



Legislative Update

January 14, 2020

The House left unfinished the work of reforming Ohio's gun laws, school funding system or reigning in an out-of-control private school voucher program. The Senate did not finish its priority drug sentencing legislation (SB3) before the year ended. Both chambers will be back in action at the end of January, beginning a short burst of activity that will pause for much of March so members can campaign in the March 17 primary. After they return, expect three months more of lawmaking before the statehouse empties out until after the November election.

Gov. Mike DeWine on Wednesday signaled he would be OK with ending the state's practice of using letter grades to rate school districts as the legislature continues its review of Ohio's K-12 accountability system. The governor said clarity is one of his major concerns as lawmakers consider proposals to overhaul the Ohio School Report Cards.

Debate Over Dropout Prevention Language Continues: State Board of Education members on Monday continued to debate how to recognize the efforts of a workgroup on dropout prevention policy without fully endorsing its recommendations. While BOE members widely agreed on the need to improve the state's guidelines for such schools, several questioned the wisdom of unequivocally backing the recent report of the Dropout Prevention and Recovery Workgroup. While a vote by the full board is scheduled Tuesday on a resolution supporting the document, BOE President Laura Kohler last week signaled the measure likely would be in line for an amendment. Under her proposed change, the board would agree to accept the report and its recommendations rather than support them

Speaker Larry Householder this week joined other state leaders in acknowledging an expedited fix may be in order as more and more districts are poised to lose funding due to an expansion of school voucher eligibility. Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina) earlier this month signaled his chamber would move to address the issue, which has come to light as many more districts – including those considered wealthier and higher-performing – stand to see students become eligible for the private school funding carve-outs.

Federal Notes:

EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS On December 20, President Trump signed into law the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020, providing funding for the Department of Education for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2020. The bill increases the agency's discretionary funding to \$72.8 billion, up \$1.3 billion from FY 2019. Among the programs receiving big increases: Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Title I grants to school districts (up \$450 million, to \$16.3 billion); Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B grants to states (up \$400 million, to \$12.8 billion); ESEA Title II-A Supporting Effective Instruction grants (up \$76 million, to \$2.1 billion); ESEA Title III English Language Acquisition grants (up \$50 million, to \$787 million); ESEA Title IV-A Student Support and Academic Enrichment grants (up \$40 million, to \$1.2 billion); ESEA Title IV-B 21st Century Community Learning Centers grants (up \$28 million, to \$1.2 billion); and federal TRIO programs (up \$30 million, to \$1.1 billion). The bill also boosts the maximum federal Pell Grant award per student by \$150 to \$6,345 for the 2020-21 academic year, as well as increases funding for Federal Supplemental Educational



Opportunity grants (up \$25 million, to \$865 million) and Federal Work-Study grants (up \$50 million, to \$1.2 billion). Further, the bill increases funding for key education-related programs at the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), including Head Start (up \$550 million, to \$10.6 billion), the Child Care and Development Block Grant (up \$550 million, to \$5.8 billion), and Preschool Development Grants (up \$25 million, to \$275 million).

Separately, the President signed into law two other education bills. The Fostering Undergraduate Talent by Unlocking Resources for Education (FUTURE) Act makes permanent \$255 million in annual funding for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and other Minority Serving Institutions (MSI), enables disclosure of tax return information for the administration of federal student aid programs, and increases Pell Grant funding (President's statement, Secretary DeVos's statement and Twitter thread, and U.S. Senator Lamar Alexander's video). The Building Blocks of STEM Act modifies several National Science Foundation (NSF) programs that provide grants to institutions of higher education and non-profit organizations to support science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education research focused on early childhood.

Sent to Governor and/or Signed:

HB 12 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (MANNING, D., WEST, T.) To create the Ohio Children's Behavioral Health Prevention Network Stakeholder Group. Signed: December 18, 2019

HB 2 CREDENTIAL PROGRAMS (Cross, J., Lepore-Hagan, M.) To create the TechCred Program and the Individual Microcredential Assistance Program, to develop a grant program to support industry sector partnerships, and to make an appropriation.

HB 4 INDUSTRY CREDENTIALS (Richardson, T., Robinson, P.) To permit the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation to develop industry-recognized credentials and certificate programs.

SB 7 OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING (Lehner, P., Hackett, B.) To require state occupational licensing agencies, under certain circumstances, to issue temporary licenses or certificates to members of the military and spouses who are licensed in another jurisdiction and have moved to Ohio for military duty.

Current Legislation:

HB 436 DYSLEXIA (BALDRIDGE, B.) With regard to screening and intervention for children with dyslexia. To House Health Committee TUESDAY, JANUARY 14 House Health (Testimony & Documents) (Chair Lipps, S., (614) 644-6023), Rm. 116, 12:00 pm

HB 322 TEACHER RESIDENCY (Jones, D., Manning, D.) To revise the Ohio Teacher Residency Program. CONTINUED (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

HB 367 SCHOOL COUNSELORS (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. CONTINUED (2nd Hearing-Proponent)



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SB 121 HEALTH 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. CONTINUED (4th Hearing-All testimony)

HB 432 OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING (Powell, J., Lang, G.) To require an occupational licensing authority to issue a license or government certification to an applicant who holds a license, government certification, or private certification or has satisfactory work experience in another state under certain circumstances.

