This January 13, 2020, 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 the education bills of interest to Ohio’s public education community introduced during the 133rd General Assembly. Bills are organized in order of 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 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. Bills are organized according to last action date:

HB459  STUDENT PARTICIPATION - EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (MILLER A, MILLER J) To prohibit a coach, director, or supervisor of an extracurricular activity from restricting student participation in other extracurricular activities.

  Current Status: 12/23/2019 - Introduced
  Categories: Education

SB253  STUDENT THREAT OF VIOLENCE (KUNZE S) Regarding expulsion of a student from a public school for communicating a threat of violence to occur on school grounds.

  Current Status: 12/17/2019 - Referred to Committee Senate Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs
  All Bill Status: 12/11/2019 - Introduced
  Categories: Education

HB447  SCHOOL SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (JORDAN K) To establish the School Safety Advisory Committee.

  Current Status: 12/12/2019 - Introduced
  Categories: Education

HB448  SCHOOL CREDIT APPROVAL (BOYD J) To authorize school credit for approved programs offered at times outside the normal school day.

  Current Status: 12/12/2019 - Introduced
  Categories: Education
SB248  **SCHOOL STORM SHELTERS** (SCHAFFER T) To extend until November 30, 2022, the moratorium on the building code requirement for storm shelters for school construction projects.

**Current Status:** 12/11/2019 - Referred to Committee Senate General Government and Agency Review

**All Bill Status:** 12/2/2019 - Introduced


SB89  **CAREER-TECHNICAL EDUCATION** (HUFFMAN M) With regard to career-technical education and the compensation of joint vocational school districts located in enterprise zones.

**Current Status:** 12/10/2019 - House Primary and Secondary Education, (First Hearing)

**All Bill Status:** 10/29/2019 - Referred to Committee House Primary and Secondary Education
10/23/2019 - **PASSED BY SENATE**, Vote 31-0
10/23/2019 - Bills for Third Consideration
10/15/2019 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED & REPORTED OUT AS AMENDED**, Senate Education, (Fourth Hearing)
5/7/2019 - Senate Education, (Third Hearing)
4/2/2019 - Senate Education, (Second Hearing)
3/19/2019 - Senate Education, (First Hearing)
3/12/2019 - Referred to Committee Senate Education
3/6/2019 - Introduced

**Categories:** Education

**Position:** Amend


HB367  **SCHOOL COUNSELOR HIRING PRACTICES** (MIRANDA J, MANCHESTER S) To require the Department of Education to make recommendations for a job description for school counselors and to designate at least one staff member as a school counselor liaison.

**Current Status:** 12/10/2019 - House Primary and Secondary Education, (Third Hearing)

**All Bill Status:** 11/19/2019 - House Primary and Secondary Education, (Second Hearing)
10/29/2019 - House Primary and Secondary Education, (First Hearing)
10/22/2019 - Referred to Committee House Primary and Secondary Education
10/10/2019 - Introduced

**Categories:** Education, Local Government, Occupations & Professions, Public Employees, State Government

**Position:** Oppose


HB409  **STUDENT ATTENDANCE - ONLINE SCHOOLS** (KOEHLER K) Regarding student attendance at internet- or computer-based community schools that are not dropout prevention and recovery schools.
HB436 DYSLEXIA SCREENINGS FOR CHILDREN (BALDRIDGE B) With regard to screening and intervention for children with dyslexia.

**Current Status:** 1/14/2020 - House Health, (First Hearing)

**All Bill Status:** 12/10/2019 - Referred to Committee House Primary and Secondary Education
12/4/2019 - Introduced

**Categories:** Children and Family Issues, Health Care


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HB322 TEACHER RESIDENCY (JONES D, MANNING D) To revise the Ohio Teacher Residency Program.

**Current Status:** 12/10/2019 - House Primary and Secondary Education, (Third Hearing)

**All Bill Status:** 11/19/2019 - House Primary and Secondary Education, (Second Hearing)
10/29/2019 - House Primary and Secondary Education, (First Hearing)
9/24/2019 - Referred to Committee House Primary and Secondary Education
8/28/2019 - Introduced

**Categories:** Education, Occupations & Professions

**Position:** Undetermined


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HB164 STUDENT RELIGIOUS RIGHTS (GINTER T) Regarding student religious expression and to entitle the act the "Ohio Student Religious Liberties Act of 2019."

**Current Status:** 12/4/2019 - Referred to Committee Senate Education

**All Bill Status:** 11/13/2019 - PASSED BY HOUSE; Vote 61-31
11/13/2019 - Bills for Third Consideration
6/26/2019 - REPORTED OUT, House Primary and Secondary Education, (Fourth Hearing)
4/30/2019 - House Primary and Secondary Education, (Second Hearing)
4/2/2019 - House Primary and Secondary Education, (First Hearing)
3/26/2019 - Referred to Committee House Primary and Secondary Education
3/25/2019 - Introduced

