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**Ohio Legislation Update (recent bill action in red)**

**132nd General Assembly**

***House***

[**HB3**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-3)DATAOHIO BOARD CREATION (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Christina Hagan) To create the DataOhio Board, to specify requirements for posting public records online, to require the Auditor of State to adopt rules regarding a uniform accounting system for public offices, to establish an online catalog of public data at data.Ohio.gov, to establish the Local Government Information Exchange Grant Program, and to make appropriations

**STATUS: House Finance Committee – Reported out**

[**HB8**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-8)PUBLIC RECORDS-MINORS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To exempt from the Public Records Law certain information concerning a minor that is included in a record related to a traffic accident involving a school vehicle in which the minor was an occupant at the time of the accident

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Local Government, Public Safety & Veterans Affairs Committee – Reported out**

[**HB21**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-21)COMMUNITY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION (Rep. Steve Hambley) Regarding verification of community school enrollments

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**HB37**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-37)SCHOOL SAFETY-STRUCTURES (Rep. Steve Arndt) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

[**HB47**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-47)STUDENTS IN MILITARY (Rep. John Boccieri) To enact the "Students to Soldiers Support Act (S3A)" regarding the participation of students who are serving in the uniformed services in extracurricular activities at public and nonpublic schools and public and private colleges

**STATUS: Referred to House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

[**HB49**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-49)OPERATING BUDGET (Rep. Ryan Smith) Creates FY 2018-2019 main operating budget

**STATUS: (Passed by House) (Passed by Senate) Signed by Governor – Effective July 1, 2017; House has voted to override several vetoes; Senate considering**

[**HB53**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-53)PUBLIC EMPLOYEES-MEMBER DUES (Rep. John Becker) To remove any requirement under the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Law that public employees join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit public employers from requiring public employees to join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit an employee organization from being required to represent public employees who are not members of the employee organization, and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House Finance Committee**

[**HB58**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-58)CURSIVE HANDWRITING INSTRUCTION (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Marilyn Slaby) To require instruction in cursive handwriting

**STATUS: Re-referred to House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee**

[**HB66**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-66)UNDERGRAD MISSION STUDY COMMITTEE(Rep. Ron Young) To require permanently tenured state university or college faculty members to teach at least three credit hours of undergraduate courses per semester

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**HB69**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-69)LEVY REVENUE REIMBURSEMENT (Rep. Bob Cupp) To require reimbursement of certain township fire and emergency medical service levy revenue forgone because of the creation of a municipal tax increment financing district

**STATUS: Signed by Governor (12/22/17) – Effective after 90 days**

[**HB74**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-74)INCREASE COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. Stephen Huffman, Rep. Theresa Gavarone) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to the state's 529 college savings program from $2,000 to $3,000 per beneficiary per year

**STATUS: Referred to House Ways & Means Committee**

[**HB77**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-77)SICK-CHILD CARE LICENSURE (Rep. Wes Retherford) To provide for the licensure of sick-child care centers

**STATUS: Referred to House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee**

[**HB80**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-80)SCHOOL FOOD-SUMMER INTERVENTION (Rep. Sarah LaTourette, Rep. Kent Smith) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Referred to Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

[**HB87**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-87)COMMUNITY SCHOOL PUBLIC MONEYS (Rep. Kristina Roegner) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**HB89**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-89)AUGUST SALES TAX HOLIDAY (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

**STATUS: Referred to House Ways & Means Committee**

[**HB98**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-98)CAREER INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Kristin Boggs) Regarding the presentation of career information to students

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0; House concurs, Vote 92-0**

[**HB102**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-102)SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To replace locally levied school district property taxes with a statewide property tax and require recipients of certain tax exemptions to reimburse the state for such levy revenue lost due to those exemptions; to increase the state sales and use tax rates and allocate additional revenue to state education purposes; to repeal school district income taxes; to require the Treasurer of State to issue general obligation bonds to refund certain school district debt obligations; to create a new system of funding schools where the state pays a specified amount per student that each student may use to attend the public or chartered nonpublic school of the student's choice, without the requirement of a local contribution; to eliminate the School Facilities Commission; to eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program, Pilot Project Scholarship Program, Autism Scholarship Program, and Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program; to eliminate interdistrict open enrollment; to require educational service centers to transport students on a countywide basis; and to permit school districts to enter into a memoranda of understanding for one district to manage another

**STATUS: Referred to House Finance Committee**

[**HB103**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-103)FISCAL EMERGENCY PROVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

**STATUS: (Passed by House) (Passed by Senate) Signed by Governor**

[**HB108**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-108)INFORMED STUDENT DOCUMENT ACT (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Robert McColley) To require one-half unit of financial literacy in the high school curriculum, to require the Chancellor of Higher Education to prepare an informed student document for each institution of higher education, to require the State Board of Education to include information on the informed student document in the standards and model curricula it creates for financial literacy and entrepreneurship, and to entitle the act the "Informed Student Document Act"

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Bill amended**

[**HB110**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-110)COLLEGE CREDIT APPRENTICESHIPS (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Bill Dean) To create a subprogram of the College Credit Plus Program that permits students to participate in certified apprenticeship programs

**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Bill amended**

[**HB118**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-118)TAX COMPLAINT DISMISSAL (Rep. Derek Merrin) To expressly prohibit the dismissal of a property tax complaint for failure to correctly identify the property owner

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Passed by Senate, Vote 32-0**

[**HB124**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-124)VOCATIONAL SCHOOL TAX LEVY (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Rick Carfagna) To authorize a joint vocational school district to submit the question of a renewal tax levy to voters who did not have an opportunity to vote on the levy at an election held in November of 2015 because the levy was only placed on the ballot in one of several counties in which the district has territory

**STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately**

[**HB129**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-129)SCHOOL EXTERNSHIPS-GOVERNOR (Rep. Kent Smith, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To require the Governor to complete a forty-hour externship consisting of on-site work experience in city, local, and exempted village school districts in the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years

