



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

December 19, 2020

The Corona virus up-take in numbers continues to dominate the news. The indeterminate nature of how to deal with the virus has made the decisions schools and universities make much harder. The Lame Duck Session is underway and the volume of bills remaining is large. School funding is a major issue. Dyslexia has been a major topic and has now passed both houses. The language of the bill is attached.

October 20, 2020

TO: Deans and Heads of Teacher Education of Ohio Four-year Institutions
FROM: Deborah Telfer, Ph.D., Director
Ohio Deans Compact on Exceptional Children
RE: **Announcing the 8th Annual Statewide Conference**

The Ohio Deans Compact, in partnership with OCTEO, invites you to attend the 8th Annual on January 13, 14, 15, 2021. The theme of this year's conference, which will be held virtually is ***Deeper into Equity Issues: Supporting Higher Education and District Personnel Addressing Racial Injustice.***

SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR

SB 40

CAMPUS SPEECH (McColley, R., Brenner, A.)

To expand the "Forever Buckeye" program by granting in-state college tuition to individuals who receive a certificate of high school equivalence in Ohio and to enact the "Forming Open and Robust University Minds Act" regarding free speech on college campuses.

Signed: December 18, 2020, Effective: in 90 days

An emergency bill dealing with a handful of education-related issues brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic was one of many to clear the Senate during a busy day of legislating Thursday.



While Thursday had been expected to be the final day of work for the 133rd General Assembly, much work remained unfinished late into the night. The chamber is set to return to session Friday morning.

The education bill ([HB 409](#)), which began as a measure dealing with attendance tracking for online charter schools, accumulated several emergency education amendments in the [Senate Education Committee](#).

[Sen. Peggy Lehner](#) (R-Kettering) said many of the emergency provisions are extensions of those in past emergency bills that were included in separate legislation to extend them ([SB 358](#)). Not all of the language from that bill was included, however.

"There is work that needs to be done. It needs to be done as soon as possible in the new GA," she said.

Sen Teresa Fedor (D-Toledo) said the bill is vital for students, families and schools, but that language addressing end-of-course exams should be addressed before the end of the week.

"This is the one thing you left laying on the table and it's their lives that are depending on it right now," she said.

It picked up some language and lost some on the Senate floor.

A change offered by [Sen. Matt Huffman](#) (R-Lima) would add educational service centers to a provision allowing schools to hire more substitute teachers and would allow the Department of Education to issue them temporary licenses.

[Sen. Bill Coley](#) (R-Liberty Twp.) offered an amendment to remove language he requested to be added to the bill in committee dealing with the different standards of attendance-keeping for online schools and brick-and-mortar ones. He said there were some tweaks in that language that caused some problems and encouraged his colleagues to take up the issue early in the next General Assembly.

Legislation ([HB 436](#)) mandating dyslexia screenings in Ohio schools to give members more time to review late-arriving amendment proposals also cleared the upper chamber in a unanimous vote. Sen. Lehner said as much as 80% of the nation's jail population is illiterate, and many of those individuals have dyslexia. [Sen. Andy Brenner](#) (R-Powell) explained that the measure will save the state money in the long run by catching the problem earlier.



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

House Session

(Chair [Cupp, B.](#), [\(614\) 466-3357](#)), House Chamber, 11:00 am, [Webcast](#)

Senate Session

(Chair [Obhof, L.](#), [\(614\) 466-4900](#)), Senate Chamber, 1:30 pm

- If needed

LAME DUCK SESSION:

- [HB 13 -- Broadband internet expansion](#)
- [HB 369 / SB 11 -- Ohio Fairness Act](#)
- [SB 358 -- Flexibility for school districts due to COVID-19](#)
- [HB 305 / SB 376 -- Education Funding Reform](#)
- [SB 89 -- voucher expansion](#) **signed into law**
- [SB 317 -- Lets people carry guns in schools with no training](#)
- [HB 784 -- Bill to Punish Protesters](#)
- [HB 178 -- Untrained permitless carry](#)
- [HB 6 Repeal](#)
- HB 754 / SB 352

Bills to Consider:

- Education funding reform
 - Current education funding reform bills to watch: House Bill (HB) 305 and Senate Bill (SB) 376
 - <https://www.limaohio.com/news/435236/ohio-lawmakers-renew-effort-on-school-funding-formula><https://www.limaohio.com/news/435236/ohio-lawmakers-renew-effort-on-school-funding-formula>
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- STATUS: Passed Senate Education Committee -- awaiting full Senate floor vote
- SB 317 -- Lets people carry guns in schools with no training
 - STATUS: Passed the Senate. In House Primary and Secondary Education Committee. Most recent hearing 12/8/20
 - NOTE: We are also watching to make sure this bill isn't amended into any other bills....
- SB 89 -- Voucher Expansion
 - STATUS: ****Signed into law****

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA UPDATE:

Bill	Status	Summary/Title	Last Action ▼
HB121	Intro	Allow tax credit for teacher purchase of instructional materials	<u>2019-03-12</u> To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
HB122	Intro	Create Opportunity Scholarship Program; eliminate pilot programs	<u>2019-03-12</u> To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
HB123	Enroll	Regards school security and youth suicide awareness/training	<u>2020-11-19</u> Concurred in Senate amendments
HB132	Intro	Regards school immunization requirements/exemptions	<u>2019-03-19</u> To House Primary