**Categories:** Education, Religion

**Position:** Undetermined

**SB34**  
**SCHOOL EMPLOYEES AND EDUCATOR LICENSURE** (KUNZE S) Regarding school employee employment and educator licensure and conduct.  
**Current Status:** 12/3/2019 - SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED, Senate Education, (Sixth Hearing)  
**All Bill Status:**  
5/7/2019 - Senate Education, (Fifth Hearing)  
4/9/2019 - Senate Education, (Fourth Hearing)  
3/26/2019 - Senate Education, (Third Hearing)  
3/19/2019 - Senate Education, (Second Hearing)  
2/27/2019 - Senate Education, (First Hearing)  
2/13/2019 - Referred to Committee Senate Education  
2/12/2019 - Introduced  
**Categories:** Education  
**Position:** Undetermined  

**SB121**  
**HEALTH EDUCATION STANDARDS** (SYKES V, KUNZE S) To require the State Board of Education to adopt health education standards and to require that only statewide venereal disease education standards and curriculum be approved by the General Assembly.  
**Current Status:** 12/3/2019 - Senate Education, (Fourth Hearing)  
**All Bill Status:**  
10/29/2019 - Senate Education, (Third Hearing)  
10/29/2019 - Senate Education, (Third Hearing)  
10/29/2019 - Senate Education, (Third Hearing)  
10/1/2019 - Senate Education, (Second Hearing)  
5/7/2019 - Senate Education, (First Hearing)  
5/1/2019 - Referred to Committee Senate Education  
3/26/2019 - Introduced  
**Categories:** Education  
**Position:** Undetermined  
**State Bill Page:** [https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-121](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-121)

**HB305**  
**SCHOOL FINANCING** (CUPP B, PATTERSON J) To create a new school financing system, and to make an appropriation.  
**Current Status:** 11/20/2019 - House Finance, (Sixth Hearing)  
**All Bill Status:**  
11/13/2019 - House Finance, (Fifth Hearing)  
11/7/2019 - House Finance, (Fourth Hearing)  
10/30/2019 - House Finance, (Third Hearing)  
10/24/2019 - House Finance, (Second Hearing)  
10/16/2019 - House Finance, (First Hearing)  
10/10/2019 - House Finance, (First Hearing)  
6/30/2019 - Referred to Committee House Finance  
6/26/2019 - Introduced  
**Categories:** Education  
**Position:** Amend  

**HB310**  
**SCHOOL 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 colleges.  
**Current Status:** 11/19/2019 - House Primary and Secondary Education, (Fourth Hearing)
HB111  SCHOOL RECORD TRANSFER (INGRAM C) To require that public and private schools transmit a transferred student’s records within five school days.

Current Status: 11/19/2019 - REPORTED OUT, House Primary and Secondary Education, (Fourth Hearing)

All Bill Status: 11/12/2019 - House Primary and Secondary Education, (Third Hearing)
6/11/2019 - House Primary and Secondary Education, (Second Hearing)
3/19/2019 - House Primary and Secondary Education, (First Hearing)
3/5/2019 - Referred to Committee House Primary and Secondary Education
2/27/2019 - Introduced

Position: Monitor


SB181  WORKFORCE-EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS (COLEY W) To require the Chancellor of Higher Education to create a template for workforce-education partnership programs.

Current Status: 11/6/2019 - PASSED BY SENATE; Vote 33-0

All Bill Status: 11/6/2019 - Bills for Third Consideration
10/30/2019 - REPORTED OUT, Senate Higher Education , (Third Hearing)
10/2/2019 - Senate Higher Education , (Second Hearing)
9/18/2019 - Senate Higher Education , (First Hearing)
9/11/2019 - Referred to Committee Senate Higher Education
8/9/2019 - Introduced

Categories: Economic & Workforce Development, Higher Education

Position: Undetermined


SB147  OHIO SCHOOL MARSHAL PROGRAM (HOAGLAND F) To create the Ohio School Marshal Program.

Current Status: 11/6/2019 - Senate Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs, (First Hearing)

All Bill Status: 6/4/2019 - Referred to Committee Senate Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs
5/9/2019 - Introduced

Position: Undetermined

HB360  PUBLIC SCHOOLS-WATER STATIONS (CRAWLEY E, HILLYER B) To require water bottle filling stations and drinking fountains in certain public school buildings.

**Current Status:** 11/6/2019 - House Commerce and Labor, (First Hearing)

**All Bill Status:** 10/9/2019 - Referred to Committee House Commerce and Labor
10/8/2019 - Introduced

**Categories:** Education

**Position:** Undetermined


HB321  CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION (LIPPS S, KELLY B) 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:** 11/5/2019 - REPORTED OUT, House Health, (Third Hearing)

**All Bill Status:** 10/15/2019 - House Health, (Second Hearing)
10/1/2019 - House Health, (First Hearing)
9/24/2019 - Referred to Committee House Health
8/19/2019 - Introduced

**Categories:** Crime & Punishment, Education

**Position:** Undetermined


HB375  EXTRACURRICULAR TAX CREDIT (BROWN R) To authorize a refundable income tax credit for individuals who pay an extracurricular activity fee on behalf of a student from a low-income family.

**Current Status:** 11/5/2019 - House Ways and Means, (First Hearing)

**All Bill Status:** 10/23/2019 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means
10/22/2019 -Introduced

**Categories:** Education, Taxation

**Position:** Undetermined


HB83  SCHOOL BUS PHOTO EVIDENCE (BROWN R, SCHAFFER T) To allow images captured by a camera installed on a school bus to be used as corroborating evidence for the offense of failing to stop for a school bus.

