



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

DeWine Opposes Change To Education Board Structure

Gov. Mike DeWine has stressed he is not a fan of a bipartisan plan to eliminate appointed seats on the State Board of Education. Tracked in the wake two at-large members exiting the panel. In his first remarks on the subject since then-President Laura Kohler and fellow appointee Eric Poklar resigned at the end of last week, the governor said he would like to keep his appointment power. "I'll take the position that I assume every governor would take, and that is that the ability to appoint people to the school board is important," Gov. DeWine said. "It's important the governor have the ability to do that." The board, which was created via constitutional amendment in the 1950s, featured only elected seats for the first four decades. The governor could appoint members only to fill a vacancy until the mid-1990s, when then-Gov. George Voinovich successfully pushed to expand the panel to 19 members through the addition of eight appointed seats. That change was a compromise, as the former governor originally pushed for an entirely appointed board. While the Ohio Constitution gives the BOE the power to appoint the state superintendent of public instruction, other details on the panel's structure and powers are largely left up to lawmakers.

Legislation (HB 298) to gradually eliminate the appointed seats has received three hearings in the House Government Oversight.

Debate Over Arming School Staff Continues In House

Arguments for additional training, maintaining local school board authority, and protecting children from gun violence were common themes Thursday as discussions continued in the legislature over how K-12 staff could be armed in response to school shootings.

Introduced in the wake of an Ohio Supreme Court decision that effectively ended such programs, the House's legislation (HB 99) drew familiar lines of debate during an informal hearing of the House Criminal Justice Track Committee, which failed to obtain a quorum during what otherwise was mostly a week off for the General Assembly.

HB 99

Armed School Staff (Hall, T.) To expressly exempt persons authorized to go armed within a school safety zone from a requirement that peace officer basic training be obtained and to require that those persons successfully complete firearms training that meets or exceeds the



training requirements for concealed handgun licensees for the exemption to apply. CONTINUED (5th Hearing - All Testimony - Possible Amendments)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Senate Primary & Secondary Education

(Chair [Brenner, A.](#), [614-466-8086](#)), South Hearing Rm., 3:00 pm [Webcast](#)

SB 240

COMMUNITY SCHOOL NETWORK ([Peterson, B.](#))

Authorizes the merger of one or more community schools and a nonprofit operator into a community school network. --1st Hearing - Sponsor Testimony

SB 233

SCHOOL NURSES ([Blessing, L.](#))

Regarding licensure and state retirement system membership for school nurses. --1st Hearing - Sponsor Testimony

SB 248

MOMENT OF SILENCE ([Antani, N.](#))

To require rather than permit school districts to provide a moment of silence each school day. --2nd Hearing - Proponent Testimony

House Primary & Secondary Education

(Chair [Manning, G.](#), [614-644-5076](#)), Rm. 017, 3:00 pm [Webcast](#)

HB 403

TEACHER INVESTIGATIONS ([Fowler Arthur, S.](#), [Miller, A.](#))

To require a school district superintendent or administrator of a public or chartered nonpublic school to file a report with the Department of Education regarding a teacher that retired under threat of disciplinary investigation. --1st Hearing - Sponsor Testimony

SB 229

BLENDED LEARNING ([Blessing, L.](#))

With regard to the use of blended or remote learning during the 2021-2022 school year, the state report card, the sale of real property leased to certain schools, emergency management plans, the withdrawal of untested students from internet- or computer-based schools, and to declare an emergency. --2nd Hearing - All Testimony - Possible Sub. Bill

HB 333

**SCHOOL COUNSELORS** ([Miranda, J.](#), [White, A.](#))

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. --2nd Hearing - Proponent Testimony

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10**House Primary & Secondary Education**

(Chair [Manning, G.](#), [614-644-5076](#)), Rm. 116, 9:00 am [Webcast](#)

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With regard to the use of blended or remote learning during the 2021-2022 school year, the state report card, the sale of real property leased to certain schools, emergency management plans, the withdrawal of untested students from internet- or computer-based schools, and to declare an emergency. --3rd Hearing - All Testimony - Possible Vote