**STATUS: Referred to House State & Local Government Committee**

[**HB134**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-134)SCHOOL COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Darrell Kick) To allow community improvements board grants to a school district to be spent for permanent improvements outside the county so long as the improvements are within the school district

**STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended**

[**HB163**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-163)PREVAILING WAGE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (Rep. Kristina Roegner, Rep. Craig Riedel) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

**STATUS: Introduced**

[**HB166**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-166)WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM REVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke, Rep. Bob Cupp) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

[**HB170**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-170)COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION (Rep. Rick Carfagna, Rep. Mike Duffey) With regard to academic content standards and curriculum requirements for computer science; to revise educator qualifications regarding computer science; to create a competitive technology **STATUS: Signed by Governor (12/22/17) – Effective after 90 days**

[**HB176**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-176)SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS (Rep. Andrew Thompson) With regard to state achievement assessments, statewide academic content standards and model curricula, and teacher and administrator evaluations

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Bill amended**

[**HB179**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-179)IMMIGRATION LAW COMPLIANCE (Rep. Candice Keller) To require state and local authorities to cooperate with the federal government in the enforcement of immigration laws, to prohibit a local government that fails to do so from receiving certain state funds, to provide for the removal of officers of a local government that fails to do so, and to declare an emergency

**STATUS: Introduced**

[**HB181**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-181)ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT STANDARDS (Rep. Ron Hood, Rep. Tom Brinkman) With regard to the state academic content standards and primary and secondary education assessments

**STATUS: Introduced**

[**HB186**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-186)COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. John Rogers, Rep. Gary Scherer) To enact the "Blair Deduction" to allow an individual obtaining a postsecondary degree or credential from an eligible educational institution to claim an income tax deduction for qualified higher education expenses

**STATUS: Introduced**

[**HB200**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-200)OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Koehler, K) - To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Bill amended**

[**HB203**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-203)YOUTH SUMMER JOBS INITIATIVE (Barnes, Jr., J) - To require the Director of Development Services to establish a youth summer jobs pledging initiative to increase access to summer employment opportunities for high school and college youth

**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Bill amended**

[**HB217**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-217)COLLEGE APPLICATIONS-DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To prohibit institutions of higher education from requiring students to disclose disciplinary actions on their applications for admission

**STATUS: Referred to House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee**

[**HB220**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-220)NONPUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDS (Rep. David Leland) With regard to the use of funds by community schools and nonpublic schools

**STATUS: Referred to House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

[**HB224**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-224)RE-SERVING SCHOOL LUNCH ITEMS (Rep. Catherine Ingram) To permit districts and schools to re-serve time- and temperature-controlled food items to students if items are unused and returned unopened, undamaged, and in the original packaging

**STATUS: Referred to House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

[**HB227**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-227)LICENSE PLATE-KENSTON LOCAL SCHOOLS (Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To create the "Kenston Local Schools" license plate

**STATUS: House Transportation & Public Safety Committee – Reported out as amended**

[**HB235**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-235)EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT PROCEDURE (Rep. Theresa Gavarone) Regarding procedures for approval or disapproval of the state education plan for the federal Every Student Succeeds Act

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**HB237**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-237)MULTICOUNTY LOCAL ELECTIONS (Rep. Dorothy Pelanda) To require a political subdivision with territory in more than one county that places an issue on the ballot to notify the board of elections of every county in which the political subdivision has territory, to require the Secretary of State to establish a database to facilitate communication between the boards of elections and the Secretary concerning local elections, and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Referred to House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee**

[**HB242**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-242)SCHOOL RETIREMENT-COST OF LIVING (Rep. Rick Carfagna) Regarding School Employees Retirement System annual cost-of-living adjustments

**STATUS: House Aging & Long Term Care Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

[**HB246**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-246)DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY CLASSROOMS (Rep. John Boccieri, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to provide funding to certain county boards of developmental disabilities to assist in the acquisition of classroom facilities

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill**

[**HB262**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-262)INDEPENDENT BUDGET PROCESS (Rep. James Butler, Jr., Rep. Mark Romanchuk) To provide for the preparation of a state biennial budget independent of that submitted by the Governor and to authorize the Legislative Service Commission, upon the request of the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President of the Senate, to arrange for an independent actuarial review of a proposed bill, specified analyses of economic policy initiatives and state benchmarking data, and a study of the state's long-range financial outlook

**STATUS: Referred to House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee**

[**HB298**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-298)PUBLIC EMPLOYEE SICK DAYS (Rep. Derek Merrin) To make changes with respect to the number of sick days provided to public employees

**STATUS: Introduced**

[**HB312**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-312)LOCAL GOVERNMENT CREDIT CARDS (Rep. Kirk Schuring, Rep. Dave Greenspan) Regarding use of credit cards and debit cards by political subdivisions

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

[**HB318**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-318)SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER DEFINITION (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To define the necessary qualifications and responsibilities of school resource officers

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Referred to Senate Finance Committee**

[**HB322**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-322)SCHOOL EMERGENCY PLANS (Rep. Adam Miller, Rep. Bernadine Kent) To revise the law regarding emergency management plans and school safety drills; to require each educational service center to employ an emergency response planner; to make an appropriation; and to declare an emergency

**STATUS: House Finance Committee**

[**HB337**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-337)TEXTBOOK SALES TAX EXEMPTION (Rep. Mike Duffey) To exempt from sales and use tax textbooks purchased by post-secondary students

**STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee – Reported out as amended**

[**HB338**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-338)BUS DRIVER MEDICAL EXAMS (Rep. Tim Ginter) Regarding medical examinations for school bus drivers

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Referred to Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

[**HB342**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-342)LOCAL TAX ISSUES-ELECTION DATES (Rep. Derek Merrin) To permit local tax-related proposals to appear only on general and primary election ballots and not on an August special election ballot and to modify the information conveyed in election notices and ballot language for property tax levies

**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee – Reported out as amended**

[**HB343**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-343)PROPERTY VALUE CONTEST-RESOLUTIONS (Rep. Derek Merrin) To require local governments that contest property values to formally pass an authorizing resolution for each contest and to notify property owners