**Current Status:** 10/31/2019 - SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED, House Criminal Justice, (First Hearing)

**All Bill Status:** 3/5/2019 - Referred to Committee House Criminal Justice
2/19/2019 - Introduced

**Categories:** Crime & Punishment, Education

**Position:** Monitor


HB123  SCHOOL SAFETY TRAINING (HOLMES G, MANNING G) With regard to school security and youth suicide awareness education and training.

**Current Status:** 10/29/2019 - Senate Education, (Second Hearing)

**All Bill Status:** 10/29/2019 - Senate Education, (Second Hearing)
10/29/2019 - Senate Education, (Second Hearing)
10/15/2019 - Senate Education, (First Hearing)
10/8/2019 - Referred to Committee Senate Education
SB200  PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT-DYSLEXIA  (LEHNER P, BRENNER A) With regard to professional development for screening and intervention for children with dyslexia.

Current Status: 10/29/2019 - Senate Education, (First Hearing)

All Bill Status: 10/29/2019 - Senate Education, (First Hearing)
10/29/2019 - Senate Education, (First Hearing)
10/8/2019 - Referred to Committee Senate Education
9/17/2019 - Introduced

Categories: Children and Family Issues

Position: Amend


SB102  DYSLEXIA SCREENING PROGRAM  (BRENNER A, LEHNER P) To establish the Dyslexia Screening Program for school districts and other public schools.

Current Status: 10/29/2019 - Senate Education, (Fourth Hearing)

All Bill Status: 10/29/2019 - Senate Education, (Fourth Hearing)
10/29/2019 - Senate Education, (Third Hearing)
10/15/2019 - SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED, Senate Education, (Third Hearing)
5/7/2019 - Senate Education, (Second Hearing)
3/26/2019 - Senate Education, (First Hearing)
3/21/2019 - Referred to Committee Senate Education
3/12/2019 - Introduced

Categories: Education

Position: Undetermined


SB216  SCHOOL DISTRICT TAXES  (ROEGNER K) To allow school districts to exempt recipients of the existing homestead exemption from additional school district taxes.

Current Status: 10/23/2019 - Referred to Committee Senate Finance

All Bill Status: 10/10/2019 - Introduced

Categories: Taxation

Position: Undetermined
SB219  APPRENTICE PROGRAM (WILLIAMS S) To establish a career pathways apprentice program.

Current Status: 10/23/2019 - Referred to Committee Senate Education
All Bill Status: 10/15/2019 - Introduced
Categories: Education
Position: Undetermined


SB218  SCHOOL START TIME (WILLIAMS S) To prohibit public schools from beginning the school day earlier than eight-thirty a.m.

Current Status: 10/23/2019 - Referred to Committee Senate Education
All Bill Status: 10/15/2019 - Introduced
Categories: Education
Position: Undetermined


SB225  CHILD ABUSE REPORTING (LEHNER P) To require public schools to post signs with a child abuse reporting telephone number.

Current Status: 10/23/2019 - Referred to Committee Senate Government Oversight and Reform
All Bill Status: 10/16/2019 - Introduced
Categories: Children and Family Issues, Education
Position: Undetermined


SB224  PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SCHOOL FUNDING (THOMAS C) To provide an additional school funding payment for fiscal years 2020 and 2021 for school districts that were subject to the cap that restricted increases in aggregate funding in fiscal year 2019 and satisfy other criteria.

Current Status: 10/23/2019 - Referred to Committee Senate Finance Primary and Secondary Education Subcommittee
All Bill Status: 10/16/2019 - Introduced
Categories: Education
Position: Undetermined


SB226  REQUIRE SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION (WILLIAMS S) To require school districts to provide transportation for students in grades 9-12, to have the pupil transportation formula operate for fiscal years 2020 and 2021, and to make an appropriation.

Current Status: 10/23/2019 - Referred to Committee Senate Finance Primary and Secondary Education Subcommittee
All Bill Status: 10/21/2019 - Introduced
Position: Undetermined

SB134  **PASSING SCHOOL BUSSES** (GAVARONE T) To make changes to the law governing passing a school bus, to create a new offense for vehicular homicide and vehicular assault related to improperly passing a stopped school bus, to make an appropriation, and to designate this the School Bus Safety Act.

**Current Status:** 10/9/2019 - Senate Transportation, Commerce and Workforce, (Third Hearing)

**All Bill Status:** 10/2/2019 - Senate Transportation, Commerce and Workforce, (Second Hearing)
9/17/2019 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED**, Senate Transportation, Commerce and Workforce, (First Hearing)
6/11/2019 - Referred to Committee Senate Transportation, Commerce and Workforce
4/22/2019 - Introduced

**Categories:** Transportation & Infrastructure

**Position:** Undetermined


SB109  **WORKFORCE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM** (SCHURING K) To establish the Workforce Scholarship Program, to terminate the provisions of the Scholarship Program on December 31, 2023, to authorize tax credits for graduates of the Scholarship Program and their employers, and to make an appropriation.