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Bill #	Summary	Status
HB1	Create new school financing system	2021-02-04 / Introduced To House Finance Committee
HB100	Dissolve existing academic distress commissions	2021-02-10 / Introduced To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
HB105	Regards age-appropriate child sexual abuse instruction	2021-06-16 / Engrossed To Senate Primary and Secondary Education Committee
HB110	Creates appropriations for FY 2022-2023.	2021-06-30 / Passed Effective 6/30/21 - Operating appropriations effective June 30, 2021. Other provisions generally effective September 30, 2021. Some provisions subject to special effective dates.
HB151	Replace Ohio Teacher Residency program with local mentorship	2021-02-24 / Introduced To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
HB2	Regards broadband expansion	2021-05-17 / Passed Effective 5/17/21
HB200	Revise the state report card and school accountability system	2021-03-16 / Introduced To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee



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<u>HB203</u>	Require occupational license if experienced in another state	2021-03-16 / Introduced <u>To House State and Local Government Committee</u>
<u>HB205</u>	Enact Collin's Law: The "Ohio Anti-Bullying and Hazing Act"	2021-03-16 / Introduced <u>To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee</u>
<u>HB298</u>	Change voting membership - State Board of Education	2021-05-12 / Introduced <u>To House Government Oversight Committee</u>
<u>HB322</u>	Regards the teaching of certain current events, race, and sex	2021-06-10 / Introduced <u>To House State and Local Government Committee</u>
<u>HB327</u>	Prohibit teaching, advocating, or promoting divisive concepts	2021-06-10 / Introduced <u>To House State and Local Government Committee</u>
<u>HB40</u>	Provide exemptions from state report cards	2021-02-04 / Introduced <u>To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee</u>
<u>HB477</u>	Prevent expulsion, termination based on COVID vaccination status	2021-11-01 / Introduced Introduced
<u>HB49</u>	Reinstate the Joint Education Oversight Committee	2021-02-04 / Introduced <u>To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee</u>
<u>HB54</u>	Dissolve academic distress commissions	2021-02-04 / Introduced <u>To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee</u>
<u>HB6</u>	Modify laws governing certain professions due to COVID-19	2021-05-14 / Passed Effective 5/14/21 - Sections 3 and 4 effective October 9, 2021
<u>HB67</u>	Seek waiver from federal testing requirements	2021-03-20 / Passed Effective 3/20/21
<u>HB73</u>	Regards educational testing, assessment, and retention	2021-02-10 / Introduced <u>To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee</u>
<u>HB77</u>	Permit higher ed board of trustees attend electronically	2021-05-26 / Engrossed <u>To Senate Workforce and Higher Education Committee</u>
<u>HB82</u>	Eliminate required assessment for high school graduation	2021-09-30 / Passed Effective 9/30/21
<u>HB99</u>	Regards persons authorized to go armed within school safety zone	2021-02-10 / Introduced <u>To House Criminal Justice Committee</u>



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<u>SB1</u>	Regards teaching financial literacy in high school	2022-01-27 / Passed Effective 1/27/22 - Section 4 effective October 28, 2021
<u>SB126</u>	Enact Collin's Law: The Ohio Anti-Hazing Act	2021-10-07 / Passed Effective 10/7/21
<u>SB131</u>	Require occupational license if experienced in another state	2021-03-17 / Introduced To Senate Workforce and Higher Education Committee
<u>SB135</u>	Regards state institutions of higher education and free speech	2021-06-22 / Engrossed To House Higher Education and Career Readiness Committee
<u>SB145</u>	Revise the state report card system	2021-03-24 / Introduced To Senate Primary and Secondary Education Committee
<u>SB166</u>	Regards career-technical education	2021-06-22 / Engrossed To House Economic and Workforce Development Committee
<u>SB178</u>	Reform function, responsibilities of state education offices	2021-05-12 / Introduced To Senate Primary and Secondary Education Committee
<u>SB209</u>	Regards mask mandates for schools and businesses	2021-09-08 / Introduced To Senate General Government Budget Committee
<u>SB229</u>	Regards use of blended learning during 2021-2022	2021-10-26 / Engrossed To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
<u>SB37</u>	Revise 2020-2021 Education Law due to COVID-19	2021-02-03 / Introduced To Senate Primary and Secondary Education Committee