



This has been a busy and exciting week in the “lame duck” session of the House and Senate. Things have moved quickly and it has been difficult to follow the movement of amendments and legislation. Education has been an active area (although guns, abortion, and other issues have been most heated and active). The next couple of weeks should continue to be interesting.

PASSED HOUSE:

HB 603: HIGHER ED TUITION (Perales, R.)

To grant residency status for in-state tuition purposes at state institutions of higher education to all military service members who are on active duty and to their spouses and dependents. 84-0

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 491: EDUCATION LICENSE (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. 78-1 (Duffey)

PASSED SENATE

HB 58: CURSIVE HANDWRITING (Brenner, A., Slaby, M.)

To require the Department of Education to include supplemental instructional materials in cursive handwriting in the English language arts J model curriculum. 27-2

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Plan To Extend Easier Graduation Requirements Sent To Governor

A measure keeping relaxed high school graduation requirements in place for an extra year is heading to Gov. John Kasich after the House on Thursday concurred with changes to a measure that cleared the Senate earlier in the day. The lower chamber's 78-1 concurrence vote followed the upper chamber's unanimous approval for the legislation (HB 491), which initially was focused on licensing for related services providers. The Senate Education Committee on Wednesday



added the short-term graduation requirement fix as an amendment to the bill. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, December 5, 2018)

JOINT EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE: December 11th, 2018; 5:00 PM: North Senate Hearing Room

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Approval of Minutes from September Meeting
- III. Testimony on E-School Definitions
- IV. Adjournment

SENATE

- **December 12**, Senate Chamber, 1:30 pm
- **December 13**, Senate Chamber, 11 am
- **December 19**, Senate Chamber, 1:30 pm

HOUSE

- **December 12**, House Chamber, 1:30 pm
- **December 13**, House Chamber, 1 pm
- **December 18**, House Chamber, 11 am
- **December 19**, House Chamber, 1:30 pm

CURRENT PENDING LEGISLATION: Please note that some legislation has been turned in to amendments to other bills.

• **HJR 15**

- **PRESCHOOL** ([FEDOR, T.](#), [WEST, T.](#))

- Proposing to enact Section 7 of Article VI of the Constitution of the State of Ohio 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.

[Text/Analysis](#)

[Committee Hearing](#) in House [Education & Career Readiness](#) (12/4/2018; CONTINUED)

• **HB 58**

- **CURSIVE HANDWRITING** ([BRENNER, A.](#), [SLABY, M.](#))

- To require the Department of Education to include supplemental instructional materials in cursive handwriting in the English language arts model curriculum.

[Passed](#) in Senate (12/6/2018; 27-2)

• **HB 66**



- **TENURED FACULTY (YOUNG, R.)**
- To establish the Undergraduate Mission Study Committee to evaluate each state university's efforts to secure participation in the undergraduate mission by the university's tenured faculty members.
Committee Hearing in Senate [Education](#) (11/28/2018; REPORTED-AMENDED)
- **HB 108**
- **FINANCIAL LITERACY (HAGAN, C., MCCOLLEY, R.)**
- To require one-half unit of financial literacy in the high school curriculum, to require the Chancellor of Higher Education to prepare an informed student document for each institution of higher education, to require the State Board of Education to include information on the informed student document in the standards and model curricula it creates for financial literacy and entrepreneurship, and to entitle the act the "Informed Student Document Act."
Committee Hearing in House [Education & Career Readiness](#) (5/22/2018; REPORTED (No testimony))
- **HB 170**
- (Enacted)
- **COMPUTER SCIENCE (CARFAGNA, R., DUFFEY, M.)**
- With regard to academic content standards and curriculum requirements for computer science; to revise educator qualifications regarding computer science; to authorize public schools to establish computer science and technology funds; and to permit a nonreligious chartered nonpublic school to choose the manner by which auxiliary services funding is distributed to the school.
Signed by the Governor (12/22/2017; Signed: December 22, 2017; Effective: In 90 days)
- **HB 176**
- **SCHOOL TESTING (THOMPSON, A.)**
- With to regard to state achievement assessments, statewide academic content standards and model curricula, and teacher and administrator evaluations.
Committee Hearing in House [Education & Career Readiness](#) (12/5/2017; CONTINUED-AMENDED (No testimony))
- **HB 181**
- **SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS (HOOD, R., BRINKMAN, T.)**
- With regard to the state academic content standards and primary and secondary education assessments.
Committee Hearing in House [Education & Career Readiness](#) (10/24/2017)
- **HB 318**
- (Enacted)
- **SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS (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.
Signed by the Governor (8/3/2018; Signed: August 3, 2018)
- **HB 337**
- **COLLEGE TEXTBOOKS (DUFFEY, M.)**
- To exempt from sales and use tax textbooks purchased by post-secondary students.
Committee Hearing in House [Ways & Means](#) (2/20/2018; REPORTED-AMENDED (See separate story))

