



The big issue this week has been the budget. Transportation has been a bone of contention between House, Senate, and Governor. Gun issues remain vital. Abortion and several related bills are probably the hottest issue. School funding has now become a major topic of discussion. Note: the speech bills are still open topics. Health standards has been proposed in the Senate and will probably be proposed in the House as well. A busy time in the Legislature!

DON'T FORGET DAY ON THE SQUARE! Dear Ohio Teacher Education Deans, Directors, Chairs, and Faculty,

The Advocacy Committee of OACTE will be sponsoring the annual Day on the Square event in Columbus on Wednesday, May 15th (see attached flyer). Thanks to the 10 institutions who have already responded! It's not too late to get involved. Register at the following link: <https://goo.gl/forms/PiMP1IEtn5DXMxNe2> Our goal is representation from all Ohio EPPs. Meet with legislators, learn about legislative priorities, and share testimonials of outstanding work. The Advocacy Committee looks forward to seeing you there and working together to get the word out! We will shortly be communicating with all RSVP'd institutions and sharing details about the event at the OCTEO conference. Questions? Contact Brian Yusko at b.yusko@csuohio.edu or 216-875-9774.

1. Ohio Lawmakers Release School Funding Plan Cost Estimates

The state would put an additional \$400 million toward school funding in Fiscal Year 2020 under a new funding plan proposed by two House members. Rep. Robert Cupp (R-Lima) and Rep. John Patterson on Friday released a [simulation](#) of their proposal, which features district-level and statewide costs for implementing the new plan. The simulation shows state foundation funding for schools growing from \$6.85 billion for FY 2019 to \$7.24 billion in FY 2020. Spending on foundation funding would increase to \$7.57 billion under the plan in FY 2021. Rep. Cupp said in a statement a new formula is needed because the majority of school districts currently receive either more or less money than the existing formula prescribes. "Fair School Funding works for Ohio's students, educators, taxpayers and economic future. It's based on what it actually costs to educate students, what taxpayers can afford, and what local school districts determine will work in their communities," he said. "The current formula doesn't apply to 82% of Ohio school districts.

2. Legislation (active consideration):

SB 89: CAREER-TECH EDUCATION (Huffman, M.) With regard to career-technical education and the compensation of joint vocational school districts located in enterprise zones. Committee Hearing in Senate Education: Scheduled



SB 110: ACADEMIC COMMISSIONS (Manning, N.) To modify the operation of academic distress commissions in certain school districts. Committee Hearing in Senate Education:

SB 120: PERFORMANCE AUDITS (MCCOLLEY, R., RULLI, M.) To authorize the Auditor of State to conduct performance audits of any and all state institutions of higher education. Scheduled

SB 4: SCHOOL FACILITIES (Rulli, M., Kunze, S.) To make a capital appropriation for school facilities assistance. Passed in Senate (31-0)

SB 104: STUDENT FUNDING (Hill, B.) Regarding funding for students enrolled in community schools, STEM schools, and other districts through interdistrict open enrollment. Referred Senate Education

SB 40: CAMPUS SPEECH (BRENNER, A., MCCOLLEY, R.) To enact the "Forming Open and Robust University Minds Act" regarding free speech on college campuses. --2nd Hearing-Proponent

HB 88: COLLEGE SPEECH (ANTANI, N.) To enact the "Forming Open and Robust University Minds Act" regarding free speech on college campuses. --3rd Hearing-Opponent & interested party

HB 123: SCHOOL SECURITY (HOLMES, G., MANNING, G.) With regard to school security and youth suicide awareness education and training. --2nd Hearing-Proponent

HB 132: IMMUNIZATIONS (MANNING, D.) Regarding notice of school child immunization requirements and exemptions. --1st Hearing-Sponsor

HB 164: RELIGIOUS EXPRESSION (GINTER, T.) Regarding student religious expression and to entitle the act the "Ohio Student Religious Liberties Act of 2019." --1st Hearing-Sponsor

HB 154: ACADEMIC DISTRESS (MILLER, J., JONES, D.) To dissolve academic distress commissions and to instead require the creation of community learning centers for buildings in low-performing school districts. --1st Hearing-Sponsor

