent central Ohio public servant than Sen. Charleta Tavares (D-Columbus). While term limits may prevent Tavares from returning in the 133rd General Assembly, she told *Hannah News* during a recent interview that she has no intention of leaving a career of public service.

Rep. Kristin Boggs and her husband, Adam Ward, announced the birth of a son, Colin Sylak Ward, on Wednesday, Dec. 26 on Facebook. He weighed 9 pounds 5 ounces and is 20.5 inches long. He joins older sister Sloane.

GOVERNOR

Gov. John Kasich signed the following 12 bills into law on Friday, Dec. 21:

- HB96 (Hughes), regarding sexual imposition penalties.
- HB411 (Seitz-Sykes), regarding wrongful imprisonment.
- HB497 (Rogers-Manning), prohibiting nonconsensual dissemination of private sexual images,
- HB500 (Carfagna), changing township laws and providing appropriations for survivor benefit changes enacted in SB296 (Hottinger).
- HB502 (Anielski), regarding youth suicide awareness and prevention training for school employees.
- HB522 (Lanese), regarding alcohol permits and outdoor refreshment areas.
 - HB541 (Patterson-LaTourette), regarding the practice of volunteer, out-of-state medical professionals.
- HB572 (Scherer-Howse), a pension system omnibus measure.
- HB595 (Cupp), reforming various probate and trust laws.
 - SB145 (Huffman-Wilson), criminalizing and creating a civil action for

dismemberment abortions.

- SB201 (Bacon-O'Brien), enacting the "Reagan Tokes Law" to boost prison terms for some violent offenders.

- SB229 (Eklund), regarding regulation of controlled substances.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) recently announced the results of "Monitoring the Future" (MTF), a nationally representative survey of high school teens conducted by the University of Michigan, which found that teen use of electronic cigarettes containing nicotine reached record highs in 2018, while teen use of traditional tobacco products hit record lows. In a single year, the number of high school seniors who reported "any vaping" in the past 12 months increased from 27.8 percent in 2017 to 37.3 percent in 2018.

PUBLIC SAFETY

There were nine fatalities on Ohio roadways during the 2018 Christmas weekend, according to provisional statistics released Wednesday by the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP). Three fatalities were the result of not wearing a seat belt when available and three were OVI-related, OSHP said in a news release. The five-day reporting period began at midnight on Friday, Dec. 21 and ran through 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 25. This number is the same as 2017 holiday weekend, but lower than 2016 when 14 people were killed in traffic crashes.

STUDIES/POLLS

New data released by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) shows that almost a third of Americans (30.3 percent) volunteered through an organization in 2017, amounting to 77.4 million individuals. CNCS reported a total of 6.9 billion hours of volunteer work was completed in 2017, which was valued at \$167 billion worth of time and work donated in economic value, based on private-sector estimates on the average value of a volunteer hour.

TRANSITION

Treasurer-elect Robert Sprague named additional senior staff members for his new office, including Marjorie Kruse, deputy director for audit and compliance at the Ohio Department of Taxation, as deputy treasurer; Jennifer Day, who will continue on from the Mandel administration as chief operations officer; Brandon Kern, senior director of policy outreach for the Ohio Farm Bureau, as legislative affairs director; Brittany Halpin, deputy director of communications for the Ohio Department of Education, as press secretary; Zach Crawford, political director for Sprague's campaign, as policy adviser; and Rich Thompson, political programs director for the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, as director of public affairs.

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