



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

September 1, 2020

The Corona virus continues to dominate the legislative agenda (in a number of different forms). The indeterminate nature of how to deal with the virus has made the decisions schools and universities make much harder. The financial cost of the virus continues to plague education. The House and Senate are still dealing with the fallout of the corruption scandal. Civic unrest has been quieter but remains a problem area. The upcoming election overshadows everything at the state level. This has been a remarkably busy and tense time in the Ohio House and Senate (as well as the federal level!). The normal schedule of consideration of bills has been interrupted by special legislation proposed to meet the various crises that face us.

Senate Education Committee

HB 239

STUDENT ASSESSMENTS (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.

SB 342

FINANCIAL LITERACY (WILSON, S., MCCOLLEY, R.)

Relating to teaching financial literacy in high school.

SB 350

SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION (BRENNER, A.)

To prohibit school districts from providing vouchers for public transportation to students enrolled in grades kindergarten through eight for the 2020-2021 school year.

SB 358

EDUCATION LAWS (FEDOR, T., MANNING, N.)

To make changes to education law for the 2020-2021 school year in response to implications from COVID-19 and to declare an emergency.



Senate **Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

HB 404

REMOTE MEETINGS (MANCHESTER, S., SWEENEY, B.)

To allow the board of trustees of a state institution of higher education to adopt a policy allowing the trustees to attend a board meeting via means of electronic communication.

Senate **Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

SB 317

SCHOOL WEAPONS (COLEY, B.)

To expressly exempt, from a requirement that peace officer basic training be obtained, certain employees that a board of education or governing body of a school authorizes to go armed in a school safety zone within which the board or governing body has authority.

[Senate Education Committee](#) ([Testimony & Documents](#))

(Chair [Lehner, P.](#), [\(614\) 466-4538](#)), South Hearing Rm., **September 2, 2020** 2:30 pm or after session , [Webcast](#)

SB 358

EDUCATION LAWS ([FEDOR, T.](#), [MANNING, N.](#))

--1st Hearing-Sponsor

SB 350

SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION ([BRENNER, A.](#))

--1st Hearing-Sponsor-Pending referral

SB 102

DYSLEXIA SCREENING ([BRENNER, A.](#), [LEHNER, P.](#))

--7th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote



House Committee Hearings

Conference Committee on HB 606

HB 606

CIVIL IMMUNITY (GRENDALL, D.)

To grant civil immunity to a person who provides services for essential businesses and operations for injury, death, or loss that was caused by the transmission of COVID-19 during the period of emergency declared by Executive Order 2020-01D, issued on March 9, 2020, and to declare an emergency.

House Session:

H. B. No. 367 – Representatives Miranda, Manchester Cosponsors: Representatives Smith, K., Riedel, Russo, Galonski, Lepore-Hagan, Weinstein, Lightbody, Patterson, West, Ingram, Carfagna, O'Brien, Kelly, Miller, J., Rogers, Clites, Crawley, Jones, Robinson, Carruthers, Cupp, Manning, G. To enact section 3319.091 of the Revised Code 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. (Committee on Primary and Secondary Education recommends passage, see House Journal, June 4, 2020, p. 1886.)

CURRENT STATUS OF BILLS

Bill	Status	Summary/Title	Last Action ▼
HB164	Pass	Regards student religious expression	<u>2020-09-18</u> Effective 9/18/20 - Emergency and appropriations: effective 6/19/2020; certain provisions effective 9/18/2020
HB16	Pass	Grant state college residency status to military and dependents	<u>2020-09-15</u> Effective 9/15/20
HB123	Enroll	Regards school security and youth suicide awareness/training	<u>2020-07-21</u> Passed



