



THE OHIO ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES FOR TEACHER

EDUCATION LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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The list of bills on the legislative table will occupy the attention of the House and Senate for the next weeks of the Lame Duck session. With the November election over, attention has returned to legislation. As a side note, there are very few working days left in the legislative calendar.

Committee Meetings/Agenda:

House Education & Career Readiness TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

(Chr. [Brenner, A., \(614\) 644-6711](#)), Rm. 121, 4:00 pm

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. --**1st Hearing-Sponsor**

HB 626

ACADEMIC COMMISSIONS ([SMITH, K.](#), [FEDOR, T.](#))

To establish a moratorium on the creation of new academic distress commissions. --**1st Hearing-Sponsor**

HB 652

OPPORTUNITY GAPS ([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. --**1st Hearing-Sponsor**

HB 591

SCHOOL REPORT CARDS ([DUFFEY, M.](#))

To revise the state report card rating system for school districts and public schools. --**4th Hearing-All testimony**

House Higher Education & Workforce Development December 5, 2018

(Chr. [Duffey, M., \(614\) 644-6030](#)), Rm. 115, 10:00 am

HB 750

OCOG GRANTS ([EDWARDS, J.](#))

To require the Chancellor of Higher Education to award supplemental grants from the Ohio College Opportunity Grant Program to students enrolled in eligible public institutions of higher education in the 2018-2019 academic year and to make an appropriation. --**2nd Hearing-Proponent**

HB 668

PUBLIC FACILITIES (PATTON, T.)

To authorize state agencies, state institutions of higher education, counties, townships, municipal corporations, school districts, community schools, STEM schools, and college-preparatory boarding schools to enter into public-private initiatives with a private party through a public-private agreement regarding public facilities. --**3rd Hearing-All testimony**

HB 758

COLLEGE SPEECH (ANTANI, N., BRENNER, A.)

To enact the "Forming Open and Robust University Minds Act" regarding free speech on college campuses. --**3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & substitute**

Senate Education Wednesday December 5, 2018

(Chr. [Lehner, P.](#), [\(614\) 466-4538](#)), North Hearing Rm., 11:30 am

HB 491

EDUCATION LICENSE (EDWARDS, J.)

To require the State Board of Education to issue a substitute license to specified pupil services personnel. --**2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote**

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." --**3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote**

HB 502

YOUTH SUICIDE (ANIELSKI, M.)

With regard to educator inservice training on youth suicide awareness and prevention in public schools. --**3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote**

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. --**3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote**

News Notes and Updates:

Key Republicans Back Short-Term Graduation Requirement Fix

The leaders of the House and Senate's education committees are pushing forward with plans to prevent tougher high school graduation requirements from going into effect for the

class of 2019. **Rep. Andy Brenner** (R-Powell), chairman of the House Education & Career Readiness Committee, confirmed in an interview this week he and **Sen. Peggy Lehner** (R-Kettering), chairwoman of the Senate Education Committee, have been working toward a potential fix in the form of an amendment. Sen. Lehner last week said such an amendment likely will be attached to a measure already passed by the House – potentially legislation (**HB 477**) aimed at eliminating outdated education-related laws

Amended measures establishing a committee to analyze student interactions with tenured university faculty and requiring the adoption of a state curriculum on cursive handwriting cleared the Senate Education Committee Wednesday.

The tenure measure (**HB 66**) would create the Undergraduate Mission Study Committee, which is required to evaluate how successful universities are at encouraging face-to-face interaction between experienced professors and students. The bill was approved by a party-line vote after the committee after the committee accepted three amendments, including additions supported by the Inter-University Council of Ohio and the Ohio Association for Colleges of Teacher Education.

Brian Yusko, chairman of the advocacy committee for OACTE, voiced his group's support for an **amendment** to the legislation creating a teacher preparation subcommittee of the Education Standards Board. An amendment to that effect was accepted by the panel without objection.

"This subcommittee would assist and advise the ESB in developing standards for teacher preparation as well as other issues related to K-12 teaching standards about which the ESB may seek input from the teacher preparation community," he said.

Mr. Yusko said the subcommittee would be comprised of: three higher education representatives who already sit on the ESB; two representatives nominated by the State University Education Deans and the Ohio Association of Private Colleges for Teacher Education; and two other ESB members selected by the ESB chairperson. The state superintendent of public instruction and the chancellor of higher education would serve as non-voting members.

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 Passed committee WITH OUR AMENDMENT, to Senate floor

HB 58: CURSIVE HANDWRITING (Brenner, A., Slaby, M.) To require the State Board of Education to develop and adopt a model curriculum in cursive handwriting instruction, which may be used by public schools. Committee Hearing in Senate Education Passed committee, to Senate floor

LEGISLATION PENDING:

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

HB 776

ALLERGY TRAINING (Anielski, M.)

To enact the "Allison Rose Suhy Act" with regard to food allergy training for public schools and institutions of higher education. Introduced in House

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. Committee Hearing in House Government Accountability & Oversight

SB 111

SCHOOL ZONES (Tavares, C.)

To require school zones to be indicated by signs equipped with flashing or other lights or that indicate the times during which the restrictive speed limit is enforced, and to make an appropriation. Committee Hearing in Senate Government Oversight & Reform