**• HB 377**

- **SEXUAL ABUSE (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.
Committee Hearing in House [Education & Career Readiness](#) (3/20/2018; CONTINUED)

• HB 426

- **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.
Committee Hearing in House [Criminal Justice](#) (12/5/2017; CONTINUED)

• HB 428

- **STUDENT EXPRESSION (GINTER, T., LATOURETTE, S.)**
- Regarding student religious expression and to entitle the act the "Ohio Student Religious Liberties Act of 2018."
Committee Hearing in Senate [Education](#) (12/6/2018--Canceled)

• HB 443

- **MENTAL HEALTH INSTRUCTION (SWEENEY, M.)**
- To require school district boards of education to incorporate mental health instruction into their health education curricula.
Referred in House (1/16/2018; [Education & Career Readiness](#))

• HB 449

- **SPONSOR RATINGS (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.
Committee Hearing in House [Higher Education & Workforce Development](#) (2/28/2018; CONTINUED)

• HB 477

- **SCHOOL OPERATIONS (KOEHLER, K.)**
- To eliminate various provisions and programs related to the Department of Education and the operation of primary and secondary schools.
Committee Hearing in Senate [Education](#) (12/6/2018--Canceled)

• HB 491

- **EDUCATION LICENSE (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.
House Concurs in Senate Amendments (12/6/2018; 78-1 (Duffey))
Passed in Senate [Education](#) (12/6/2018; 29-0--Canceled)

• HB 503

- **YOUTH SUICIDE (ANIELSKI, M.)**
- With regard to educator inservice training on youth suicide awareness and prevention in private schools.
Committee Hearing in House [Education & Career Readiness](#) (3/20/2018; CONTINUED)



• **HB 512**

• **EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (REINEKE, B.)**

- 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.

Committee Hearing in House [Government Accountability & Oversight](#) (3/21/2018; CONTINUED (See separate story))

• **HB 549**

• **SCHOOL YEAR (ARNDT, S.)**

- To generally require public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day.

Committee Hearing in House [Education & Career Readiness](#) (5/22/2018; CONTINUED)

• **HB 626**

• **ACADEMIC COMMISSIONS (SMITH, K., FEDOR, T.)**

- To establish a moratorium on the creation of new academic distress commissions.

Committee Hearing in House [Education & Career Readiness](#) (12/4/2018; CONTINUED)

• **HB 628**

• **EDUCATOR LICENSES (STEIN, D., RETHERFORD, W.)**

- With regard to qualifications for obtaining a resident educator license.

Committee Hearing in House [Education & Career Readiness](#) (6/19/2018; CONTINUED)

• **HB 630**

• **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (GALONSKI, T.)**

- To extend the alternative graduation requirements for two additional years.

Committee Hearing in House [Education & Career Readiness](#) (11/27/2018; CONTINUED)

• **HB 686**

• **DISTRESS COMMISSIONS (BARNES, J.)**

- To enact the "Student Transformative Academic Restoration Act" to abolish academic distress commissions and to instead require the creation of community learning centers for poor performing districts, to establish an office of grants and philanthropic gestures within the Department of Education, to create the State Business Intervention Fund, to create a teacher education advancement program, and to modify earmarked appropriations for academic distress commissions.

Referred in House (6/5/2018; [Education & Career Readiness](#))

• **HB 703**

• **CONCEALED HANDGUNS (BECKER, J.)**

- To enact the "Decriminalization Effort For Ending Notorious Deaths -- Teachers With Options (DEFEND-TWO)" to allow a concealed handgun licensee or qualified military member to carry a concealed handgun in certain public premises, to reduce the penalty for a concealed handgun licensee who carries a concealed handgun in a prohibited place, and to prohibit public employers and universities from disciplining employees or students who lawfully carry a concealed handgun on the premises.