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HB436	Engross	Regards screening and intervention for children with dyslexia	2020-06-30 To Senate Education Committee
SB330	Intro	Establish new funding method-internet schools-dropout programs	2020-06-24 To Senate Education Committee
HB673	Engross	Regards business, professions, education during COVID-19	2020-06-24 To Senate General Government and Agency Review Committee
HB684	Intro	Improve operation of primary and secondary schools	2020-06-03 To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
HB239	Engross	Reduce end-of-course assessments; require testing work groups	2020-06-02 Introduced
HB371	Intro	Grant in-state tuition if receive high school equivalence in Ohio	2020-05-13 Reported - Amended: Higher Education
SB40	Engross	Enact the Forming Open and Robust University Minds Act	2020-05-12 To House Higher Education Committee
SB181	Engross	Create template for workforce-education partnership programs	2020-05-05 To House Higher Education Committee
SB120	Pass	Conduct performance audits of state higher ed institutions	2020-05-01 Effective 5/1/20 -



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			Appropriations effective 01/31/20
SB7	Pass	Regards temporary occupational licensing for military	2020-04-28 Effective 4/28/20
HB2	Pass	Create TechCred and Microcredential Assistance Programs	2020-04-14 Effective 4/14/20 - Reappropriation authority effective January 13, 2020
HB4	Pass	Develop industry-recognized credential and certificate programs	2020-04-14 Effective 4/14/20
SB89	Enroll	Regards career-technical ed and JVSD in enterprise zones	2020-02-12 Insist on amendments; asks for committee of conference
SB26	Pass	Permit income tax deduction for certain teacher expenses	2020-02-05 Effective 2/5/20
SB262	Intro	Pay school funding/state scholarships directly	2020-02-05 To Senate Finance - Primary and Secondary Education Subcommittee
SB34	Intro	Regards school employment, educator licensure, and conduct	2020-02-04 Reported - Substitute: Education
HB9	Enroll	Regards student degree completion and general ed requirements	2020-01-28 Insist on amendments; asks for committee of conference



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HB410	Intro	Exempt post-secondary student textbooks from sales tax	2019-11-18 To House Ways and Means Committee
HB321	Intro	Regards age-appropriate child sex abuse instruction	2019-11-12 Re-referred: Primary and Secondary Education
HR266	Intro	Urge instituting mandatory four-year life skills program	2019-11-12 Introduced and Referred to Committee: Primary and Secondary Education
SB200	Intro	Regards professional development for screening for dyslexia	2019-10-09 To Senate Education Committee
HB322	Intro	Revise Ohio Teacher Residency Program	2019-09-24 To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
HB336	Intro	Reinstates the Joint Education Oversight Committee	2019-09-24 To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
HB305	Intro	Create new school financing system	2019-06-30 To House Finance Committee
SB157	Intro	Regards notification of student absences	2019-06-19 To Senate Education Committee



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HB281	Intro	Require designating high school valedictorians and salutatorians	2019-06-18 To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
HB154	Engross	Dissolve and replace academic distress commissions	2019-05-15 To Senate Education Committee
SB121	Intro	Adopt health education standards/GA need only approve VD ed	2019-05-01 To Senate Education Committee
SB128	Intro	Change Educational Choice and Cleveland scholarship programs	2019-05-01 To Senate Finance Committee
HB165	Intro	Regards adoption of health education standards	2019-04-02 To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
SB102	Intro	Establish Dyslexia Screen Program for schools	2019-03-21 <i>[Hearing: Sep 2 @ 11:00 am]</i> To Senate Education Committee
SB110	Intro	Modify operation of school academic distress commissions	2019-03-21 To Senate Education Committee
HB132	Intro	Regards school immunization requirements/exemptions	2019-03-19 To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee



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HB121	Intro	Allow tax credit for teacher purchase of instructional materials	2019-03-12 To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
SB81	Intro	Prohibit use of seclusion in public schools	2019-03-12 To Senate Education Committee
HB122	Intro	Create Opportunity Scholarship Program; eliminate pilot programs	2019-03-12 To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
SB69	Intro	Regards community college career programs-grants/credit	2019-03-06 To Senate Higher Education Committee
HB90	Intro	Spread information to protect humanity of unborn child	2019-03-05 To House Health Committee
HB88	Intro	Enact Forming Open and Robust University Minds Act	2019-03-05 To House Civil Justice Committee