



The House and Senate are back in session. While voucher issues continue to be at the forefront, a number of education issues have been in the headlines and in the committees. These include the Academic Distress legislation and, in our bailiwick, the reforming of Joint Education Oversight Committee and changes to the Resident Educator license.

[DeWine Commits To Ongoing Student Wellness Funds](#)

[Gov. Mike DeWine](#) on Tuesday pledged to match or improve upon current state funding for K-12 wraparound services in his next operating budget proposal. The governor told school leaders gathered at the Ohio School Boards Association's Mental Health and Social-Emotional Learning Summit in Columbus he wanted to allay fears that Student Wellness and Success funding would be a one-time, \$675 million injection of resources. "I know that some superintendents and principals, teachers have said, 'Well, that's good for this year and next year, but what about beyond that?'" he said. "My commitment to you is that in next year's budget – the budget we present to the General Assembly – it will have just as much, if not more, money for this cause than we had this year." He added that he would not sign a budget without continued funding for wraparound services.

[Voucher Meeting With DeWine, Speaker 'Productive,' Says Senate President](#)

Senate [President Larry Obhof](#) said he's "cautiously optimistic" following a meeting with [Gov. Mike DeWine](#) and [Speaker Larry Householder](#) over the future of the state's school voucher program. The "Big Three" met Wednesday morning for 90 minutes to discuss the current impasse between the two chambers over the EdChoice Scholarship Program, among other issues. Without legislative action by April 1, the list of schools in which students are eligible to receive performance-based vouchers will grow from more than 500 to more than 1,200. Legislators have already delayed that deadline after they failed to reach a compromise by the initial Feb. 1 expansion date. "I thought it was productive," Sen. Obhof (R-Medina) said of the meeting. "It was good to get together and restart some of these conversations. Here in the Senate, we're focused as we have been on doing what we think is best for the children of Ohio and their families. I remain cautiously optimistic we'll be able to work something out that's amenable to everybody." He cautioned that disagreement remains between the Senate, which has favored maintaining school performance-based vouchers in its proposal ([HB 9](#)), and the House, which has authored its own plan ([SB 89](#)) to base voucher eligibility solely on family income.

[Voting Constitutional Amendment Proposal Certified](#)

[Attorney General Dave Yost](#) announced Thursday he certified a resubmitted summary of a petition for a proposed constitutional amendment designed to ease voting. "[The Secure and Fair Elections Amendment](#)," would implement automatic voter registration. It also calls for the implementation of same-day registration to allow eligible Ohioans to register and cast a ballot during early voting and on Election Day. It would also require early voting locations to be open on the two weekends prior to Election Day. The proposal also looks to ensure that military service members and overseas citizens receive their ballots in a timely fashion, that voters with disabilities have equal access to the ballot box and that election results are audited.



Joint Committee Hearings - Conference Committee on HB 9

HB 9: **DEGREE COMPLETION** ([Jones, D.](#), [Sweeney, B.](#)) With regard to student degree institutions of higher education, to modify eligibility criteria for the Educational program, to dissolve certain academic distress commissions, to make an) declare an emergency. CONTINUED

REFERRED BY HOUSE

Primary & Secondary Education

HB 504

SCHOOL FUNDING ([Sweeney, B.](#))

To prescribe a per pupil funding guarantee for certain school districts and to make an appropriation.

INTRODUCED IN SENATE

SB 288

RELIGIOUS EXPRESSION ([GAVARONE, T.](#))

Regarding student religious expression in interscholastic athletics and extracurricular activities

PASSED BY SENATE

SB 125

COLLEGE SAVINGS ([HOTTINGER, J.](#), [BRENNER, A.](#))

To expand the income tax deduction allowed for contributions to Ohio's 529 education savings plans to include contributions to 529 plans established by other states.

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1	HB164	Engross	Regards student religious expression	<u>2019-12-04</u> To Senate Education Committee



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1	HB123	Engross	Regards school security and youth suicide awareness/training	<u>2019-10-09</u> To Senate Education Committee
1	HB154	Engross	Dissolve and replace academic distress commissions	<u>2019-05-15</u> To Senate Education Committee
1	SB89	Enroll	Regards career-technical ed and JVSD in enterprise zones	<u>2020-02-12</u> Insist on amendments; asks for committee of conference
1	SB262	Intro	Pay school funding/state scholarships directly	<u>2020-02-05</u> To Senate Finance - Primary and Secondary Education Subcommittee
1	SB128	Intro	Change Educational Choice and Cleveland scholarship programs	<u>2019-05-01</u> To Senate Finance Committee