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Referred to Senate Ways & Means Committee**

[**HB360**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-360)ANTI-BULLYING AND HAZING (Rep. Dave Greenspan) To enact the "Ohio Anti-Bullying and Hazing Act" with regard to school discipline and bullying and hazing policies at public schools and public colleges

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**HB361**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-361)PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINTS TIMEFRAME (Rep. Dave Greenspan) To increase the time within which boards of revision must decide property tax complaints

**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee – Bill amended**

[**HB363**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-363)CAMPUS FREE SPEECH (Rep. Rick Carfagna, Rep. Andrew Brenner) To enact the "Campus Free Speech Act" with respect to the freedom of speech and assembly at state institutions of higher education and the charging and allocation of student activity fees

**STATUS: Referred to House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee**

[**HB369**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-369)PER PUPIL FUNDING GUARANTEE (Rep. Martin Sweeney) To prescribe a per pupil funding guarantee for certain school districts and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Referred to House Finance Committee**

[**HB377**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-377)CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE EDUCATION (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Dan Ramos) With respect to age-appropriate student instruction in child sexual abuse and sexual violence prevention and in-service staff training in child sexual abuse prevention

**STATUS: Referred to House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

[**HB383**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-383)CHILD CARE HEALTH & SAFETY RISKS (Rep. Rick Carfagna) Regarding parental notice of serious risks to the health or safety of children receiving child care

**STATUS: House Community & Family Advancement Committee – Reported out**

[**HB396**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-396)STEM DEGREE LOAN REPAYMENT (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Rick Carfagna) To create the STEM Degree Loan Repayment Program and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House Finance Committee**

[**HB399**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-399)HEALTH INSURANCE SAVINGS INCENTIVES (Rep. Michael Henne, Rep. James Butler, Jr.) To enact the Ohio Right to Shop Act to require health insurers to establish shared savings incentive programs for enrollees

**STATUS: Introduced**

[**HB413**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-413)PERS ADJUSTMENT-DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES EMPLOYEES (Rep. Gary Scherer) Regarding Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) annual cost-of-living adjustments granted to allowance and benefit recipients and PERS service credit for services as a nonteaching school employee of a county board of developmental disabilities

**STATUS: Referred to House Aging & Long Term Care Committee**

[**HB418**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-418)SCHOOL RECORDS TRANSFER (Rep. Catherine Ingram) To require a public or chartered nonpublic school to transmit a student's records within five business days when the student transfers to another school

**STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

[**HB426**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-426)SCHOOL SEXUAL CONDUCT (Rep. Christina Hagan) To prohibit an employee of a school or institution of higher education who is not in a position of authority from engaging in sexual conduct with certain students

**STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House Criminal Justice Committee**

[**HB428**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-428)STUDENT RELIGIOUS LIBERTIES ACT (Rep. Tim Ginter, Rep. Sarah LaTourette)Regarding student religious expression and to entitle the act the "Ohio Student Religious Liberties Act of 2018”

**STATUS: Referred to House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

[**HB432**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-432)STUDENT LOAN OMBUDSMAN & LICENSURE (Rep. Kristin Boggs, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To require student loan servicers to be licensed by the Division of Financial Institutions and to create the position of student loan ombudsperson in the Division of Financial Institutions to provide assistance to student loan borrowers

**STATUS: Introduced**

[**HB438**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-438)ESC ANNEXATION (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Darrell Kick) To permit the addition of appointed members to educational service center boards and to permit a local school district to sever its territory from one educational service center and annex that territory to an adjacent service center under specified conditions

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee – Reported out as amended**

[**HB442**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-442)SCHOOL ATHLETICS-F1 VISA (Rep. Niraj Antani) To authorize any student from a country or province outside the United States who attends an elementary or secondary school in Ohio and holds an F-1 visa to participate in interscholastic athletics at that school on the same basis as Ohio residents

**STATUS: Introduced**

[**HB443**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-443)MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION (Rep. Martin Sweeney) To require school district boards of education to incorporate mental health instruction into their health education curricula

**STATUS: Introduced**

[**HB449**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-449)CHARTER SCHOOL SPONSOR RATINGS-UNIVERSITIES (Rep. John Rogers, Rep. John Patterson) To require the Department of Education to attribute any community school sponsor ratings an entity received during its relationship with a state university board of trustees to that entity even if it no longer has a relationship with the university

**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

[**HB477**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-477)ELIMINATE EDUCATION PROGRAMS (Rep. Kyle Koehler) To eliminate various provisions and programs related to the Department of Education and the operation of primary and secondary schools

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Reported out**

[**HB487**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-487)RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL-COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (Rep. Catherine Ingram) To eliminate the right of first refusal for community schools, college-preparatory boarding schools, and science, technology, engineering, and mathematics schools in the acquisition of school district real property

**STATUS: Referred to House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

[**HB488**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-488)PROPERTY TAX LEVY-BALLOT LANGUAGE (Rep. Ron Hood, Rep. John Becker) To modify the information conveyed in election notices and ballot language for property tax levies

**STATUS: Referred to House Ways & Means Committee**

[**HB491**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-documents?id=GA132-HB-491)SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS-SPECIFIED SERVICES (Rep. Jay Edwards) To require the State Board of Education to issue a substitute license to specified pupil services personnel

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Reported out as amended**

[**HB502**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-502)YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING-PUBLIC (Rep. Marlene Anielski) With regard to educator in-service training on youth suicide awareness and prevention in public schools

**STATUS: Referred to House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

[**HB503**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-503)YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING-PRIVATE (Rep. Marlene Anielski) With regard to educator in-service training on youth suicide awareness and prevention in private schools

**STATUS: Referred to House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

[**HB508**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-508)OHIOCORPS PILOT PROJECT (Rep. Scott Ryan, Rep. William Reineke) To establish the OhioCorps Pilot Project and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Referred to Senate Finance Committee**

[**HB512**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-512)CONSOLIDATE CAREER-EDUCATION GOVERNANCE (Rep. William Reineke) To establish the Department of Learning and Achievement; to abolish the Department of Higher Education, the position of the Chancellor of Higher Education, and the Ohio Board of Regents; to transfer, with exceptions, the duties regarding the administration of primary and secondary education programs and all duties regarding the administration of higher education programs to the Department of Learning and Achievement; and to prescribe certain duties regarding educator licensure, community school sponsorship, and other education programs for the State Board of Education, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Department of Education

**STATUS: Referred to House Government Oversight & Accountability Committee**

[**HB517**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-517)MONTH DESIGNATION-OHIO PRINCIPALS (Rep. Tim Schaffer, Rep. David Leland) To designate the month of October as "Ohio Principals Month."