**Current Status:** 10/8/2019 - Senate Finance, (Second Hearing)

**All Bill Status:** 4/24/2019 - Senate Finance, (First Hearing)
3/21/2019 - Referred to Committee Senate Finance
3/13/2019 - Introduced

**Categories:** Education

**Position:** Undetermined


SB81  **PROHIBIT USE OF SECLUSION IN SCHOOLS** (MAHARATH T) To prohibit the use of seclusion in public schools.

**Current Status:** 10/1/2019 - Senate Education, (First Hearing)

**All Bill Status:** 3/12/2019 - Referred to Committee Senate Education
3/6/2019 - Introduced

**Categories:** Education

**Position:** Undetermined


SB168  **SERVICES FOR STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE MEALS** (YUKO K, MAHARATH T) To enact the "Hunger-Free Students' Bill of Rights Act" to require schools to provide certain services to students who are eligible for free or reduced price meals.

**Current Status:** 10/1/2019 - Senate Education, (First Hearing)

**All Bill Status:** 7/17/2019 - Referred to Committee Senate Education
6/19/2019 - Introduced

**Categories:** Education

**Position:** Undetermined


HB336  **REINSTATE JEOC** (SOBECKI L, ROBINSON P) To reinstate the Joint Education Oversight Committee, make an appropriation, and declare an emergency.
HB154  **DISSOLVE DISTRESS COMMISSIONS** (MILLER J, JONES D) To revise the law on interventions for low-performing school districts and schools, to make an appropriation, and to declare an emergency.

*Current Status:* 9/24/2019 - Senate Education, (Fourth Hearing)

*All Bill Status:*
- 9/18/2019 - Senate Education, (Fourth Hearing)
- 9/10/2019 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED**, Senate Education, (Second Hearing)
- 6/25/2019 - Senate Education, (First Hearing)
- 5/15/2019 - Referred to Committee Senate Education
- 5/1/2019 - **PASSED BY HOUSE**; Vote 83-12
- 4/30/2019 - **REPORTED OUT AS AMENDED**, House Primary and Secondary Education, (Third Hearing)
- 4/9/2019 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED**, House Primary and Secondary Education, (Second Hearing)
- 4/2/2019 - House Primary and Secondary Education, (First Hearing)
- 3/26/2019 - Referred to Committee House Primary and Secondary Education
- 3/20/2019 - Introduced

*Categories:* Education

*Position:* Amend


SB126  **CRISIS ASSESSMENTS-SUICIDAL YOUTH** (MANNING N) To authorize a mental health professional to provide a crisis assessment, without parental consent, to a minor who is or is believed to be suicidal and to make an appropriation to support the employment of social workers or mental or behavioral health professionals at educational service centers.

*Current Status:* 9/18/2019 - Senate Health, Human Services and Medicaid, (First Hearing)

*All Bill Status:*
- 5/1/2019 - Referred to Committee Senate Health, Human Services and Medicaid
- 4/9/2019 - Introduced

*Position:* Undetermined


SB85  **SCHOOL ZONE SPEED LIMITS** (MAHARATH T) To establish signage requirements for indicating school zones for speed limit purposes, and to make an appropriation.

*Current Status:* 9/17/2019 - Senate Finance, (First Hearing)

*All Bill Status:*
- 3/12/2019 - Referred to Committee Senate Finance
- 3/6/2019 - Introduced

*Categories:* Transportation & Infrastructure
HB44  **SNAP FEDERAL FUNDING** (HOLMES G, MILLER A) To make an appropriation to continue to fund the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families programs, and Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children contingent upon a lapse in federal funding

**Current Status:** 9/10/2019 - House Health, (First Hearing)

**All Bill Status:** 2/12/2019 - Referred to Committee House Health
2/12/2019 - Introduced

**Categories:** Budget and Appropriations, Children and Family Issues, Federal Issues

**Position:** Undetermined


SB4  **SCHOOL FACILITIES ASSISTANCE** (RULLI M) To make a capital appropriation for school facilities assistance.

**Current Status:** 7/23/2019 - Re-Referred to Committee

**All Bill Status:** 7/18/2019 - Informally Passed
7/17/2019 - Informally Passed
7/16/2019 - Informally Passed
7/15/2019 - Informally Passed
7/12/2019 - Informally Passed
7/11/2019 - Informally Passed
7/10/2019 - Informally Passed
7/9/2019 - Informally Passed
7/8/2019 - Informally Passed
7/2/2019 - Informally Passed
6/30/2019 - Informally Passed
6/6/2019 - Informally Passed
6/28/2019 - Informally Passed
6/27/2019 - Informally Passed
6/27/2019 - Bills for Third Consideration
5/29/2019 - **REPORTED OUT**, House Finance, (Second Hearing)
5/23/2019 - House Finance, (First Hearing)
5/14/2019 - Re-Referred to Committee
5/7/2019 - **REPORTED OUT**, House Primary and Secondary Education, (Third Hearing)
4/30/2019 - House Primary and Secondary Education, (Second Hearing)
4/2/2019 - House Primary and Secondary Education, (First Hearing)
4/2/2019 - Referred to Committee House Primary and Secondary Education
3/27/2019 - **PASSED BY SENATE**; Vote 31-0
3/27/2019 - Bills for Third Consideration
3/12/2019 - **REPORTED OUT**, Senate Finance, (Second Hearing)
2/26/2019 - Senate Finance, (First Hearing)
2/19/2019 - Referred to Committee Senate Finance
2/12/2019 - Introduced

**Categories:** Education

**Position:** Undetermined

HB294  **SCHOOL BULLYING** (DENSON S, MILLER A) To modify the definition of school harassment, intimidation, or bullying.

