











THE OHIO ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES OF TEACHER EDUCATION LEGISLATIVE UPDATE APRIL 12, 2018






The list of bills on the legislative table will occupy the attention of the House and Senate for the next weeks. The primary election on May 8 and the November election will also be on their minds. As a side note, there are very few working days left in the legislative calendar.

1. **SB 287: HEALTH EDUCATION** (SYKES, V.) 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. Introduced in Senate (3/29/2018). Referred Senate Education
2. **SB 246: STUDENT REMOVAL** (LEHNER, P., MANNING, G.) 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 pre- kindergarten 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. --4th Hearing-All testimony
3. **SB 216: SCHOOL REGULATIONS** (HUFFMAN, M.). To enact the "Ohio Public School Deregulation Act" regarding the administration of preschool and primary and secondary education programs. Passed in Senate (3/21/2018) 32-0 (Amended) Referred House Education & Career Readiness
4. **SB 240: TEACHER EVALUATIONS** (LEHNER, P.). With regard to teacher evaluations. Referred in Senate (3/21/2018) Education
5. **HB 549: SCHOOL YEAR** (ARNDT, S.) To generally require public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day. --1st Hearing-Sponsor
6. **HB 98: (Enacted) CAREER INFORMATION** (DUFFEY, M., BOGGS, K.) Regarding the presentation of career information to students, the calculation of Ohio College Opportunity Grant awards, and career/technical educator licenses; to modify degree requirements for interim career-technical teachers; to provide an additional payment to school districts with nuclear power plants in their territories that meet specified criteria; and to modify the earmarked appropriations for certain payments to school districts. HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS
7. **HB 591: SCHOOL REPORT CARDS** (DUFFEY, M.) To revise the state report card rating system for school districts and public schools. Committee Hearing in House Education & Career Readiness (4/10/2018)
8. ODE Seeks Help In **Writing Computer Science Standards**; The Department of Education is looking for volunteers to serve on the Computer Science Standards & Model Curriculum Writing Team. "This is a cross-office effort that is being led by the offices of Curriculum & Assessment, Career-Technical Education, and Innovation. We are seeking content experts from the kindergarten level through higher education," ODE said in a release. "We need team members who are experienced with computer science, and those who can make connections to computer science across content areas." The application window for the project is open through April 18.

Volunteer forms are available on the ODE website. The following dates have been scheduled as meeting dates (additional dates may be required, if needed):

- a. May 2 – 3, 2018 (face-to-face);
 - b. May 17, 2018 (virtual);
 - c. May 30 – 31 (face-to-face);
 - d. June 13, 2018 (virtual);
 - e. June 20 – 21, 2018 (face-to-face); and
 - f. Aug. 28 – 29, 2018 (face-to-face).
9. **Reading Core:** Over the past year, a team of dedicated reading faculty representing all institution types and regions of the state have been involved in the hard work of updating the Reading Core standards. All programs that require the 12 hour Reading Core are expected to revise their core to align to these standards by January 2020. The revisions will be reviewed the next time the entire licensure program goes through state review. No additional review will be required at this time. (from Jessica Mercerhill)
10. Call for Endorsement Revisions Volunteers: The **Gifted Intervention Endorsement and Adapted PE Endorsement standards** are up for review! Faculty in these programs are asked to consider volunteering to serve on these committees. Meetings will be held online, via phone, and through email unless the committee members request in person. Qualified faculty should send a CV to jmercerhill@higher.ohio.gov by April 16.
11. State Notes Three Test Options Now Available for **High School Equivalence**. The Department of Education on Tuesday pointed to expanded options for Ohioans to garner a certificate of equivalence to a high school diploma. Stemming from a 2016 law signed by Gov. John Kasich, citizens may now take the HiSET and TASC tests along with the longtime GED standard to achieve equivalence, ODE announced. All three are now official testing options for adult learners.
12. **ODE Unveils Chronic Absenteeism Report Card Indicator:** Schools will have to reduce the number of chronically absent students beginning with this academic year to meet a new indicator on the state report card. The goal is to have as many schools as possible with no more than 5% chronic truancy under a plan presented Monday to the State Board of Education's Accountability and Continuous Improvement Committee. Districts have been aware the state planned to grade them on absenteeism rates - something that's already shown on report cards - for more than a year because it's part of the state's plan for complying with the federal Every Student Succeeds Act. However, the meeting was the first public presentation of the details. To meet the new indicator, which is in addition to about twenty others that schools are already required to meet as part of the report card's academic achievement component, schools must show at least 86.4% of students were not chronically absent this year.
13. Avon Lake school board President Charles Froehlich is joining the **state school board** for the rest of this year to fill out the remainder of former board member Kathleen McGervey's term.
14. **HB 438: ESC BOARDS** (HAMBLEY, S., KICK, D.). To permit the addition of appointed members to educational service center boards, 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, and to authorize educational service centers to establish local professional development committees. Referred in Senate (3/21/2018) Education

	Bill	Summary/Title	Last Action
	SB34	Open schools after Labor Day	<u>2017-02-08</u> To Senate Education Committee
	HB66	Require tenured faculty to teach minimum load	<u>2018-02-06</u> To Senate Education Committee
	HB170	Address computer science curriculum	<u>2018-03-23</u> Effective 3/23/18
	HB176	Address school assessments and curricula and teacher evaluations	<u>2017-05-01</u> To House Education and Career Readiness Committee
	HB181	Address academic content standards and assessments	<u>2017-05-01</u> To House Education and Career Readiness Committee
	SB216	Enact Public School Deregulation Act- primary/secondary ed-testing	<u>2018-04-10</u> To House Education and Career Readiness Committee
	SB240	Regards teacher evaluations	<u>2018-03-21</u> To Senate Education Committee

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	SB246	Revise student expulsion procedures (SAFE)	<u>2018-01-17</u> To Senate Finance Committee
	SB287	Develop health ed standards for K-12; limit GA approval	<u>2018-04-11</u> To Senate Education Committee
	HB512	Restructure education agencies and their duties	<u>2018-02-20</u> To House Government Accountability and Oversight Committee
	HB591	Revise report card rating system for schools [Detail] [Text] [Discuss]	<u>2018-04-09</u> Introduced