Committee Hearing in House [Federalism & Interstate Relations](#) (6/26/2018; CONTINUED)



- **HB 705**

- **SCHOOL TREASURER LIABILITY** ([HAMBLEY, S.](#), [INGRAM, C.](#))
- Regarding the circumstances in which school district and educational service center treasurers may be held liable for a loss of public funds.
Passed in House (12/5/2018; 86-2 (Brinkman & Butler))

- **HB 713**

- **MENTAL HEALTH** ([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.
[Text/Analysis](#)
Referred in House (11/13/2018; [Education & Career Readiness](#))

- **HB 752**

- **HEALTH 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.
[Text/Analysis](#)
Referred in House (11/13/2018; [Education & Career Readiness](#))

- **SB 5**

- **COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY** ([HOTTINGER, J.](#), [EKLUND, J.](#))
- To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to college savings accounts and disability expense savings accounts to \$4,000 annually for each beneficiary, to create the Joint Committee on Ohio College Affordability, and to declare an emergency.
Referred in House (9/12/2017; [Ways & Means](#))

- **SB 8**

- (Enacted)
- **BUDGET UPDATE** ([GARDNER, R.](#), [TERHAR, L.](#))
- To establish the 1:1 School Facilities Option Program, to revise the law regarding applied bachelor's degree programs offered at two-year state institutions of higher education, to modify the schedule for phasing down tangible personal property tax reimbursement payments to school districts, to modify the payment cap in the school funding formula, to modify the law governing the establishment and operation of transportation financing districts, to modify county funding sources for a tourism development district, to modify the veterans organizations grant program, to allow county sheriffs to contract with municipal courts and county courts for the transportation of persons between the county jail and a county court or municipal court, to make deputy sheriffs ex officio bailiffs of county courts and municipal courts, to revise eligibility for School Employees Retirement System pension and benefit recipients' annual cost-of-living adjustments, to repeal a provision regarding acceptance of prior college courses by state institutions of higher education, to authorize a tax credit for insurance companies that provide capital to investment funds investing in businesses in rural areas, to exempt corrective eyeglasses and contact lenses from sales and use tax beginning July 1, 2019, to provide that wages and guaranteed payments paid by a professional employer organization to the owner of a pass-through entity that has contracted with the organization may be considered business income, to make appropriations, to modify earmarks, and to make changes to reappropriations for grants related to the Lakes in Economic Distress Revolving Loan Program.

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Signed by the Governor (12/22/2017; Signed: December 22, 2017; Effective: In 90 days)

- **SB 34**

- **ACADEMIC YEAR (MANNING, G.)**

- To generally require public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day.

Committee Hearing in Senate [Education](#) (6/27/2018; (Scheduled but not heard))

- **SB 216**

- (Enacted)

- **SCHOOL REGULATIONS (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.

Signed by the Governor (8/3/2018; Signed: August 3, 2018)

- **SB 240**

- **TEACHER EVALUATIONS (LEHNER, P.)**

- With regard to teacher evaluations.

Referred in Senate (3/21/2018; [Education](#))

- **SB 241**

- **NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS (TERHAR, L., THOMAS, C.)**

- To establish a category of nonpublic schools called "accredited nonpublic schools" and to prescribe requirements and exemptions for such schools.

Committee Hearing in Senate [Education](#) (5/23/2018; CONTINUED)

- **SB 246**

- **STUDENT REMOVAL (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.

Committee Hearing in House [Education & Career Readiness](#) (6/19/2018; CONTINUED)

- **SB 287**

- **HEALTH EDUCATION (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.

Committee Hearing in Senate [Education](#) (6/6/2018; CONTINUED)

- **SB 314**

- **SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS (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.

Referred in Senate (9/25/2018; [Finance](#))

- **SB 325**

- **BACKGROUND CHECKS (KUNZE, S.)**



- With regard to background check policies and sexual misconduct policies for public and chartered nonpublic schools.
Committee Hearing in Senate **Education** (11/28/2018; CONTINUED (No testimony))

- **SB 330**

- **MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION (SCHIAVONI, J.)**
- To require the State Board of Education to adopt standards for mental health education, to require school districts to include mental health education in their curriculum, and to make an appropriation.