- **Current Status:** 6/25/2019 - Referred to Committee House Primary and Secondary Education
- **All Bill Status:** 6/19/2019 - Introduced
- **Categories:** Education, Mental Health & Disabilities, Public Safety
- **Position:** Undetermined

HB165  **HEALTH EDUCATION STANDARDS** (LISTON B, GALONSKI T) Regarding the adoption of health education standards.

- **Current Status:** 6/18/2019 - House Primary and Secondary Education, (Third Hearing)
- **All Bill Status:** 6/4/2019 - House Primary and Secondary Education, (Second Hearing)
  - 5/28/2019 - House Primary and Secondary Education, (First Hearing)
  - 4/2/2019 - Referred to Committee House Primary and Secondary Education
  - 3/25/2019 - Introduced
- **Categories:** Education, Health Care
- **Position:** Monitor

HB43  **SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY ACQUISITION** (INGRAM C) To eliminate the right of first refusal for certain schools in the acquisition of school district real property.

- **Current Status:** 6/11/2019 - House Primary and Secondary Education, (Second Hearing)
- **All Bill Status:** 2/19/2019 - House Primary and Secondary Education, (First Hearing)
  - 2/12/2019 - Referred to Committee House Primary and Secondary Education
  - 2/12/2019 - Introduced
- **Categories:** Education, Land Use
- **Position:** Undetermined

HB239  **REDUCE TESTING** (MANNING G, CRAWLEY E) To reduce the number of end-of-course assessments required for high school graduation and to require each school district to form a work group to evaluate the amount of time students spend on testing.

- **Current Status:** 6/11/2019 - BILL AMENDED, House Primary and Secondary Education, (Third Hearing)
- **All Bill Status:** 6/4/2019 - House Primary and Secondary Education, (Second Hearing)
  - 5/28/2019 - House Primary and Secondary Education, (First Hearing)
  - 5/14/2019 - Referred to Committee House Primary and Secondary Education
  - 5/8/2019 - Introduced
HB90 UNBORN CHILD EDUCATION (ANTANI N) To require the development of an instructional program and educational and informational materials and the dissemination of those materials to protect the humanity of the unborn child.

**Current Status:** 6/4/2019 - House Health, (Sixth Hearing)

**All Bill Status:**
- 5/28/2019 - BILL AMENDED, House Health, (Fifth Hearing)
- 4/30/2019 - House Health, (Fourth Hearing)
- 3/19/2019 - House Health, (Second Hearing)
- 3/12/2019 - House Health, (First Hearing)
- 3/5/2019 - Referred to Committee House Health
- 2/20/2019 - Introduced

**Categories:** Children and Family Issues, Education

**Position:** Neutral


HB231 FREE EPINEPHRINE PROGRAMS (GREENSPAN D) To require the Department of Education to notify public and private schools of free epinephrine autoinjector programs and to enact the "Allison Rose Suhy Act" with regard to food allergy training for public schools and institutions of higher education.

**Current Status:** 5/21/2019 - House Primary and Secondary Education, (First Hearing)

**All Bill Status:**
- 5/8/2019 - Referred to Committee House Primary and Secondary Education
- 5/2/2019 - Introduced

**Categories:** Education, Health Care, Public Safety

**Position:** Undetermined


SB128 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS (HUFFMAN M) To make changes to the Educational Choice Scholarship Program and the Cleveland Scholarship Program.

**Current Status:** 5/1/2019 - Referred to Committee Senate Finance

**All Bill Status:**
- 4/9/2019 - Introduced

**Position:** Undetermined


HB23 F-1 VISA SCHOOL ATHLETICS (ANTANI N) To authorize any student from a country or province outside the United States who holds an F-1 visa to participate in interscholastic athletics.

**Current Status:** 4/30/2019 - House Primary and Secondary Education, (Second Hearing)

**All Bill Status:**
- 2/19/2019 - House Primary and Secondary Education, (First Hearing)
- 2/12/2019 - Referred to Committee House Primary and Secondary Education
- 2/12/2019 - Introduced

**Categories:** Arts, Sports & Entertainment, Education, Immigration
HB127  DISTRESS COMMISSION MORATORIUM (SMITH K, HAMBLEY S) To prohibit the creation of new academic distress commissions.

**Current Status:** 4/9/2019 - SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED, House Primary and Secondary Education, (Second Hearing)

**All Bill Status:** 3/19/2019 - House Primary and Secondary Education, (First Hearing)
3/12/2019 - Referred to Committee House Primary and Secondary Education
3/7/2019 - Introduced

**Categories:** Education

**Position:** Monitor


SB110  ACADEMIC DISTRESS COMMISSIONS (MANNING N) To modify the operation of academic distress commissions in certain school districts.