SB 69: COLLEGE GRANTS (WILLIAMS, S.) 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. --1st Hearing-Sponsor



SB 34: SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT (Kunze, S.) Regarding school employee employment and educator licensure and conduct. CONTINUED (No testimony) (3rd Hearing-All testimony)

SB 102: DYSLEXIA SCREENING (Brenner, A., Lehner, P.) To establish the Dyslexia Screening Program for school districts and other public schools. CONTINUED (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 16: COLLEGE TUITION (Perales, R.) To grant residency status for in-state college tuition to active military service members and their spouses and independents. CONTINUED (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 166: STATE BUDGET (OELSLAGER, S.) To make operating appropriations for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs.

SB 121: HEALTH STANDARDS (SYKES, V., KUNZE, S.) To require the State Board of Education to adopt health education standards and to require that only statewide venereal disease education standards and curriculum be approved by the General Assembly.

3. Resolutions

SR 95: SPECIAL OLYMPICS (KUNZE, S.) To urge Congress to maintain federal funding for Special Olympics

4. **ISTE standards:** Jessica Mercerhill, PhD: Thanks to insight from one of our educational technology faculty members, I have learned that the ISTE standards have been updated, although the association is no longer linked to CAEP. I have updated the standards chart on the website, and Computer/Technology programs should begin reviewing curriculum to ensure alignment to these standards: <https://www.iste.org/standards/for-educators>. No program review is required until the time your individual program is up for it's 7 year review.



5. Current Legislation Related to Education:

Bill	Status	Summary/Title	Last Action ▼
HB121	Intro	Allow tax credit for teacher purchase of instructional materials	2019-03-12 To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
HB122	Intro	Create Opportunity Scholarship Program; eliminate pilot programs	2019-03-12 To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
HB123	Intro	Regards school security and youth suicide awareness/training	2019-03-12 To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
HB154	Intro	Dissolve and replace academic distress commissions	2019-03-26 To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
HB16	Intro	Grant state college residency status to military and dependents	2019-02-13 To House Higher Education Committee
HB164	Intro	Regards student religious expression	2019-03-26 To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
HB166	Intro	Creates FY 2020-2021 operating budget	2019-03-26 To House Finance Committee



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<u>HB88</u>	Intro	Enact Forming Open and Robust University Minds Act	<u>2019-03-05</u> <u>To House Civil Justice Committee</u>
<u>HB90</u>	Intro	Spread information to protect humanity of unborn child	<u>2019-03-05</u> <u>To House Health Committee</u>
<u>SB102</u>	Intro	Establish Dyslexia Screen Program for schools	<u>2019-03-21</u> <u>To Senate Education Committee</u>
<u>SB104</u>	Intro	Fund students enrolled through interdistrict enrollment	<u>2019-03-27</u> <u>To Senate Education Committee</u>
<u>SB110</u>	Intro	Modify operation of school academic distress commissions	<u>2019-03-21</u> <u>To Senate Education Committee</u>
<u>SB120</u>	Intro	Conduct performance audits of state higher ed institutions	<u>2019-03-28</u> <u>To Senate Higher Education Committee</u>
<u>SB121</u>	Intro	Adopt health education standards/GA need only approve VD ed	<u>2019-03-26</u> Introduced



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SB25	Intro	Regards Medicaid work and education requirements	2019-02-13 To Senate Health, Human Services and Medicaid Committee
SB26	Intro	Permit income tax deduction for certain teacher expenses	2019-02-20 To Senate Ways and Means Committee
SB34	Intro	Regards school employment, educator licensure, and conduct	2019-02-13 To Senate Education Committee
SB4	Engross	Make capital appropriations for school facilities assistance	2019-03-27 Passed
SB40	Intro	Enact the Forming Open and Robust University Minds Act	2019-02-20 To Senate Education Committee
SB69	Intro	Regards community college career programs-grants/credit	2019-03-06 To Senate Higher Education Committee
SB81	Intro	Prohibit use of seclusion in public schools	2019-03-12 To Senate Education Committee



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<u>SB89</u>	Intro	Regards career-technical ed and JVSD in enterprise zones	<u>2019-03-12</u> <u>To Senate Education Committee</u>