SB 7 OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING (Lehner, P., Hackett, B.) To require state occupational licensing agencies, under certain circumstances, to issue temporary licenses or certificates to members of the military and spouses who are licensed in another jurisdiction and have moved to Ohio for military duty.

SB 246 OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING (Roegner, K., McColley, R.) To require an occupational licensing authority to issue a license or government certification to an applicant who holds a license, government certification, or private certification or has satisfactory work experience in another state under certain circumstances.

HB 164 RELIGIOUS EXPRESSION (Ginter, T.) Regarding student religious expression and to entitle the act the "Ohio Student Religious Liberties Act of 2019."

HB 9 DEGREE COMPLETION (JONES, D., SWEENEY, B.) With regard to student degree completion at state institutions of higher education and to establish a universal standard for general education courses required by state universities. --3rd Hearing-All testimony THURSDAY, JANUARY 16 Senate Higher Education (Testimony & Documents) (Chair Kunze, S., (614) 466-5981), Finance Hearing Rm., 11:00 am

SB 253 SCHOOL THREATS (Kunze, S.) Regarding expulsion of a student from a public school for communicating a threat of violence to occur on school grounds. Referred Senate Local Government, Public Safety & Veterans Affairs

Proposed Legislation Listing

Bill	Summary/Title	Last Action ▼
HB436	Regards screening and intervention for children with dyslexia	2019-12-10 [Hearing: Jan 14 @ 12:00 pm] To House Health Committee
SB26	Permit income tax deduction for certain teacher expenses	2020-02-05 Effective 2/5/20



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HB2	Create TechCred and Microcredential Assistance Programs	<u>2019-12-12</u> Conference report agreed to
SB7	Regards temporary occupational licensing for military	<u>2019-12-12</u> Conference report agreed to
HB4	Develop industry-recognized credential and certificate programs	<u>2019-12-11</u> Passed
HB164	Regards student religious expression	<u>2019-12-04</u> To Senate Education Committee
HB321	Regards age-appropriate child sex abuse instruction	<u>2019-11-12</u> Re-referred: Primary and Secondary Education
HR266	Urge instituting mandatory four-year life skills program	<u>2019-11-12</u> Introduced and Referred to Committee: Primary and Secondary Education
SB89	Regards career-technical ed and JVSD in enterprise zones	<u>2019-10-29</u> To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
HB123	Regards school security and youth suicide awareness/training	<u>2019-10-09</u> To Senate Education Committee



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HB305	Create new school financing system	<u>2019-06-30</u> To House Finance Committee
SB157	Regards notification of student absences	<u>2019-06-19</u> To Senate Education Committee
HB281	Require designating high school valedictorians and salutatorians	<u>2019-06-18</u> To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
HB154	Dissolve and replace academic distress commissions	<u>2019-05-15</u> To Senate Education Committee
HB239	Reduce end-of-course assessments; require testing work groups	<u>2019-05-14</u> To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
SB102	Establish Dyslexia Screen Program for schools	<u>2019-03-21</u> To Senate Education Committee
SB110	Modify operation of school academic distress commissions	<u>2019-03-21</u> To Senate Education Committee
HB132	Regards school immunization requirements/exemptions	<u>2019-03-19</u> To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee



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HB121	Allow tax credit for teacher purchase of instructional materials	<u>2019-03-12</u> To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
SB81	Prohibit use of seclusion in public schools	<u>2019-03-12</u> To Senate Education Committee
SB34	Regards school employment, educator licensure, and conduct	<u>2019-02-13</u> To Senate Education Committee
HB410	Exempt post-secondary student textbooks from sales tax	<u>2019-11-18</u> To House Ways and Means Committee
HB16	Grant state college residency status to military and dependents	<u>2019-11-13</u> Passed
SB181	Create template for workforce-education partnership programs	<u>2019-11-12</u> Introduced
SB120	Conduct performance audits of state higher ed institutions	<u>2019-10-25</u> Reported - Substitute: Higher Education
HB371	Grant in-state tuition if receive high school equivalence in Ohio	<u>2019-10-22</u> To House Higher Education Committee



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SB200	Regards professional development for screening for dyslexia	<u>2019-10-09</u> To Senate Education Committee
HB322	Revise Ohio Teacher Residency Program	<u>2019-09-24</u> To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
HB336	Reinstates the Joint Education Oversight Committee	<u>2019-09-24</u> To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
HB9	Regards student degree completion and general ed requirements	<u>2019-09-11</u> <i>[Hearing: Jan 16 @ 11:00 am]</i> To Senate Higher Education Committee
SB121	Adopt health education standards/GA need only approve VD ed	<u>2019-05-01</u> To Senate Education Committee
HB165	Regards adoption of health education standards	<u>2019-04-02</u> To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
SB69	Regards community college career programs-grants/credit	<u>2019-03-06</u> To Senate Higher Education Committee



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HB90	Spread information to protect humanity of unborn child	<u>2019-03-05</u> To House Health Committee
HB88	Enact Forming Open and Robust University Minds Act	<u>2019-03-05</u> To House Civil Justice Committee
SB40	Enact the Forming Open and Robust University Minds Act	<u>2019-02-20</u> To Senate Education Committee