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Reported out**

[**HB524**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-524)529 CONTRIBUTIONS IN OTHER STATES (Rep. Gary Scherer, Rep. John Patterson) To expand the income tax deduction allowed for contributions to Ohio's 529 college savings program to include contributions to 529 programs established by other states

**STATUS: Referred to House Ways & Means Committee**

[**HB526**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-526)VOLUNTEER SCHOOL SECURITY (Rep. Anthony DeVitis, Rep. Martin Sweeney) To authorize a public or chartered nonpublic school to enter into an agreement with a volunteer law enforcement officer to patrol school premises to prevent or respond to a mass casualty event, to provide the parties with a qualified immunity from civil liability, and to provide a tax credit for volunteer service

**STATUS: Referred to House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

[**HB529**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-529)CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS (Rep. Scott Ryan) To make capital appropriations and changes to the law governing capital projects and to make reappropriations for the biennium ending June 30, 2020

**STATUS: Signed by Governor (3/30/18)**

[**HB538**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-538)TAXES TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND INCREASE (Rep. Jack Cera, Rep. John Rogers) To increase the proportion of state tax revenue allocated to the Local Government Fund from 1.66% to 3.53% beginning July 1, 2019

**STATUS: Referred to House Ways & Means Committee**

[**HB540**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-540)TEACHER EVALUATIONS (Rep. Theresa Gavarone, Rep. Nathan Manning) With regard to teacher evaluations

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Bill amended**

[**HB544**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-544)STATE BOARD-ADOPT SCHOOL SAFETY STANDARDS (Rep. John Rogers, Rep. Rick Perales) To require the State Board of Education to adopt rules prescribing standards for safety enhancements to new public and nonpublic school facilities and to require the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission to revise its construction and design standards to comply with the State Board's standards

**STATUS: Referred to House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

[**HB547**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-547)PERS- DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SCHOOL EMPLOYEE (Rep. Jay Edwards) Regarding Public Employees Retirement System service credit for services as a nonteaching school employee of a county board of development disabilities

**STATUS: Referred to House Aging & Long Term Care Committee**

[**HB549**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-549)SCHOOL OPENINGS-AFTER LABOR DAY (Rep. Steve Arndt) To generally require public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day

**STATUS: Referred to House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

[**HB559**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-559)IMMUNIZATION-SCHOOLS (Rep. Anne Gonzales, Rep. Al Landis) To make changes to the law governing immunization of children enrolled in school, preschool programs, and day-care programs

**STATUS: House Health Committee – Bill amended**

[**HB572**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-572)PERS- DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SCHOOL EMPLOYEE (Rep. Gary Scherer, Rep. Stephanie Howse) Regarding Public Employees Retirement System service credit for services as a nonteaching school employee of a county board of developmental disabilities

**STATUS: Referred to House Aging & Long Term Care Committee**

[**HB591**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-591)STATE REPORT CARD REVISIONS (Rep. Mike Duffey) To revise the state report card rating system for school districts and public schools

**STATUS: Referred to House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

[**HB594**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-594)PAYMENTS MUNICIPAL CORPS/SCHOOLS BUSINESS LAYOFFS (Rep. Dan Ramos) Enacts section 131.46 of the Revised Code to provide for payments to municipalities or school districts for their lost income tax revenue after a business lays off 50 or more employees within their jurisdiction

**STATUS: Referred to House State & Local Government Committee**

[**HB603**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-603)IN-STATE TUITION-MILITARY SERVICE (Rep. Rick Perales) To grant residency status for in-state tuition purposes at state institutions of higher education to all military service members who are on active duty and to their spouses and dependents

**STATUS: Referred to House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee**

[**HB605**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-605)OVERTIME LAW EXEPTION (Rep. Brigid Kelly, Rep. Kent Smith) To raise the salary threshold above which certain employees are exempt from the overtime law

**STATUS: Referred to House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee**

[**HB609**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-609)EXPULSION-THREAT OF VIOLENCE (Rep. Jim Hughes) With respect to the expulsion of a student from a school district, community school, or STEM school for communicating a threat of violence to occur on school grounds

**STATUS: Referred to House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

[**HB611**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-611)ONLINE SCHOOL PAYMENT (Rep. Keith Faber, Rep. Kristina Roegner) To condition payment from the Department of Education to an Internet or computer-based community school on the school's use of automatically verifiable software that tracks attendance, class size, and participation

**STATUS: Referred to House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

[**HB626**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-626)MORATORIUM-ACADEMIC DISTRESS COMMISSIONS (Rep. Kent Smith, Rep. Teresa Fedor) To establish a moratorium on the creation of new academic distress commissions

**STATUS: Referred to House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

[**HB628**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-628)RESIDENT EDUCATOR LICENSES (Rep. Dick Stein, Rep. Wes Retherford) With regard to qualifications for obtaining a resident educator license

**STATUS: Referred to House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

[**HB630**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-630)ALTERNATIVE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS EXTENSION (Rep. Tavia Galonski) To extend the alternative graduation requirements for two additional years

**STATUS: Referred to House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

[**HB635**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-635)SCHOOL LICENSE PLATE PROGRAM (Rep. Dan Ramos) To create a school license plate program

**STATUS: Referred to House Transportation & Public Safety Committee**

[**HB652**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-652)LOVING STATE INDEX (Rep. Stephanie Howse) 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

