



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

November 30, 2020

The Corona virus up-take in numbers continues to dominate the news. There is still an emphasis in the legislature on curtailing the governor's ability to respond to the virus. 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. We are in the lame duck session and there are a number of committee meetings coming up.

SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR

SB 89

(Enacted)

CAREER-TECH EDUCATION (Huffman, M.)

With regard to career-technical education and the compensation of joint vocational school districts located in enterprise zones, with regard to student degree completion at state institutions of higher education, to make changes regarding STEM school report cards, to revise the eligibility of the Educational Choice Scholarship program, to repeal, on September 1, 2021, a law regarding transfers of school district territory located within a township split between two or more school districts, and to permit career centers to receive a STEM or STEAM school equivalent designation.

Signed: November 27, 2020, Effective: in 90 days

Legislative Committee Schedule

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

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

(Chair [Lehner, P.](#), (614) 466-4538), South Hearing Rm., 9:30 am, [Webcast](#)

HB 111

STUDENT RECORDS (Ingram, C.)

To require that public and private schools transmit a transferred student's records within five school days. --1st Hearing-Sponsor

HB 436

DYSLEXIA (Baldrige, B.)

With regard to screening and intervention for children with dyslexia. --4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote

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. --**5th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote**

SB 292

E-SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ([Blessing, L.](#))

Regarding student attendance at internet- or computer-based community schools that are not dropout prevention and recovery schools. --**2nd Hearing-All testimony**

SB 342

FINANCIAL LITERACY ([Wilson, S.](#), [McColley, R.](#))

Relating to teaching financial literacy in high school. --**2nd Hearing-All testimony**

House Finance Committee (Co-chair [Oelslager, S.](#), [\(614\) 752-2438](#); Co-chair [Callender, J.](#), [\(614\) 752-2438](#)), Rm. 313, 10:00 am [Webcast](#)

HB 190

BROADBAND PROGRAM ([Smith, R.](#))

To create the Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program, to encourage the Department of Transportation to work with telecommunications providers to lay fiber optic cable, and to make an appropriation. --**1st Hearing-Sponsor**

HB 305

Tracked

SCHOOL FUNDING ([Cupp, B.](#), [Patterson, J.](#))

To create a new school financing system, and to make an appropriation. --**8th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments**

House Rules & Reference Committee Track ([Testimony & Documents](#))

(Chair [Cupp, B.](#), [\(614\) 466-9624](#)), Rm. 017, overflow 018, 11:15 am [Add to Calendar](#)

Senate Finance: Primary & Secondary Education Subcommittee, ([Testimony & Documents](#))

(Chair [Brenner, A.](#), [\(614\) 466-8086](#)), South Hearing Rm., 11:30 am [Add to Calendar](#)

SB 224

SCHOOL FUNDING ([Thomas, C.](#))



To provide an additional school funding payment for fiscal years 2020 and 2021 for school districts that were subject to the cap that restricted increases in aggregate funding in fiscal year 2019 and satisfy other criteria. --1st Hearing-Sponsor

SB 226

SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION ([Williams, S.](#))

To require school districts to provide transportation for students in grades 9-12, to have the pupil transportation formula operate for fiscal years 2020 and 2021, and to make an appropriation. --1st Hearing-Sponsor

SB 262

SCHOOL FUNDING ([Williams, S.](#))

To require the direct payment of state funding to community schools and science, technology, engineering, and mathematics schools; to require the direct payment of K-12 state scholarships; and to make an appropriation. --1st Hearing-Sponsor

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

(Chair [Dolan, M.](#), (614) 466-8056), Finance Hearing Rm., 1:30 pm , [Webcast](#)

SB 376

SCHOOL FUNDING ([Lehner, P.](#))

To create a new school financing system for fiscal year 2022 and each fiscal year thereafter, and to make an appropriation. --2nd Hearing-Invited testimony from Fair School Funding Plan work groups

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

[House Primary & Secondary Education Committee](#) ([Testimony & Documents](#))

(Chair [Jones, D.](#), (614) 644-8728), Rm. 121, 9:30 am [Add to Calendar](#), [Webcast](#)

HB 231

EPINEPHRINE USE ([Greenspan, D.](#))

To require the Department of Education to notify public and private schools of free epinephrine autoinjector programs and to enact the "Allison Rose Suhy Act" with regard to food allergy training for public schools and institutions of higher education. --4th Hearing-Possible vote

HR 266

LIFE SKILLS ([Galonski, T.](#))

To urge the Ohio Department of Education to institute a mandatory four-year life skills program. --1st Hearing-Sponsor