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			and Secondary Education Committee
HB154	Engross	Dissolve and replace academic distress commissions	<u>2019-05-15</u> To Senate Education Committee
HB16	Pass	Grant state college residency status to military and dependents	<u>2020-09-15</u> Effective 9/15/20
HB164	Pass	Regards student religious expression	<u>2020-09-18</u> Effective 9/18/20 - Emergency and appropriations: effective 6/19/2020; certain provisions effective 9/18/2020
HB165	Intro	Regards adoption of health education standards	<u>2019-04-02</u> To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
HB2	Pass	Create TechCred and Microcredential Assistance Programs	<u>2020-04-14</u> Effective 4/14/20 - Reappropriation authority effective January 13, 2020



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HB239	Engross	Reduce end-of-course assessments; require testing work groups	<u>2020-09-01</u> To Senate Education Committee
HB281	Intro	Require designating high school valedictorians and salutatorians	<u>2019-06-18</u> To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
HB305	Engross	Create new school financing system	<u>2020-12-09</u> To Senate Finance Committee
HB321	Intro	Regards age-appropriate child sex abuse instruction	<u>2020-12-14</u> Reported: Primary and Secondary Education
HB322	Intro	Revise Ohio Teacher Residency Program	<u>2019-09-24</u> To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
HB336	Intro	Reinstates the Joint Education Oversight Committee	<u>2019-09-24</u> To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee



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HB371	Engross	Grant in-state tuition if receive high school equivalence in Ohio	<u>2020-12-02</u> To Senate Education Committee
HB4	Pass	Develop industry-recognized credential and certificate programs	<u>2020-04-14</u> Effective 4/14/20
HB410	Intro	Exempt post-secondary student textbooks from sales tax	<u>2019-11-18</u> To House Ways and Means Committee
HB436	Enroll	Regards screening and intervention for children with dyslexia	<u>2020-12-17</u> Passed
HB494	Intro	Establish loan repayment program for eligible teachers	<u>2020-02-11</u> To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
HB532	Intro	Adopt standards for mental health education	<u>2020-03-10</u> To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
HB673	Engross	Regards business, professions, education during COVID-19	<u>2020-12-17</u> Reported - Substitute: General Government and Agency Review



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HB684	Intro	Improve operation of primary and secondary schools	<u>2020-06-03</u> To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
HB732	Intro	Eliminate retention under Third Grade Reading Guarantee	<u>2020-08-31</u> To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
HB756	Intro	Regards substitute teacher education requirements for 2020-21	<u>2020-11-17</u> To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
<u>HB88</u>	Intro	Enact Forming Open and Robust University Minds Act	<u>2019-03-05</u> To House Civil Justice Committee
HB9	Enroll	Regards student degree completion and general ed requirements	<u>2020-02-24</u> Conference managers: Sens. - Huffman, M., Roegner, Fedor: Conference Committee on H.B. 9



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HB90	Intro	Spread information to protect humanity of unborn child	<u>2019-03-05</u> To House Health Committee
HR266	Intro	Urge instituting mandatory four-year life skills program	<u>2019-11-12</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
SB120	Pass	Conduct performance audits of state higher ed institutions	<u>2020-05-01</u> Effective 5/1/20 - Appropriations effective 01/31/20
SB121	Intro	Adopt health education standards/GA need only approve VD ed	<u>2019-05-01</u> To Senate Education Committee



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SB128	Intro	Change Educational Choice and Cleveland scholarship programs	<u>2019-05-01</u> To Senate Finance Committee
SB157	Intro	Regards notification of student absences	<u>2019-06-19</u> To Senate Education Committee
SB181	Engross	Create template for workforce-education partnership programs	<u>2020-05-05</u> To House Higher Education Committee
SB200	Intro	Regards professional development for screening for dyslexia	<u>2019-10-09</u> To Senate Education Committee
SB26	Pass	Permit income tax deduction for certain teacher expenses	<u>2020-02-05</u> Effective 2/5/20
SB262	Intro	Pay school funding/state scholarships directly	<u>2020-02-05</u> To Senate Finance - Primary and Secondary Education Subcommittee
SB319	Intro	Revises Education Law in 2020/21 due to COVID-19	<u>2020-06-03</u> To Senate



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			Education Committee
SB330	Intro	Establish new funding method-internet schools-dropout programs	<u>2020-06-24</u> To Senate Education Committee
SB34	Engross	Regards school employment, educator licensure, and conduct	<u>2020-11-17</u> To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
SB342	Intro	Relates to teaching financial literacy in high school	<u>2020-09-01</u> To Senate Education Committee
SB358	Intro	Change education laws in response to COVID-19	<u>2020-12-01</u> Reported - Substitute: Education
SB368	Intro	Use phonics as primary technique for teaching reading and writing	<u>2020-09-22</u> To Senate Education Committee
SB376	Intro	Create new school financing system	<u>2020-11-10</u> To Senate Finance Committee



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SB40	Enroll	Enact the Forming Open and Robust University Minds Act	<u>2020-12-03</u> Concurred in House amendments
SB69	Intro	Regards community college career programs-grants/credit	<u>2019-03-06</u> To Senate Higher Education Committee
SB7	Pass	Regards temporary occupational licensing for military	<u>2020-04-28</u> Effective 4/28/20
SB81	Intro	Prohibit use of seclusion in public schools	<u>2019-03-12</u> To Senate Education Committee
SB89	Pass	Regards career-technical ed and JVSD in enterprise zones	<u>2021-03-02</u> Effective 3/2/21 - Certain provisions effective 09/01/2021