**STATUS: Introduced**

[**HB654**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-654)APPROPRIATION-DISBURSEMENTS TO SUBDIVISIONS (Rep. Kent Smith, Rep. Kristin Boggs) To make a supplemental appropriation under the budget of the Auditor of State to make disbursements to political subdivisions appearing on the Auditor of State's fiscal caution, fiscal watch, or fiscal emergency list during the FY 2018-FY 2019 biennium

**STATUS: Introduced**

***Senate***

[**SB3**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-3)WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (Sen. Bill Beagle, Sen. Troy Balderson) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

**STATUS: (Passed by Senate) Passed by House, Vote 93-1; Senate concurs, Vote 32-0**

[**SB5**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-5)INCREASING INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS (Sen. Jay Hottinger, Sen. John Eklund) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to college savings accounts and disability expense savings accounts to $10,000 annually for each beneficiary, to create the Joint Committee on Ohio College Affordability, and to declare an emergency

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee – Reported out as amended; Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0; Emergency clause, Vote 32-1**

[**SB8**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-8)SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY (Sen. Randy Gardner, Sen. Louis Terhar) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

**STATUS: Signed by Governor (12/22/17) – Effective after 90 days**

[**SB9**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-9)AUGUST TAX HOLIDAY (Sen. Kevin Bacon) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

**STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately**

[**SB15**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-15)COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require community colleges, state community colleges, technical colleges, and university branches to comply with minority business enterprise set-aside requirements, and to require the Director of Administrative Services to establish guidelines for these entities, and the Northeast Ohio Medical University, to establish procurement goals for contracting with EDGE business enterprises

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

[**SB17**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-17)LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND ALLOCATION (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To increase monthly allocations to the Local Government Fund from 1.66% to 3.68% of the total tax revenue credited to the General Revenue Fund each month

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

[**SB34**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-34)SCHOOL YEARS (Sen. Gayle Manning) To generally require public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day

**STATUS: Introduced**

[**SB39**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-39)COMMUNITY SCHOOL OPERATION (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding community school operator contracts, the operation of Internet- and computer-based community schools, and performance metrics for blended learning schools

**STATUS: Introduced**

[**SB39**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-39)COMMUNITY SCHOOL OPERATION (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding community school operator contracts, the operation of Internet- and computer-based community schools, and performance metrics for blended learning schools

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**SB54**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-54)SUMMER FOOD PROGRAMS (Sen. Edna Brown, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

**STATUS: Introduced; Referred to Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

[**SB72**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-72)PREVAILING WAGE LAW (Sen. Matt Huffman) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Finance Committee**

[**SB82**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-82)SCHOOL ABSENCES-PARENTAL NOTIFICATION (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require a public school to place a telephone call within one hour of the start of the school day to a parent whose child is absent without legitimate excuse

**STATUS: (Passed by Senate) Referred to House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

[**SB85**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-85)OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Sen. Matt Huffman) To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**SB88**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-88)SUBDIVISION COMMISSIONS-FISCAL EMERGENCY (Sen. Louis Terhar) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0**

[**SB97**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-documents?id=GA132-SB-97)REGIONAL STUDY COMMITTEE CREATION (Sen. Frank LaRose, Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish a Regional Economic Development Alliance Study Committee to study the benefits and challenges involved in creating regional economic development alliances

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

[**SB104**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-104)PROHIBIT SECLUSION USE-SCHOOLS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To prohibit the use of seclusion on students in public schools

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**SB105**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-105)MONTH DESIGNATION-OHIO PRINCIPALS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To designate the month of October as "Ohio Principals Month”

**STATUS: (Passed by Senate) Referred to House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

[**SB111**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-111)SCHOOL ZONE SIGN LIGHTS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) 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

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

[**SB123**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-123)PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINT PROCESS (Sen. William Coley) To limit the right to initiate most types of property tax complaints to the property owner and the county recorder of the county in which the property is located

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Ways & Means Committee**

[**SB124**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-124)COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY GRANTS (Sen. Sandra Williams) To qualify students in noncredit community college and career and technical programs for Ohio College Opportunity Grants and to require the awarding of academic credit for community colleges’ career certification programs

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Finance Higher Education Subcommittee**

[**SB133**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-133)STUDENT DISCIPLINE-VIOLENT BEHAVIOR (Sen. Frank LaRose) To require the Education Management Information System to include information regarding persons at whom a student's violent behavior that resulted in discipline was directed and to require the Department of Education to submit a one-time report to the General Assembly regarding that information

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**SB140**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-140)PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To create the Public-Private Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to develop, enhance, and promote educational programs to address regional workforce needs; to create the Sector Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to identify and provide grants to industry partnerships; to support programs that improve access to workforce training opportunities for students; to support economic development and revitalization programs; and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Introduced**

[**SB149**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-149)ELECTION POLLING PLACES-SCHOOLS (Sen. Frank LaRose) Regarding the use of a school district building as a polling place for elections

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

[**SB151**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-151)SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ADJUSTMENTS (Sen. Cliff Hite) To permit, rather than require, the School Employees Retirement System to grant annual cost-of-living adjustments to retirement, disability, and survivor benefit recipients and to reduce the maximum amount of the adjustment

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Insurance & Financial Institutions Committee**

[**SB172**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-172)HUNGER-FREE STUDENTS RIGHTS (Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish the Hunger-Free Students' Bill of Rights Act to require schools to provide certain services to students who are eligible for free or reduced price meals

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**SB175**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-175)RECOVERED FUNDS-SCHOOL AUDIT (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school.