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1	HB122	Intro	Create Opportunity Scholarship Program; eliminate pilot programs	<u>2019-03-12</u> To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
1	SB34	Intro	Regards school employment, educator licensure, and conduct	<u>2020-02-04</u> Reported - Substitute: Education
1	HB321	Intro	Regards age-appropriate child sex abuse instruction	<u>2019-11-12</u> Re-referred: Primary and Secondary Education
1	HR266	Intro	Urge instituting mandatory four-year life skills program	<u>2019-11-12</u> Introduced and Referred to Committee: Primary and Secondary Education
1	HB305	Intro	Create new school financing system	<u>2019-06-30</u> To House Finance Committee



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1	SB157	Intro	Regards notification of student absences	<u>2019-06-19</u> To Senate Education Committee
1	HB281	Intro	Require designating high school valedictorians and salutatorians	<u>2019-06-18</u> To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
1	HB239	Intro	Reduce end-of-course assessments; require testing work groups	<u>2019-05-14</u> To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
1	SB102	Intro	Establish Dyslexia Screen Program for schools	<u>2019-03-21</u> To Senate Education Committee
1	SB110	Intro	Modify operation of school academic distress commissions	<u>2019-03-21</u> To Senate Education Committee



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1	HB132	Intro	Regards school immunization requirements/exemptions	2019-03-19 To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
1	HB121	Intro	Allow tax credit for teacher purchase of instructional materials	2019-03-12 To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
1	SB81	Intro	Prohibit use of seclusion in public schools	2019-03-12 To Senate Education Committee
1	SB7	Pass	Regards temporary occupational licensing for military	2020-04-28 Effective 4/28/20
1	HB2	Pass	Create TechCred and Microcredential Assistance Programs	2020-04-14 Effective 4/14/20 - Reappropriation authority effective January 13, 2020



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1	HB4	Pass	Develop industry-recognized credential and certificate programs	<u>2020-04-14</u> Effective 4/14/20
1	SB26	Pass	Permit income tax deduction for certain teacher expenses	<u>2020-02-05</u> Effective 2/5/20
3	SB40	Engross	Enact the Forming Open and Robust University Minds Act	<u>2020-01-28</u> Passed
3	SB181	Engross	Create template for workforce-education partnership programs	<u>2019-11-12</u> Introduced
3	HB16	Enroll	Grant state college residency status to military and dependents	<u>2020-02-12</u> Refused to concur in Senate amendments
3	HB9	Enroll	Regards student degree completion and general ed requirements	<u>2020-01-28</u> Insist on amendments; asks for committee of conference



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3	HB436	Intro	Regards screening and intervention for children with dyslexia	<u>2019-12-10</u> To House Health Committee
3	HB410	Intro	Exempt post-secondary student textbooks from sales tax	<u>2019-11-18</u> To House Ways and Means Committee
3	HB371	Intro	Grant in-state tuition if receive high school equivalence in Ohio	<u>2019-10-22</u> To House Higher Education Committee
3	SB200	Intro	Regards professional development for screening for dyslexia	<u>2019-10-09</u> To Senate Education Committee
3	HB322	Intro	Revise Ohio Teacher Residency Program	<u>2019-09-24</u> To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
3	HB336	Intro	Reinstates the Joint Education Oversight Committee	<u>2019-09-24</u> To House Primary and



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				Secondary Education Committee
3	SB121	Intro	Adopt health education standards/GA need only approve VD ed	2019-05-01 To Senate Education Committee
3	HB165	Intro	Regards adoption of health education standards	2019-04-02 To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
3	SB69	Intro	Regards community college career programs-grants/credit	2019-03-06 To Senate Higher Education Committee
3	HB90	Intro	Spread information to protect humanity of unborn child	2019-03-05 To House Health Committee
3	HB88	Intro	Enact Forming Open and Robust University Minds Act	2019-03-05 To House Civil Justice Committee



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3	SB120	Pass	Conduct performance audits of state higher ed institutions	<u>2020-05-01</u> Effective 5/1/20 - Appropriations effective 01/31/20

HOUSE ACTIVITY REPORT

INTRODUCED

HB 529 SCHOOL AUDITS (Miller, J., Lepore-Hagan, M.) To require one-time performance audits of school districts with a current academic distress commission.

HB 530 RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (Grendell, D.) Regarding state retirement system fiduciary duties, Public Employees Retirement System management fees and employee pay, and creating the Committee on Pension Salaries and Fees.

HB 532 EDUCATION STANDARDS (Brinkman, T., Kelly, B.) To require the State Board of Education to adopt standards for mental health education, to permit school districts to include mental health education in their curriculum, and to make an appropriation.

HB 533 WOMEN'S COMMISSION (Sykes, E.) To create the Women's Policy and Research Commission and the Women's Policy and Research Center, to specify their powers and duties, and to make an appropriation.