

OHIO ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES FOR TEACHER EDUCATION

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

January 19, 2021

The Ohio Senate has established its committees for the coming session. The two committees with which we are concerned are below. As soon as the House announces its committees, I will share that list. Legislation is beginning to be introduced (see below). The biggest issues this year will be the budget and redistricting.

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Senate Activity for Thursday, January 14, 2021

INTRODUCED

SB 1

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

Relating to teaching financial literacy in high school.

Code Sections

Am. 3313.603, 3314.03, and 3326.11 and to enact sections 121.086, 3319.238, and 3319.239

FROM ODE:

The U.S. Department of Education issued guidance in October 2020 specifying how states can submit an addendum to their ESSA plans for one-year flexibilities related to states' Every Student Succeeds Act state plans. This addendum process allows states to address specific issues arising from missing data from the 2019-2020 school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, ordered school building closures, and the cancelation of the spring 2020 assessments.

The Department's memo that outlines the details of each section and the draft of the official request are now available for review on [the Department's Every Student Succeeds Act website](#).

It should be emphasized that the ESSA addendum process does not provide for a blanket waiver from federal accountability and report card requirements. Rather, it allows states to propose technical short-term changes to address the lack of 2019-20 data. The memo summarizes those limited flexibilities available to Ohio through the limited one-year ESSA addendum. The intent of Ohio's proposal is to limit the consequences of any data generated during this school year to the extent allowable and make allowable technical adjustments to relevant aspects of the report card.

The Department would like to hear from interested stakeholders about the proposed usage of the one-year flexibilities for the Every Student Succeeds Act state plan. **Please provide feedback by Wednesday, January 27, 2021. Please email all input to eseawaiver@education.ohio.gov.** We look forward to receiving your comments.