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

[**SB191**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-191)ESTABLISH SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAMS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To establish the Breakfast After The Bell Program for public schools

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**SB196**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-documents?id=GA132-SB-196)AGGRAVATED BULLYING-OFFENSE CREATION (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Edna Brown) To create the offense of aggravated bullying, a third-degree misdemeanor

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee**

[**SB197**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-197)SCHOOL DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Edna Brown) To require a tiered disciplinary procedure for harassment, intimidation, or bullying in school; to require annual student instruction about preventing such acts; and to create the offense of aggravated bullying as a third-degree misdemeanor

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**SB199**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-199)OHIO BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni, Sen. Cliff Hite) To create the Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Introduced**

[**SB203**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-203)MUNICIPAL TAX RULE REINSTATEMENT (Sen. Matt Dolan) To reinstate the municipal income tax "throw-back rule" used in apportioning business income among municipalities

**STATUS: Introduced**

[**SB209**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-209)PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS-TIF (Sen. William Coley, Sen. John Eklund) To modify the conditions that determine the relative priority of property tax exemptions when a parcel subject to a tax increment financing arrangement concurrently qualifies for another exemption

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Ways & Means Committee**

[**SB213**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-213)ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDING PLAN (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To enhance economic and employment opportunities and improve local infrastructure in Ohio by providing additional assistance to workforce development and employment programs; establishing a revolving loan program for small businesses seeking to expand operations; extending job tax credits to smaller businesses; enabling expanded participation in public sector contracting by smaller companies; enhancing support for childcare centers; funding additional local infrastructure and public transit; authorizing tax incentives for hiring military veterans, for donating money to local programs assisting distressed communities, or for improving distressed property; exempting the homes of disabled veterans from property taxation; terminating the income tax deduction and reduced tax rate for business income; and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Finance Committee**

[**SB216**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-216)PUBLIC SCHOOL DEREGULATION ACT (Sen. Matt Huffman) To enact the "Ohio Public School Deregulation Act" regarding the administration of preschool and primary and secondary education programs

**STATUS: (Passed by Senate) Referred to House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

[**SB226**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-226)PERMANENT SALES TAX HOLIDAY (Sen. Kevin Bacon) To provide for a permanent three-day sales tax "holiday" each August during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use tax

**STATUS: Signed by Governor (3/30/18) – Effective immediately**

[**SB239**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-239)REGIONAL COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENTS (Sen. Matt Dolan) To modify the law concerning regional councils of governments

**STATUS: (Passed by Senate) Referred to House State & Local Government Committee**

[**SB240**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-documents?id=GA132-SB-240)REGARDING TEACHER EVALUATIONS (Sen. Peggy Lehner) With regard to teacher evaluations

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**SB241**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-241)ACCREDITED NONPUBLIC SCHOOL CATEGORY (Sen. Louis Terhar, Sen. Cecil Thomas) To establish a category of nonpublic schools called "accredited nonpublic schools" and to prescribe requirements and exemptions for such schools

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**SB246**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-246)STUDENT SAFETY ACT (Sen. Peggy Lehner, Sen. Gayle Manning) To enact the "SAFE Act" to revise the procedures for emergency removal of a student, to prohibit certain suspensions and expulsions of students in grades prekindergarten through three, to require each public school to implement a positive behavior intervention and supports framework in accordance with state standards, and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee – Reported out as amended; Passed by Senate, Vote 32-0**

[**SB258**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-258)AWARDING SCHOOL SAFETY FUNDS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To require the State Board of Education to establish criteria and procedures for the awarding of school safety funds to school districts and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Finance Committee**

[**SB262**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-262)EATING DISORDER EDUCATION (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require public schools annually to provide parents of students in any of grades five through twelve with educational information regarding eating disorders

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**SB266**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-266)CAPITAL BUDGET (Sen. Scott Oelslager) To make capital appropriations and changes to the law governing capital projects and to make reappropriations for the biennium ending June 30, 2020

**STATUS: Introduced; Referred to Senate Finance Committee**

[**SB276**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-276)EXPULSION OF STUDENTS (Sen. Jay Hottinger) With respect to the expulsion of a student from a school district, community school, or STEM school for actions that endanger the health and safety of other students or school employees

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**SB287**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-287)K-12 HEALTH EDUCATION STANDARDS (Sen. Vernon Sykes) To require the State Board of Education to develop and adopt health education standards for grades kindergarten through twelve and to require only venereal disease education standards and curriculum adopted by the State Board to be approved by concurrent resolution of the General Assembly

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**SB289**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-289)THREATS OF SCHOOL VIOLENCE (Sen. Stephanie Kunze) With respect to the expulsion of a student from a school district, community school, or STEM school for communicating a threat of violence to occur on school grounds

**STATUS: Introduced; Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**SB293**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-293)REDUCTION OF AGENCY REGULATIONS (Sen. Bob Peterson, Sen. Robert McColley) To require agencies to reduce the number of regulatory restrictions

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Transportation, Commerce & Workforce Committee**

[**SB294**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-294)PILOT PROJECT SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNTS (Sen. John Eklund, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To increase the maximum amount that may be awarded to students under the Pilot Project (Cleveland) Scholarship Program

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Education Committee**

**Ohio Budget and Politics**

[**Senate Passes Nine Bills; Obhof Unconcerned about Speaker Fight**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=209703) **Hannah**

The Senate passed legislation addressing child support, cybersecurity and school safety, among other bills, during a relatively busy session Wednesday. Child support reform bill HB366 (Gavarone) passed 30-2, with Sens. Joe Schiavoni (D-Boardman) and Charleta Tavares (D-Columbus) voting against it. Sen. Bill Beagle (R-Tipp City), who sponsored companion bill SB125, said he’s proud to have led on this issue in the upper chamber this General Assembly, thanking former Sens. Shannon Jones and Shirley Smith for their previous work toward this final bill, which will now return to the House for a concurrence vote.

**Ohio Department of Education/State Board of Education**

[**Expert Addresses School Board Members' Concerns on Computer Scoring of Tests**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=209673) **Hannah**

After consecutive meetings full of questions on the mechanics and validity of using artificial intelligence to grade student essays on state English tests, Superintendent Paolo DeMaria invited a testing expert who advises Ohio to brief State Board of Education members on the topic Monday. Gregory Cizek, professor of educational measurement and evaluation at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, emphasized the benefits of machine scoring -- consistency, objectivity, cost -- while repeatedly assuring the board that humans exert great control of the process and have multiple chances to double-check the computer's results. Cizek sits on the Technical Advisory Committee at the Ohio Department of Education, which reviews testing systems.