**Current Status:** 4/9/2019 - Senate Education, (Third Hearing)

**All Bill Status:** 4/2/2019 - Senate Education, (Second Hearing)
3/26/2019 - Senate Education, (First Hearing)
3/21/2019 - Referred to Committee Senate Education
3/13/2019 - Introduced

**Categories:** Education

**Position:** Monitor


HB132  SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS (MANNING D) Regarding notice of school child immunization requirements and exemptions.

**Current Status:** 4/2/2019 - House Primary and Secondary Education, (First Hearing)

**All Bill Status:** 3/19/2019 - Referred to Committee House Primary and Secondary Education
3/12/2019 - Introduced

**Categories:** Education, Health Care, Public Safety

**Position:** Undetermined


SB104  INTERDISTRICT OPEN ENROLLMENT (HILL B) Regarding funding for students enrolled in community schools, STEM schools, and other districts through interdistrict open enrollment.

**Current Status:** 3/27/2019 - Referred to Committee Senate Education

**All Bill Status:** 3/13/2019 - Introduced

**Categories:** Education

**Position:** Undetermined


HB121  TAX CREDIT-CLASSROOM MATERIALS (SCHAFFER T) To allow a credit against the personal income tax for amounts spent by teachers for instructional materials.
HB118 SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION (MANNING D) Regarding student transportation to and from school.

Current Status: 3/19/2019 - House Transportation and Public Safety, (First Hearing)

All Bill Status: 3/12/2019 - Referred to Committee House Transportation and Public Safety
3/4/2019 - Introduced

Categories: Education, Transportation & Infrastructure

Position: Monitor


HB122 OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (KOELER K) To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program.

Current Status: 3/19/2019 - House Primary and Secondary Education, (First Hearing)

All Bill Status: 3/12/2019 - Referred to Committee House Primary and Secondary Education
3/5/2019 - Introduced

Categories: Education

Position: Undetermined


HB89 FAILURE TO STOP-SCHOOL BUS (ANTANI N) To enhance the penalties for failing to properly stop for a school bus, to establish requirements related to informing the public about that prohibition, and to make an appropriation.

Current Status: 3/5/2019 - Referred to Committee House Criminal Justice

All Bill Status: 2/20/2019 - Introduced

Categories: Education, Public Safety, Transportation & Infrastructure

Position: Monitor


HB105 SCHOOL BUS STOP (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: 3/5/2019 - Referred to Committee House Criminal Justice

All Bill Status: 2/26/2019 - Introduced

Categories: Education, Public Safety, Transportation & Infrastructure

Position: Monitor
HB22 OFCC ODE-SCHOOL BUILDING AMENITIES (ANTANI N) To require the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission and the Department of Education to conduct a study regarding certain school building amenities.

**Current Status:** 2/19/2019 - House Primary and Secondary Education, (First Hearing)

**All Bill Status:** 2/12/2019 - Referred to Committee House Primary and Secondary Education

**Categories:** Construction, Education

**Position:** Undetermined


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**Capitol Square in Review**

**ADDITION/SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

If any entities should be held responsible for Ohioans receiving an "excessive volume" of opioids over the years, six pharmacy companies argued in a new court filling, it should be the physicians who wrote the prescriptions. The pharmacy companies, which are facing a federal trial in Cleveland as a result of lawsuits filed by Cuyahoga and Summit counties, are arguing in a third-party complaint that pharmacists should not be held liable for filling prescriptions written by doctors. CVS, Discount Drug Mart, Giant Eagle's HBC, Rite Aid, Walgreens and Walmart filed the complaints in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio Eastern Division, which is scheduled to begin trial in October 2020.

**FY20-21 BUDGET**

According to preliminary figures released Monday by the Office of Budget and Management (OBM), state revenues for December came in approximately $1.8 million or (0.1 percent) below estimates for the month. This was despite the state's personal income tax coming in $35.6 million or 4.5 percent over estimates. A shortfall in both the non-auto and auto sales tax nearly wiped out that excess alone with the two categories coming in a total of $34.7 million below estimates. The bulk of this was in the non-auto sales tax, which was $34.3 million or 3.9 percent below estimates. Both taxes remain over estimates for the first half of FY20 by nearly $79.5 million or 1.4 percent: the non-auto by $40.5 million and the auto sales tax by nearly $39.0 million.

**CENSUS**

As the 2020 Census approaches, a survey from Pew Research Center shows that while the majority of Americans are aware of the census and intend to participate in it, some people in the most vulnerable demographics say they are unsure whether to participate or not. The survey, released in October 2019, indicates that about 84 percent of U.S. adults say they intend to participate in the census and 98 percent
say they have heard of it. However, the survey shows younger adults, black and Hispanic adults, and those with a low income are all significantly less likely to say they will participate in the census.

CHILDREN/FAMILIES

Both foster parents and former foster youth shared their experiences of feeling voiceless and unsupported during a Monday night forum for a DeWine administration advisory council to field ideas on how to reform the child welfare system. The meeting of the Children Services Transformation Advisory Council took place at Columbus State Community College, and many witnesses speaking are or were involved with the college's Scholar Network, a group that supports foster youth in their studies. One consistent message from foster care alumni was the need for an independent ombudsman for foster youth, housed outside the child welfare system hierarchy and separate from any ombudsman for foster parents. Multiple speakers suggested the Ohio Attorney General's Office would be a good place to establish the ombudsman position.

