



This has been a busy and exciting week in the “lame duck” session of the House and Senate. Things have moved quickly and it has been difficult to follow the movement of amendments and legislation. Education has been an active area (although guns, abortion, and other issues have been most heated and active). The next couple of weeks should continue to be interesting. There will probably be House and Senate sessions between Christmas and New Year (to deal with Governor’s vetos).

Happy Holidays!

Senate Bills of 2017-2018 Awaiting Second Chamber Action

SB 5

Tracked

COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY (HOTTINGER, J., EKLUND, J.)

To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to college savings accounts and disability expense savings accounts to \$4,000 annually for each beneficiary, to create the Joint Committee on Ohio College Affordability, and to declare an emergency.

Code Sections

SB 246

Tracked

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.

The measure, which was included as an amendment to another bill ([HB 318](#)) signed by [Gov. John Kasich](#) this summer, also requires schools to implement a positive behavioral interventions and supports, or PBIS, framework.



House Bills of 2017-2018 Awaiting Second Chamber Action

HB 66

Tracked

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.

(See attached for Senate version)

HB 240

Tracked

MONTH DESIGNATION (BARNES, J.)

To enact the "Respect Your Date Act" to designate the month of April as "Respect Your Date Month" and to require each state institution of higher education to adopt a policy regarding dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and rape on campus and to declare an emergency.

HB 428

Tracked

STUDENT EXPRESSION (GINTER, T., LATOURETTE, S.)

Regarding student religious expression and to entitle the act the "Ohio Student Religious Liberties Act of 2018."

HB 477

Tracked

SCHOOL OPERATIONS (KOEHLER, K.)

To eliminate various provisions and programs related to the Department of Education and the operation of primary and secondary schools.

HB 540

Track

TEACHER EVALUATIONS (GAVARONE, T., MANNING, N.)

With regard to teacher evaluations.

HB 603

Track

HIGHER ED TUITION (PERALES, R.)

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.



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27

Senate Session

(Chr. [Obhof, L.](#), [\(614\) 466-4900](#)), Senate Chamber, 10:00 am

House Session

(Chr. [Smith, R.](#), [\(614\) 466-3357](#)), House Chamber, 1:00 pm

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28

House Session

(Chr. [Smith, R.](#), [\(614\) 466-3357](#)), House Chamber, 11:00 am

Bills Not Yet Delivered To The Governor

Some bills have not yet been delivered to the Governor for his signature. Those include:

House Bill 58 - Cursive Handwriting