



THE OHIO ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES FOR TEACHER
EDUCATION LEGISLATIVE UPDATE NOVEMBER 13, 2018

The list of bills on the legislative table will occupy the attention of the House and Senate for the next weeks. With the November election over, attention will return to legislation. As a side note, there are very few working days left in the legislative calendar.

1. **HB 360: BULLYING (GREENSPAN, D.)** 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. **Committee Hearing** in Senate **Education** (11/13/2018)
2. **HJR 3: SCHOOL BONDING (BRENNER, A.)** Proposing to enact Section 12 of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to conditionally authorize the issuance of state obligations to refund pending school district obligations, to conditionally waive beginning in 2020, the requirement that schools levy property taxes to pay debt charges on their obligations, and to conditionally authorize a treasury fund that is restricted exclusively to educational purposes. --**1st Hearing-Sponsor**
3. **HB 758: COLLEGE SPEECH (ANTANI, N., BRENNER, A.)** To enact the "Forming Open and Robust University Minds Act" regarding free speech on college campuses. Introduced.
4. **HB 619: INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM (ANTANI, N.)** To require the development of an instructional program and educational and informational materials and the dissemination of those materials to protect the humanity of the unborn child and to make an appropriation.

5. **Senate Education Tuesday, Nov. 13** (Chr. Lehner, P., (614) 466-4538), South Hearing Rm., 1:30 pm

HB 360: BULLYING (GREENSPAN, D.) 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. --2nd Hearing-Proponent-Possible amendments

6. Senate Education (Testimony & Documents) WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

(Chr. Lehner, P., (614) 466-4538), South Hearing Rm., 2:30 pm or after session

SB 325: BACKGROUND CHECKS (KUNZE, S.) With regard to background check policies and sexual misconduct policies for public and chartered nonpublic schools. --1st Hearing-Sponsor

SB 191: SCHOOL BREAKFAST (SCHIAVONI, J.) To establish the Breakfast After The Bell Program for public schools. --1st Hearing-Sponsor

SB 262: EATING DISORDERS (TAVARES, C.) To require public schools annually to provide parents of students in any of grades five through twelve with educational information regarding eating disorders. --1st Hearing-Sponsor

HB 428: STUDENT EXPRESSION (GINTER, T., LATOURETTE, S.) Regarding student religious expression and to entitle the act the "Ohio Student Religious Liberties Act of 2018." --1st Hearing-Sponsor

HB 502: YOUTH SUICIDE (ANIELSKI, M.) With regard to educator inservice training on youth suicide awareness and prevention in public schools. --1st Hearing-Sponsor

7. House Higher Education & Workforce Development (Chr. Duffey, M., (614) 644-6030), Rm. 115, 1:00 pm

HB 603: HIGHER ED TUITION (PERALES, R.) 1st Hearing-Sponsor

HB 668: PUBLIC FACILITIES (PATTON, T.) 1st Hearing-Sponsor

HCR 29; CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION (BARNES, J.) 1st Hearing-Sponsor-Possible amendments & substitute

HB 758: COLLEGE SPEECH (ANTANI, N., BRENNER, A.) --1st

8. House Education & Career Readiness (Chr. Brenner, A., (614) 644-6711), Rm. 121, 4:00 pm

SB 82: SCHOOL ABSENCES (WILLIAMS, S., LEHNER, P.) --1st Hearing-Sponsor

HB 611: SCHOOL PAYMENTS (FABER, K., ROEGNER, K.) --1st Hearing-Sponsor

HB 619: INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM (ANTANI, N.) --1st Hearing-Sponsor

9. Hello Ed Prep Colleagues, Ohio University is hosting a **SB216 Panel discussion** this Friday afternoon (Nov 16) from 1-4. The focus will be on the conversion to the new P-5 and P-5 IS licenses. Panel members include k-12 leadership from SE Ohio, Carolyn Everidge-Frey from ODE's Center for Teaching, Leading, and Learning, and me. The meeting will be broadcast via Zoom so that you may participate from your own part of the state. Just use this link: <https://zoom.us/j/102061699> Many thanks to Renee Middleton and Wendy Adams for planning this panel and making it accessible to everyone! Jessica Mercerhill, PhD
10. From: Jessica Mercerhill. Hello Ed Prep Colleagues, We are in the process of considering what updates need to be created in our **metrics reporting system** for the 2019 reporting year, including how the reports read when they are published. In order to do so we would like reconstitute the Metrics Reporting Committee membership to gain some new perspectives. We are looking for a mixture of faculty, administrators, and staff that engage in the reporting and accreditation process. Please send CVs/Resumes of any interested individuals to MRS-Admin@highered.ohio.gov no later than noon on November 21.
11. Panel Set To Review State's System For **Funding E-Schools**: A new joint committee intends to start its analysis of the state's guidelines for funding online charter schools next week. Sen. Peggy Lehner (R-Kettering), who will serve as the Joint Committee to Study E-School Funding and Operator Accounting Categories' co-chairwoman, said in an interview she expects the group will meet for the first time 10 a.m. Nov. 15. The group was created by legislation (SB 216) that made dozens of changes to the state's K-12 education system. One provision tasks a study committee with reviewing a payment system for e-schools "based on student competency" in addition to, or in place of, a system based on

enrollment and participation. While the legislation called for the panel to send its recommendations to the General Assembly by Nov. 15, Sen. Lehner said that timeline is unworkable because the law did not take effect until last Friday. She said although there is "an urgency" regarding the issue in the wake of the Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow's January closure, the panel would be wise not to rush its work. "We're going to take as much time as it takes to do this well," she said. Rep. Robert Cupp (R-Lima), who will serve as co-chairman, will be joined by fellow Republicans Sen. Randy Gardner (R-Bowling Green) and Rep. Steve Hambley (R-Brunswick) on the committee, Sen. Lehner said. Rep. Catherine Ingram (D-Cincinnati) and Sen. Vernon Sykes (D-Akron) will represent Democrats.

12. **State Board of Education To Decide On Graduation Requirement Plan:** A proposal aimed at overhauling the state's high school graduation requirements is scheduled for a vote at next week's State Board of Education meeting. Members are expected to decide Thursday whether they support a plan that would give students multiple ways – including but not limited to testing – to demonstrate knowledge in math, English and other subjects in order to qualify for a diploma. The board's Achievement & Graduation Requirements Committee last month unanimously backed the proposal, which was developed over months of meetings by a BOE work group.
13. **'Right-To-Work' Bill** Among Legislation Awaiting Lawmakers' Return: Legislation banning mandatory union dues and modifying wrongful imprisonment laws are among measures expected to be discussed as lawmakers resume normal business Tuesday and the lame duck session begins in earnest. Returning from summer recess, both chambers will resume committee meetings in advance of House and Senate sessions planned for Wednesday. The House has an additional session set for Thursday. The House Finance Committee on Tuesday will hold a first hearing on so-called "right-to-work" legislation (HB 53) from Rep. John Becker (R-Union Twp.). His plan, which would prohibit public employers from requiring employees to join unions or pay dues, faces staunch opposition from labor groups.