HB 504

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

To prescribe a per pupil funding guarantee for certain school districts and to make an appropriation. --1st Hearing-Sponsor

HB 626

SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION ([Sobecki, L.](#), [Miller, J.](#))

To specify that a school district is not required to plan its transportation schedule based on the start and end times of those nonpublic schools to which it transports students, to require community schools and chartered nonpublic schools to provide certain information related to student transportation to school districts annually, and to declare an emergency. --1st Hearing-Sponsor

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(Co-chair [Oelslager, S.](#), (614) 752-2438; Co-chair [Callender, J.](#), (614) 752-2438), Rm. 313, 10:00 am [Add to Calendar](#), [Webcast](#)

HB 305

SCHOOL FUNDING ([Cupp, B.](#), [Patterson, J.](#))

To create a new school financing system, and to make an appropriation. --9th Hearing-Proponent & interested party-Possible vote

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

[House Primary & Secondary Education Committee](#) ([Testimony & Documents](#))

(Chair [Jones, D.](#), (614) 644-8728), Rm. 121, 9:30 am [Add to Calendar](#), [Webcast](#)

HB 653

SCHOOL ATHLETICS ([Hoops, J.](#), [Miller, A.](#))

Regarding interscholastic athletics in schools. --1st Hearing-Sponsor

HB 758

ATHLETIC EVENTS ([Stoltzfus, R.](#))

To require school districts to permit family member spectators at athletic activities and to declare an emergency. --1st Hearing-Sponsor

HB 527

WOMEN'S SPORTS ([Powell, J.](#), [Stoltzfus, R.](#))

To enact the "Save Women's Sports Act" to require schools, state institutions of higher education, and private colleges to designate separate single-sex teams and sports for each sex. --1st Hearing-Sponsor



HB 549

CHARTER SCHOOLS ([Crossman, J.](#), [Manning, G.](#))

Regarding the operation, management, and accountability of community schools. --1st Hearing-Sponsor

Lawmakers Debate Fairness Of School Funding Proposal

Old questions about a much-discussed proposal to overhaul Ohio's K-12 education funding system did not disappear following the debut of a revised bill.

The [House Finance Committee](#) Trackon Tuesday accepted a substitute version of the legislation ([HB 305](#)) aligning it with a recently introduced Senate companion bill ([SB 376](#)) at the bill's first hearing since late 2019.

Committee members from both sides of the aisle resumed questions about whether the plan does enough to help the poorest school districts in the state following testimony from members of the workgroup that developed the funding proposal.

The sponsors of the two bills have argued changes to how the plan calculates the split between local and state funding for K-12 education devised since HB305's last hearing would benefit the school districts in the state that have the fewest financial resources.

[Rep. Jay Edwards](#) (R-Nelsonville) said he is not convinced the revised proposal does enough to benefit poorly performing districts. He said some highly rated school systems would see their per-pupil funding increase more than those that receive low grades on state report cards.

Legislative Summary:

Green = Passed

Yellow = in process

Red = hearings this week



Bill	Summary/Title	Last Action▼
HB121	Allow tax credit for teacher purchase of instructional materials	2019-03-12 To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
HB122	Create Opportunity Scholarship Program; eliminate pilot programs	2019-03-12 To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
HB123	Regards school security and youth suicide awareness/training	2020-11-19 Concurred in Senate amendments
HB132	Regards school immunization requirements/exemptions	2019-03-19 To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
HB154	Dissolve and replace academic distress commissions	2019-05-15 To Senate Education Committee
HB16	Grant state college residency status to military and dependents	2020-09-15 Effective 9/15/20
HB164	Regards student religious expression	2020-09-18 Effective 9/18/20 - Emergency and appropriations: effective 6/19/2020;



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		certain provisions effective 9/18/2020
HB165	Regards adoption of health education standards [Detail][Text][Discuss]	2019-04-02 To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
HB2	Create TechCred and Microcredential Assistance Programs [Detail][Text][Discuss]	2020-04-14 Effective 4/14/20 - Reappropriation authority effective January 13, 2020
HB239	Reduce end-of-course assessments; require testing work groups [Detail][Text][Discuss]	2020-09-01 To Senate Education Committee
HB281	Require designating high school valedictorians and salutatorians [Detail][Text][Discuss]	2019-06-18 To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
HB305	Create new school financing system [Detail][Text][Discuss]	2019-06-30 [Hearing: Dec 1 @ 10:00 am] [Hearing: Dec 2 @ 10:00 am] To House Finance Committee
HB321	Regards age-appropriate child sex abuse instruction	2019-11-12 To House Primary and