[**Sensing Possible Movement on Legislation, Report Card Workgroup Offers Short-Term Recommendations**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=209682) **Hannah**

Seeing an opportunity to weigh in on current legislation while continuing to develop long-term recommendations, the State Board of Education's report card workgroup gave general approval for the state superintendent and the Ohio Department of Education to provide potential testimony on HB591 (Duffey). Faced with rumors that the bill could be moving quickly -- perhaps even receiving a floor vote in the House before the Legislature breaks for summer -- members of the workgroup covered several topics related to the report card that would be changed by HB591, providing Superintendent Paolo DeMaria some context, should he be asked to weigh in on the bill. 

[**School Board Approves Report Card Absenteeism Indicator**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=209683) **Hannah**

After two hours of discussion Tuesday, the State Board of Education approved the measurement of absenteeism as an indicator on school report cards. Members in support of the resolution stressed that the board needed to authorize absenteeism as a school report card indicator to comply with the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), and if the resolution was not approved, Ohio could face repercussions from the federal government, including the loss of $750 million in Title I funding. Members against the resolution argued that schools have no control over absenteeism rates, so grading schools on absenteeism rates would be unfair.

**College and Career Readiness**

[**4 Ways Colleges Are Embracing Virtual Reality**](https://edtechmagazine.com/higher/article/2018/05/4-ways-colleges-are-embracing-virtual-reality) **Ed Tech**

As the price of virtual and augmented reality headsets continues to fall, the number of educational users will jump significantly, up to an estimated 15 million by 2025, according to a [report from Goldman Sachs](http://www.goldmansachs.com/our-thinking/pages/technology-driving-innovation-folder/virtual-and-augmented-reality/report.pdf). VR applications, in particular, are expected to grow quickly in higher education. By 2021, 60 percent of U.S. higher education institutions will be using the technology to create simulations and immersive learning environments, according to [Gartner](https://blogs.gartner.com/marty-resnick/2017/08/03/virtual-reality-vr-in-higher-ed/). Several institutions are already embracing these transformative tools. Here are four ways colleges can benefit from utilizing virtual reality.

[**Schools Showcase College-Career Preparation amid Education Board's Graduation Debate**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=209684) **Hannah**

Three Ohio school districts Tuesday presented their programs for ensuring students are ready for life after high school to the State Board of Education, which is in the midst of a long debate on alternatives to test-based graduation standards. Officials from Butler Technology and Career Development Schools, Fairview Park City Schools and Reynoldsburg City Schools shared their approaches to embedding exploration of career and higher education interests throughout their curriculum. 

[**University of Akron's College of Business Administration expansion boosts academic amenities, connects campus to downtown**](https://www.cleveland.com/akron/index.ssf/2018/05/uas_college_of_business_admini.html) **Cleveland Plain Dealer**

Expansion of the University Of Akron College Of Business Administration is underway, boosting academic offerings for students while strengthening the school's connection to downtown Akron. Plans for the 15,000 square-foot, $5.2 million Professional Development Center were unveiled to educators, students, donors and community leaders at a groundbreaking on Tuesday. The project will extend the existing business college northward, helping elevate the stature of University Avenue as the main entrance to the university and a vibrant corridor into town.

[**University of Akron receives $200,000 gift for new cybersecurity simulation lab**](https://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2018/05/university_of_akron_receives_2_2.html) **Cleveland Plain Dealer**

A new cybersecurity testing lab will allow University of Akron students to practice protecting networks from potential threats. UA is the only university in Ohio to offer an undergraduate degree in cybersecurity. The university, using a $200,000 grant from the Timken Foundation in Canton, will renovate 2,000 square feet to include 30 workstations and a control station. "We understand the critical importance of keeping our manufacturing infrastructure protected from cyber intrusions," said foundation chairman Ward Timken in a press release. "The creation of an industrial control system testbed, as one of the few of its kind in the country, helps achieve this goal through threat exercises and learning in simulated manufacturing environments."

[**John Carroll University announces $10 million donation to create Boler College of Business**](https://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2018/05/john_carroll_university_announ.html#incart_river_index) **Cleveland Plain Dealer**

John Carroll University is using a $10 million donation from the Boler family to transform the Boler School of Business into a college, allowing the university to create new programs and hire new faculty. Officials say that the change accommodates growth at the private Catholic university. The Boler school, which has just over 11,000 alumni, was named the Boler School of Business in 1996, after John Boler, who was a 1956 alumnus, and his wife Mary Jo. John Boler served as a trustee for more than 25 years, and the family gave more than $16 million dollars over the years to the university.

[**Hiram College would cut 6 faculty positions, eliminate majors, under recommendations**](https://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2018/05/hiram_college_considering_elim.html#incart_river_index) **Cleveland Plain Dealer**

Hiram College could eliminate majors in Spanish, French, economics, studio art and dance as part of a plan to balance the school's budget and change how it approaches liberal arts education. Instead, majors would be offered in areas such as "Fine, Performing and Digital Arts" or international studies. Recommendations include eliminating six faculty positions. Two are tenured in music and religious studies. Two are tenure-track in philosophy and English. The remaining are a contract faculty position and a visiting faculty position.

[**Embattled colleges focus on an obvious fix: helping students graduate on time**](http://hechingerreport.org/embattled-colleges-focus-on-an-obvious-fix-helping-students-graduate-on-time/) **The Hechinger Report**

Noah Williams’ college education was behind schedule before he even stepped foot in a classroom. By the time Williams arrived at the University of Washington as a freshman, all the courses he needed for his major in biochemistry were full, pushing him back by at least a quarter. Instead of chemistry, calculus, physics or biology, he ended up with an introductory astronomy course, an elective in nutrition, and no chance of graduating in the four years he’d hoped it would take.

