



THE OHIO ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES FOR TEACHER  
EDUCATION LEGISLATIVE UPDATE      NOVEMBER 20, 2018

The list of bills on the legislative table will occupy the attention of the House and Senate for the next weeks of the Lamé Duck session. 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. EDUCATION COMMITTEE NOTICE 2nd Revision To: Members of the Education Committee From: Peggy Lehner, Chair Date: November 20, 2018 Notation: Agenda revisions Wednesday, November 28, 2018 3:15 PM (Or after session) South Hearing Room
  - a. S. B. No. 325 Kunze Regards background checks//sex misconduct policies for schools 2nd Hearing, Proponent
  - b. H. B. No. 491 Edwards Issue substitute license to pupil services personnel 1st Hearing, Sponsor/Proponent
  - c. Sub. H. B. No. 502 Anielski Train public school educators about youth suicide 2nd Hearing, Proponent
  - d. H. B. No. 428 Ginter, LaTourette Enact Ohio Student Religious Liberties Act of 2018 2nd Hearing, Proponent
  - e. Sub. H. B. No. 58 Brenner, Slaby Require instruction in cursive handwriting 2nd Hearing, Proponent (Possible Amendments)
  - f. Sub. H. B. No. 66\* Young Require tenured faculty to teach minimum load 4th Hearing
2. Education and Career Readiness. Tuesday, November 27, 2018. 4:00 p.m., Room 121, Chair: Brenner
  - a. H.B. 734 LaTourette/Lipps, 1st Hearing, Sponsor Testimony Regards public school breakfast programs
  - b. H.B. 738 Antani, 1st Hearing, Sponsor Testimony Study school air conditioning, accessibility, safety, amenities
  - c. Sub. S.B. 82 Williams/Lehner, 2nd Hearing, Proponent Testimony Call parents if student absent from school without excuse
  - d. H.B. 630 Galonski, 1st Hearing, Sponsor Testimony Extend alternative graduation requirements
3. Higher Education and Workforce Development. Wednesday, November 28, 2018 10:00 a.m., Room 115, Chair: Duffey
  - a. H.B. 603 Perales, 2nd Hearing, All Testimony Grant resident status to all students on active duty
  - b. H.B. 750 Edwards, 1st Hearing, Sponsor Testimony Award supplemental Ohio college opportunity grants
  - c. H.B. 668 Patton, 2nd Hearing, Proponent Testimony Authorize state and locals to enter into public-private agreements

- d. H.B. 758 Antani/Brenner, 2nd Hearing, Opponent Testimony Regards free speech on college campus
4. **HB 58 CURSIVE HANDWRITING** (Brenner, A., Slaby, M.) **Now in Senate.** To require the State Board of Education to develop and adopt a model curriculum in cursive handwriting instruction, which may be used by public schools. CONTINUED (1st Hearing-Sponsor) Rep. Marilyn Slaby (R-Akron) said the proposal would charge the State Board of Education with establishing a model curriculum involving cursive handwriting, a skill she said would help students learn sounds and literary skills, as well as boost cognitive development.
  5. **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. CONTINUED-SUBSTITUTE (2nd Hearing-Proponent-Possible amendments). Chair Lehner said the substitute – developed in consultation with Sponsor Rep. Dave Greenspan (R-Westlake) and others – offers different options for discipline rather than including strict expulsion language.
  6. **HB 477 SCHOOL OPERATIONS** (Koehler, K.) To eliminate various provisions and programs related to the Department of Education and the operation of primary and secondary schools. CONTINUED (1st Hearing-Sponsor). Rep. Kyle Koehler (R-Springfield) told the panel the bill eliminates several sections of outdated or unnecessary education-related laws and amends other sections to align the code with those changes.
  7. **HB 713 MENTAL HEALTH** (Lepore-Hagan, M.) . With regard to mental health services in public and nonpublic schools, to require school districts to employ school psychologists and intervention specialists, to provide an additional state payment to school districts for school psychologist and intervention specialist services, and to make an appropriation.
  8. **HB 752 HEALTH STANDARDS** (Sykes, E.) 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. Referred House Education & Career Readiness
  9. **HB 491 EDUCATION LICENSE** (Edwards, J.) To require the State Board of Education to issue a substitute license to specified pupil services personnel.
  10. **SB 330 MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION** (Schiavoni, J.) To require the State Board of Education to adopt standards for mental health education, to require school districts to include mental health education in their curriculum, and to make an appropriation.
  11. **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." Committee Hearing in Senate Education (CONTINUED) (Agenda)
  12. **SB 325 BACKGROUND CHECKS** (Kunze, S.) With regard to background check policies and sexual misconduct policies for public and chartered nonpublic schools. CONTINUED (1st Hearing-Sponsor) Sen. Stephanie Kunze (R-Hilliard) said in sponsor testimony the measure revises current state law, which already requires Bureau of Criminal Investigation and FBI background checks for prospective school employees. "Senate Bill 325 provides additional safeguards to further ensure that any school employee that is hired by a school district is someone that has been thoroughly vetted by the hiring district," she said. In addition to the background checks, the law will require school districts to check with the Department of Education's Office of Professional Conduct to determine whether the candidate has been cited for prior misconduct,

Sen. Kunze said. The measure also requires districts to contact prior education-related employers of prospective hires and sets 20 business days as the deadline for a school or district to respond to a prospective employer's request for a personnel file.

13. **HB 502 YOUTH SUICIDE** (Anielski, M.) With regard to educator inservice training on youth suicide awareness and prevention in public schools. CONTINUED (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
14. **HB 630 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS** (GALONSKI, T.). To extend the alternative graduation requirements for two additional years. --1st Hearing-Sponsor
15. **HB 758 COLLEGE SPEECH** (ANTANI, N., BRENNER, A.). To enact the "Forming Open and Robust University Minds Act" regarding free speech on college campuses. --2nd Hearing-Opponent & interested party
16. **HB 66 TENURED FACULTY** (YOUNG, R.) To establish the Undergraduate Mission Study Committee to evaluate each state university's efforts to secure participation in the undergraduate mission by the university's tenured faculty members. --4th Hearing-All Testimony-Possible amendments & vote
17. **Educator Standards Board Meetings: 2018-2019 MEETINGS**  
June 6-7, 2019, May 9-10, 2019, March 14-15, 2019, January 24-25, 2019, December 6-7, 2018.