Ohio Association of Colleges for Teacher Education

Bill	Summary/Title	Last Action ▼
		Secondary Education Committee
HB322	Revise Ohio Teacher Residency Program	2019-09-24 To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
HB336	Reinstates the Joint Education Oversight Committee	2019-09-24 To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
HB371	Grant in-state tuition if receive high school equivalence in Ohio	2020-11-24 Introduced
HB4	Develop industry-recognized credential and certificate programs	2020-04-14 Effective 4/14/20
HB410	Exempt post-secondary student textbooks from sales tax	2019-11-18 To House Ways and Means Committee
HB436	Regards screening and intervention for children with dyslexia	2020-06-30 [Hearing: Dec 1 @ 9:30 am] To Senate Education Committee
HB494	Establish loan repayment program for eligible teachers	2020-02-11 To House Primary and



Bill	Summary/Title	Last Action▼
		Secondary Education Committee
HB532	Adopt standards for mental health education	2020-03-10 To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
HB673	Regards business, professions, education during COVID-19	2020-06-24 [Hearing: Dec 1 @ 3:30 pm] To Senate General Government and Agency Review Committee
HB684	Improve operation of primary and secondary schools	2020-06-03 To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
HB732	Eliminate retention under Third Grade Reading Guarantee	2020-08-31 To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
HB756	Regards substitute teacher education requirements for 2020-21	2020-11-17 To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
HB9	Regards student degree completion and general ed requirements	2020-02-24 Conference managers: Sens. - Huffman, M.,



Bill	Summary/Title	Last Action ▼
		Roegner, Fedor: Conference Committee on H.B. 9
HB90	Spread information to protect humanity of unborn child	2019-03-05 To House Health Committee
HR266	Urge instituting mandatory four-year life skills program	2019-11-12 To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
SB102	Establish Dyslexia Screen Program for schools	2019-03-21 To Senate Education Committee
SB110	Modify operation of school academic distress commissions	2019-03-21 To Senate Education Committee
SB120	Conduct performance audits of state higher ed institutions	2020-05-01 Effective 5/1/20 - Appropriations effective 01/31/20
SB121	Adopt health education standards/GA need only approve VD ed	2019-05-01 To Senate Education Committee



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Bill	Summary/Title	Last Action ▼
SB128	Change Educational Choice and Cleveland scholarship programs	2019-05-01 To Senate Finance Committee
SB157	Regards notification of student absences	2019-06-19 To Senate Education Committee
SB181	Create template for workforce-education partnership programs	2020-05-05 To House Higher Education Committee
SB200	Regards professional development for screening for dyslexia	2019-10-09 To Senate Education Committee
SB26	Permit income tax deduction for certain teacher expenses [Detail][Text][Discuss]	2020-02-05 Effective 2/5/20
SB262	Pay school funding/state scholarships directly	2020-02-05 [Hearing: Dec 1 @ 11:30 am] To Senate Finance - Primary and Secondary Education Subcommittee
SB319	Revises Education Law in 2020/21 due to COVID-19	2020-06-03 To Senate Education Committee



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Bill	Summary/Title	Last Action ▼
SB330	Establish new funding method-internet schools-dropout programs	2020-06-24 To Senate Education Committee
SB34	Regards school employment, educator licensure, and conduct	2020-11-17 To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
SB342	Relates to teaching financial literacy in high school [Detail][Text][Discuss]	2020-09-01 [Hearing: Dec 1 @ 9:30 am] To Senate Education Committee
SB358	Change education laws in response to COVID-19	2020-09-01 [Hearing: Dec 1 @ 9:30 am] To Senate Education Committee
SB368	Use phonics as primary technique for teaching reading and writing	2020-09-22 To Senate Education Committee
SB376	Create new school financing system	2020-11-10 [Hearing: Dec 1 @ 1:30 pm] [Hearing: Dec 1 @ 1:30 pm] To Senate Finance Committee



Bill	Summary/Title	Last Action ▼
SB40	Enact the Forming Open and Robust University Minds Act	2020-11-24 Reported - Substitute: Higher Education
SB69	Regards community college career programs-grants/credit	2019-03-06 To Senate Higher Education Committee
SB7	Regards temporary occupational licensing for military	2020-04-28 Effective 4/28/20
SB81	Prohibit use of seclusion in public schools	2019-03-12 To Senate Education Committee
SB89	Regards career-technical ed and JVSD in enterprise zones	2020-11-19 Conference report agreed to
HB88	Enact Forming Open and Robust University Minds Act	2019-03-05 To House Civil Justice Committee