[**Better strategies needed to effectively serve part-time students, especially single mothers**](https://www.educationdive.com/news/better-strategies-needed-to-effectively-serve-part-time-students-especiall/523474/) **Education Dive**

A new report from the [Institute of Women's Policy Research](https://iwpr.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/C468.pdf) (IWPR) shows just 28% single mothers graduate with a degree or certificate within six years of enrollment, while another 55% leave college before earning a credential. These statistics follow on the heels of the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) upgrading late last year its core postsecondary education data collection platform — the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) — to include data around outcomes for part-time and non-first-time students at two- and four-year institutions.

[**Ohio lawmaker proposes tuition coverage for college students**](http://www.news-herald.com/general-news/20180517/ohio-lawmaker-proposes-tuition-coverage-for-college-students) **News-Herald** The cost of college tuition soon could be affordable for more students and their families. Ohio families and students face the highest burden of student loan debt in the nation, with the Buckeye State ranking 45th nationally for college affordability, according to a news release May 17 from the Ohio House of Representatives. With college out of reach for too many families and students, state Rep. Dan Ramos, D-Lorain, introduced legislation May 17 to cover 90 percent of the expected family costs for students to attend college in Ohio. The [Ohio Lets Everyone Achieve Right Now (LEARN) tax credit](http://www.ohiohouse.gov/daniel-ramos/press/ramos-proposes-tuition-coverage-for-ohio-college-students) would make Ohio the first state to make college truly affordable again for all students, the release said.

**Early Learning**

[**Young children's self-control influenced by peers**](https://www.educationdive.com/news/young-childrens-self-control-influenced-by-peers/523408/) **Education Dive**

Self-control, one of several skills that falls under the category known as executive function, is shaped in early-childhood and influenced by what children think their friends are doing, according to a recent study from researchers at [University of Colorado Boulder.](https://www.colorado.edu/today/2018/05/03/self-control-shaped-your-group-early-preschool) Published in the journal Psychological Science, the study showed that when preschoolers were told that members of their “in group” decided to wait for two marshmallows instead of getting one right away, they were twice as likely to wait for two themselves.

**Northeast Ohio Schools**

***Cuyahoga County***

[**Sagamore Hills resident named Ohio’s National Distinguished Principal**](http://www.columbusparent.com/news/20180511/sagamore-hills-resident-named-ohios-national-distinguished-principal) **Columbus Parent**

[**New Assistant Superintendent Announced For Lakewood Schools**](https://patch.com/ohio/lakewood-oh/new-assistant-superintendent-announced-lakewood-schools) **Patch.com**

[**Some promised new schools could be axed as Cleveland district, state fight over money**](https://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2018/05/some_promised_new_schools_coul.html) **Cleveland Plain Dealer**

[**National Women's Consortium Picks Heights Superintendent**](https://patch.com/ohio/clevelandheights/national-womens-consortium-picks-heights-superintendent) **Patch.com**

[**Meet The New Heights High Principal**](https://patch.com/ohio/clevelandheights/meet-new-heights-high-principal) **Patch.com**

[**Euclid School’s Phase II plans moving forward with Early Learning Village, Secondary Campus groundbreaking**](http://www.news-herald.com/general-news/20180513/euclid-schools-phase-ii-plans-moving-forward-with-early-learning-village-secondary-campus-groundbreaking) **News- Herald**

[**Lakewood City School's District Celebration of Arts scheduled for May 22**](https://www.cleveland.com/lakewood/index.ssf/2018/05/harding_middle_schools_distric.html) **Cleveland.com**

[**North Olmsted City School District hosts parent drug awareness and prevention program**](https://www.cleveland.com/north-olmsted/index.ssf/2018/05/north_olmsted_city_schools_hos_1.html) **Cleveland.com**

[**With deficits looming, Parma City School Board of Education cuts $8.6 million**](https://www.cleveland.com/parma/index.ssf/2018/05/with_deficits_looming_parma_ci.html) **Cleveland.com**

***Lake County***

[**New Painesville Schools superintendent appointed**](http://www.news-herald.com/general-news/20180512/new-painesville-schools-superintendent-appointed) **News-Herald**

[**Grant will support physical activity at Lohr Elementary**](http://www.cantonrep.com/news/20180419/grant-will-support-physical-activity-at-lohr-elementary) **Canton Repository**

***Lorain County***

[**Lorain Council favoring tax break for gym for school for autistic students**](http://www.morningjournal.com/general-news/20180514/lorain-council-favoring-tax-break-for-gym-for-school-for-autistic-students) **Lorain Morning Journal**

[**Lorain County schools joining fight against heroin addiction, superintendents say**](http://www.morningjournal.com/general-news/20180515/lorain-county-schools-joining-fight-against-heroin-addiction-superintendents-say) **Lorain Morning Journal**

[**State approves Elyria Schools five-school plan**](http://www.chroniclet.com/Local-News/2018/05/16/State-approves-Elyria-Schools-five-school-plan.html) **The Chronicle**

***Medina County***

[**Brunswick High School hosts more than 230 special-needs athletes at 2018 Track and Field Day**](https://www.cleveland.com/brunswick/index.ssf/2018/05/brunswick_high_school_hosts_mo.html) **Cleveland.com**

***Summit County***

[**Akron expands Summer Reading Program; partners with Akron Public Schools on food program for kids**](https://www.cleveland.com/akron/index.ssf/2018/05/akron_expands_summer_reading_p.html#incart_river_index) **Cleveland Plain Dealer**

[**KeyBank Foundation awards $500k to United Way to support East CLC experiential learning center**](https://www.cleveland.com/akron/index.ssf/2018/05/keybank_foundaiotn_awards_500k.html) **Cleveland.com**

[**Search begins for new Coventry treasurer**](http://www.akron.com/akron-ohio-education-news.asp?aID=37654) **Akron Leader Publications**

[**Green Board of Education honors students, staff**](http://www.thesuburbanite.com/news/20180511/green-board-of-education-honors-students-staff) **The Suburbanite**

[**Springfield board accepts updated financial forecast**](http://www.akron.com/akron-ohio-community-news.asp?aID=37710) **Akron Leader Publications**

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