



THE OHIO ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES FOR TEACHER EDUCATION

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

JUNE 12, 2019

There is continued debate about the “school takeover” legislation (SB70). There are several proposals, including HB 154, SB 110, and HB 166 provisions. A group has convened to somehow synthesize these and other ideas. A Senate Education Committee meeting is scheduled for tomorrow that will focus on a proposal (see below). Discussion about high school graduation and testing (as a whole) continues to heat up. There are some higher education issues (mostly aimed at public institutions, as of now) including performance audits, college graduation requirements and general core, and freedom of expression. Day on the Square was small but made an impact with many of the legislators. There is still the problem of omitting “non-profit” from the rules related to teacher preparation that popped up in the budget bill.

See attached analysis/comparison of current bills.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE NOTICE

Peggy Lehner, Chair Thursday, June 13, 2019 2:30 PM South Hearing Room AGENDA
HB 166 Representative Scott Oelslager Creates FY 2020-2021 operating budget
Informal Hearing, Proponent/Opponent/ Interested Party (“Testimony will be limited to an Academic Distress proposal provided by the Chair’s office”).

Re: School Takeover Issue

More hearings on state “takeover” of struggling schools won’t come until next week, State Sen. Peggy Lehner said, when the language of her full proposal to change them will be available.

The “Academic Distress Commissions” that Ohio creates to run districts with poor state report card grades have come under fire this year for taking away too much control from locally-elected school boards, in the eyes of critics. The Ohio House already voted this year to end them.

Lehner, a Kettering Republican who chairs the Senate Education Committee, is working on a plan to instead [have a single, statewide panel oversee all struggling schools](#), instead of a separate commission for each failing district. About 60 people [bombarded the committee with testimony last Wednesday for nearly eight hours](#), from 3:30 to 11:30 p.m., with both complaints and support of takeover efforts. Lehner had said more hearings would come this week. But she said there are delays in drafting the full language of her proposal, which would be added as an amendment to House Bill 166, the state budget bill. Since a



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written plan will not be available until next week, Lehner said she will hold two hearings then.

By [Patrick O'Donnell, The Plain Dealer](#)⁰

Upcoming Committee Meetings:

House of Representatives

Tuesday: 5pm - House Primary & Secondary Education - 3rd hearing (opponent testimony) on HB239 (Student Assessments). Statehouse Room 121.

Tuesday: Finance: 10:00 a.m., Room 313, Chair: Oelslager. Sub H.B. 2 Cross, Lepore-Hagan – 2nd Hearing, Pro./Opp./IP – PA, PV: Create TechCred and Microcredential Assistance Programs

Wednesday: State and Local Government 3:00 p.m., Room 122, Chair: Wiggam. Sub S.B. 1 McColley, Roegner – 1st Hearing, Sponsor. Reduce number of regulatory restrictions

Senate:

Tuesday: 1:00 PM Finance. Finance Hearing Room AGENDA: Am. Sub. H. B. No. 166 Oelslager Creates FY 2020-2021 operating budget 7th Hearing, Introduction of substitute H. B. 166, no testimony

Wednesday: Finance, 9:00 AM, Finance Hearing Room. Chair: Dolan. HB 166 Oelslager, 8th Hearing, Public testimony - Higher Education. Creates FY 2020-2021 operating budget

Thursday: 10am - Senate Finance - 3rd hearing (public testimony) on HB166 (State Operating Budget). Testimony will be taken until 5pm. Senate Finance Hearing Room or online at ohiochannel.org.

Friday: 9:30am - Senate Finance - 4th hearing (public testimony) on HB166 (State Operating Budget). Testimony will be taken until 5pm. Senate Finance Hearing Room or live online at ohiochannel.org.



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HB16	Engross	Grant state college residency status to military and dependents	<u>2019-06-11</u> To Senate Higher Education Committee
HB2	Intro	Create TechCred and Microcredential Assistance Programs	<u>2019-06-11</u> Reported - Substitute: Finance
HB4	Engross	Develop industry-recognized credential and certificate programs	<u>2019-06-10</u> Introduced
SB147	Intro	Create Ohio School Marshal Program	<u>2019-06-06</u> To Senate Local Government Public Safety and Veterans Affairs Committee
HB9	Intro	Regards student degree completion and general ed requirements	<u>2019-05-22</u> [Hearing: Jun 13 @ 11:00 am] To House Higher Education Committee
HB154	Engross	Dissolve and replace academic distress commissions	<u>2019-05-15</u> To Senate Education Committee



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SB26	Engross	Permit income tax deduction for certain teacher expenses	<u>2019-05-14</u> To House Ways and Means Committee
HB166	Engross	Creates FY 2020-2021 operating budget	<u>2019-05-14</u> To Senate Finance Committee
HB239	Intro	Reduce end-of-course assessments; require testing work groups	<u>2019-05-14</u> To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
SB120	Engross	Conduct performance audits of state higher ed institutions	<u>2019-05-08</u> [Hearing: Jun 13 @ 11:00 am] To House Higher Education Committee
SB121	Intro	Adopt health education standards/GA need only approve VD ed	<u>2019-05-01</u> To Senate Education Committee
HB165	Intro	Regards adoption of health education standards	<u>2019-04-02</u> To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee



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HB164	Intro	Regards student religious expression	<u>2019-03-26</u> To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
SB102	Intro	Establish Dyslexia Screen Program for schools	<u>2019-03-21</u> To Senate Education Committee
SB110	Intro	Modify operation of school academic distress commissions	<u>2019-03-21</u> To Senate Education Committee
HB123	Intro	Regards school security and youth suicide awareness/training	<u>2019-03-12</u> To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
HB121	Intro	Allow tax credit for teacher purchase of instructional materials	<u>2019-03-12</u> To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
SB81	Intro	Prohibit use of seclusion in public schools	<u>2019-03-12</u> To Senate Education Committee



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SB89	Intro	Regards career-technical ed and JVSD in enterprise zones	<u>2019-03-12</u> To Senate Education Committee
SB69	Intro	Regards community college career programs-grants/credit	<u>2019-03-06</u> To Senate Higher Education Committee
HB90	Intro	Spread information to protect humanity of unborn child	<u>2019-03-05</u> To House Health Committee
HB88	Intro	Enact Forming Open and Robust University Minds Act	<u>2019-03-05</u> To House Civil Justice Committee
SB40	Intro	Enact the Forming Open and Robust University Minds Act	<u>2019-02-20</u> To Senate Education Committee
SB34	Intro	Regards school employment, educator licensure, and conduct	<u>2019-02-13</u> To Senate Education Committee