ECONOMY

Central Ohio's employment will continue to grow in 2020, but the growth will remain slow, economist and Hannah News contributor Bill LaFayette said Wednesday in his annual "Blue Chip Economic Forecast" presented to the Columbus Metropolitan Club. LaFayette, the founder of Regionomics who writes "On the Money" reports for Hannah News, also said his forecast does not predict a recession for the nation this year, and he expects tensions in Iraq and Iran to ease and not have an effect on the national economy. Either one of those factors turning out the other way would have an effect on the Central Ohio forecast, and he said if that's the case, "All bets are off."

EDUCATION

Ohio's charter school sector continued to contract in number of schools and students enrolled in the previous academic year, according to the state's annual report on charter schools. The Ohio Department of Education's (ODE) annual report for the 2018-2019 school year shows the fifth consecutive year in which fewer schools and fewer students made up the sector. The sector had 320 schools and 102,563 students, down from 340 schools and 104,433 students the year prior and 395 schools and 120,893 students in the 2013-2014 academic year, the high water mark for the sector. Charter enrollment for 2018-2019 made up 6.2 percent of Ohio's total K-12 public school enrollment.

The court-appointed attorney minding Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow's assets said in a recent court filing that the defunct online school's old sponsor will prepare ECOT's final financial report to meet the demands of Auditor Keith Faber, though the filing says Faber's request is "unreasonable." The filing also provides another indication of FBI interest in ECOT's affairs. Myron Terlecky, appointed as interim master to supervise ECOT's assets by Franklin County Common Pleas Judge Richard Holbrook, acknowledged in the filing that he has turned school records over to the federal law enforcement agency.

ELECTIONS

Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose Wednesday issued a special notice to Ohio's 88 county boards of elections in response to heightened tensions with Iran, warning of potential threats and giving instructions on how to manage those threats. LaRose's office said state networks across the U.S. experienced an increase in suspicious cyber activity earlier this week coming from active Internet protocol (IP) addresses originating from several countries, including Iran. In response, LaRose
required county boards of elections to block an identified set of Iranian IP addresses on county
firewalls after working in coordination with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Ohio
National Guard, and colleagues in Colorado and West Virginia.

ELECTIONS 2020

Two candidates who filed to run on Ohio's Tuesday, March 17 presidential primary ballot were
disqualified due to paperwork errors, while a third will run as a write-in, as Secretary of State Frank
LaRose officially certified the candidates on Tuesday. The Democratic presidential primary ballot was
certified with 12 candidates: Michael Bennet, Joe Biden, Michael Bloomberg, Cory Booker, Pete
Buttigieg, Tulsi Gabbard, Amy Klobuchar, Deval Patrick, Bernie Sanders, Tom Steyer and Elizabeth
Warren. Democrat Andrew Yang qualified as a write-in candidate after he was disqualified due to a
paperwork error. The Republican presidential primary ballot will only have one candidate -- President
Donald Trump.

Rep. Paula Hicks-Hudson (D-Toledo) will have to run as a write-in candidate in the Democratic
primary on Tuesday, March 17, in order to be re-elected after a paperwork error forced her to withdraw
her petition.

According to the Toledo Blade, Hicks-Hudson failed to submit a page that included her original
signature. Rather than have the Lucas County Board of Elections disqualify the petition, she pulled her
paperwork and said she will now run a write-in campaign for the primary.

Baldwin Wallace University (BW) announced this week that it will be polling in three states in
addition to Ohio for 2020 and will conduct simultaneous surveys in four Great Lakes Polls. The first of
the polls will be conducted later this month and will include surveys in Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin and
Pennsylvania. The latter three states decided the 2016 presidential election by razor-thin margins.

The following endorsements were made over the week:

- The Ohio Senate campaign of Jerry Cirino announced the endorsements of Senate President Larry
  Obhof (R-Medina) and Sen. John Eklund (R-Chardon).

FEDERAL

Newly released population estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau indicate Ohio could lose a
congressional seat after the 2020 Census, according to an analysis of the data by the consulting group
Election Data Services. The Census Bureau estimates Ohio's population at 11.7 million as of July
2019. This is a 1.3 percent increase since the last decennial census taken in April 2010. Ohio has the
seventh largest population in the country. Despite the population increase, Election Data Services
predicts Ohio will join nine other states, including neighboring Michigan, Pennsylvania and West
Virginia, in losing one congressional seat.

Twelve members of Ohio's congressional delegation issued statements regarding the U.S. killing of
Qasem Soleimani, the head of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps-Quds Force, a U.S.-designated
Foreign Terrorist Organization according to the U.S. Department of Defense, on Thursday, Jan. 2.

Members of Ohio's congressional delegation issued statements regarding Iranian ballistic missile
strikes on U.S. military and coalition forces in Iraq around 5:30 p.m. EST Tuesday. The attacks,
launched from Iran and targeting multiple bases, followed the Jan. 2 assassination of Soleimani.
During a call-in with reporters Tuesday, U.S. Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH) discussed the upcoming impeachment trial in the Senate, the status of the U.S. and Iran, and his legislative goals. Portman commented that the Senate should follow the only modern precedent they have for the impeachment trial which is the case against former President Bill Clinton in 1998. He said the precedent established by that trial set up a two-step process: in the first step, the Senate listens to both sides, the managers from the House and the president's lawyers. In the second step, the Senate fills in gaps and determines if witnesses are needed.

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY/STATEHOUSE**

Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina) said Wednesday he's confident both chambers will act to address recent concerns with the EdChoice scholarship program in the next few weeks. Obhof did not offer specifics on what EdChoice legislation would entail. Local school officials have raised the alarm over a substantial expansion of the number of school buildings at which students are or will be eligible for vouchers. Some of that expansion relates to changes made in the biennial budget, HB166 (Oeslager), while some is the delayed effect of laws on the books for a few years.

**GOVERNOR**

Managers of the state's 88 county fairs are in a unique position to influence members of the General Assembly, and should lobby lawmakers to protect Ohioans from gun violence, Gov. Mike DeWine said Friday. "Frankly, I would ask for your help," DeWine said near the end of his remarks at the Ohio Fair Managers Association Convention at the Hyatt Regency. DeWine's proposal, SB221 (Dolan), has received three hearings in the Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee since being introduced in October 2019.

**HIGHER EDUCATION**

Fall 2019 postsecondary enrollment estimates released by the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center show a national decline of 1.3 percent in college enrollment compared with fall 2018. Ohio, which has the sixth largest population of students enrolled in postsecondary institutions in the country, experienced a slightly smaller decline of 0.9 percent from the previous year. The research center said that for the first time this past decade, the nation's fall enrollments fell below 18 million students and declined by more than two million students.

The University of Akron (UA) has launched two new esports teams due to overwhelming popularity of the program, according to the university's website. The new teams, Fortnite: Battle Royale and Tom Clancy's Rainbow Six Siege, bring UA's esports team total to seven.

Central State University (CSU) was recently named a 2018-19 Fulbright Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) Institutional Leader. CSU is one of 19 HBCUs to receive the distinction from the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA).

Recent research out of Ohio State University (OSU) may indicate college students who post about feelings of depression on Facebook are unlikely to be encouraged to seek mental health help. In the study, published online in the journal JMIR Research Protocols, none of the 33 participating students who posted to Facebook said their friends told them they should reach out to a mental health professional to discuss their problems. Instead, most friends sent motivating or supportive messages.
Miami University's Opening Minds through Art (OMA) program has signed a three-year, $872,907 contract with the Ohio Department of Medicaid. The initiative is meant to link students at the state's medical schools and schools of allied health with older Ohioans living with dementia. OMA committed to establishing 36 such partnerships, which could include required field placements, clinical placements and capstone courses, said Elizabeth Lokon, director and founder of OMA, which is based in Miami's Scripps Gerontology Center.

Capital University recently announced the appointment of Renee Dunnington as dean of nursing. Dunnington succeeds Ann Peden, who retired in June 2019 after 10 years in the role. Dunnington has been serving as interim dean since June, and her appointment is effective immediately.

**HOUSING/HOMELESSNESS**

Federal and local leaders working to reduce homelessness in general, and among veterans specifically, met Wednesday at the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) for a series of three announcements by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). HUD Midwest Regional Administrator Joseph Galvan said first that CMHA and the city of Columbus will be one of 34 designees in HUD Secretary Ben Carson's initiative to create "Envision Centers," which Galvan defined as "a joint effort to connect low-income households with a variety of resources offering pathways to economic opportunity and self-sufficiency." The other programs promote family self-sufficiency and provide supporting housing for veterans.

**HUMAN SERVICES**

Gov. Mike DeWine signed two executive orders over the holidays directing Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funding to initiatives that provide support services to Ohio families. Implemented through Executive Order 2019-28D, the FY20 grants for recovery and children's programs range from a low of up to $10,000 for the Franklin County program Men 4 The Movement to a high of up to $1 million for the statewide Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation. A second set of grants, Capacity Building Grants for public-private partnerships for housing, reentry, workforce development, food security, personal development, children's initiatives, and recovery initiatives, were executed through Executive Order 2019-29D. A total of 18 grants were awarded in this category.

**MEDICAID/MEDICAID REFORM**

The new year brought Ohio Medicaid's debut of a unified preferred drug list (UPDL), a tool meant to better manage and monitor pharmaceutical costs and simplify pharmacy benefits in general. Previously, Ohio's Medicaid managed care plans ran their own lists. Plans will transition to the new list in the first quarter of 2020, and will be formally monitored for compliance with the list starting April 1.

Behavioral health (BH) providers in Medicaid will soon have one-stop shopping for enrolling with managed care plans and will be able to seek state certification online versus the long-time practice of paper-based forms. The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) said recently that the state's Medicaid Information Technology System (MITS) will soon be the only place providers will need to update their enrollment and affiliation information. Providers had been updating information in MITS as well as updating rosters with the managed care plans. The change is pending testing this month to ensure all managed care plans are able to accept a provider master file that will be sent from MITS daily.
Paramount Advantage, the Medicaid managed care subsidiary of Toledo's ProMedica, will stop operating in one of three state managed care regions later this year, withdrawing its plan from the area covering Central and Southeast Ohio. Maureen Corcoran, director of the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM), said her agency will work with Paramount and the other managed care plans for a "warm handoff" of the approximately 31,000 Medicaid beneficiaries who will be affected.