



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

February 1, 2022

The House and Senate have reconvened and begun working on the multitude of bills that are still on the books. Issues that are very likely to get attention include the shortages of teachers, substitutes, and bus drivers; also gaining attention is the problem of deficits that have developed during the COVID. The issues related to curricula (particularly related to CRT) continue to bubble up. After returning last week, the legislature is mostly quiet again, with only one hearing so far on the schedule. Senate President Huffman has said that lawmakers have no plans to work on new Congressional maps before next week at the earliest, after the old maps were declared unconstitutional by the Ohio Supreme Court. Lawmakers have 30 days from the January 14 decision to adopt new maps or the process returns to the Ohio Redistricting Commission, who earlier this month voted along party-lines to pass another partisan gerrymander of the Ohio legislature.

HB 554

TEMPORARY EDUCATOR LICENSE (Lightbody, M., Bird, A.)

To require the State Board of Education to issue temporary educator licenses to applicants with expired professional teacher's certificates and professional educator licenses.

Introduced in House (2/1/2022)

HB 514

STUDENT FINANCIAL AID (Cross, J., Denson, S.)

To authorize tax incentives for higher education intern and graduate wages, to make other changes regarding higher education student financial aid, and to make an appropriation.

Referred in House (1/25/2022) [Higher Education & Career Readiness](#)

Introduced in House (12/14/2021)

HB 529

SCHOOL CURRICULA (Hillyer, B., Roemer, B.)

To require public and nonpublic schools and public colleges participating in the College Credit Plus Program to post course curricula and other related information online.

Referred in House (1/25/2022) [Primary & Secondary Education](#)

Introduced in House (1/4/2022)

LETTER OF DESIGNATION for Ohio Board of Education: Pursuant to Sections 3301.01 and 3301.02 of the Ohio Revised Code, and after consultation with the Offices of the Speaker of the House and Senate President, I hereby designate the following boundaries for the State Board of Education districts: • District 1, consisting of the three contiguous Senate districts of 1, 12, and 26, to be represented by Ms. Diana Fessler. •



District 2, consisting of the three contiguous Senate districts of 2, 11, and 13, to be represented by Ms. Kirsten Hill. • District 3, consisting of the three contiguous Senate districts of 4, 5, and 6, to be represented by Ms. Charlotte McGuire. • District 4, consisting of the three contiguous Senate districts of 7, 8, and 9, to be represented by Dr. Jenny Kilgore. • District 5, consisting of the three contiguous Senate districts of 10, 14, and 17, to be represented by Mr. Brendan Shea. • District 6, consisting of the three contiguous Senate districts of 3, 15, and 20, to be represented by Dr. Antoinette Miranda. • District 7, consisting of the three contiguous Senate districts of 16, 19, and 25, to be represented by Dr. Christina Collins. • District 8, consisting of the three contiguous Senate districts of 30, 31, and 33, to be represented by Ms. Michelle Newman. • District 9, consisting of the three contiguous Senate districts of 18, 29, and 32, to be represented by Mr. John Hagan. • District 10, consisting of the three contiguous Senate districts of 21, 27, and 28, to be represented by Mr. Tim Miller. • District 11, consisting of the three contiguous Senate districts of 22, 23, and 24, to be represented by Ms. Meryl Johnson

New Publication: The Thomas B. Fordham Institute has released its latest review of the Ohio's K-12 system. The fifth edition of [Ohio Education by the Numbers](#) features data related to statewide student enrollment, student achievement and school funding, among other categories. "To guide productive conversations about improving education, clear and accessible data are key. In that light, we are pleased to present Ohio Education by the Numbers," the group's website states. "Now in its fifth edition and updated for 2022, this publication contains data that shed light on the trends and present needs of students, as well as the investments that Ohioans have made to ensure that all children have opportunities to achieve their dreams."

[House Government Oversight \(Chair Wilkin, S., 614-466-3506\)](#), Rm. 122, 10 am Feb. 3 **[Webcast](#)**

SB 9

REGULATIONS ([McColley, R.](#), [Roegner, K.](#))

To require certain agencies to reduce the number of regulatory restrictions in their administrative rules.--**6th Hearing - All Testimony - Possible Amendments and Vote**

HB 455

CONCEALED HANDGUN LICENSEE ([Stoltzfus, R.](#))

To provide an opportunity for a concealed handgun licensee or qualified military member to avoid charges for carrying a deadly weapon into a prohibited place if the person leaves upon request and to penalize failure to leave upon request or returning with a firearm.--**2nd Hearing - Proponent Testimony**



Local School Chiefs Among Initial Group Of Superintendent Hopefuls

The deadline to apply to become the new state superintendent of public instruction has been extended as the State Board of Education continues to seek a search firm. The Department of Education, which initially requested resumes be sent to superintendent.search@education.ohio.gov by the end of 2021, is now accepting applications through March 1. Board President Charlotte McGuire said members are completing additional due diligence on two firms that could lead the search for the state's next K-12 chief after they scored closely upon initial review. The overall search process has been delayed by the board's decision to post a second request for proposals for search firms after the first resulted in no candidates viewed as viable. Ms. McGuire said she does not see meeting a given deadline as the most important part of the superintendent search. "Personally, I'm not in a hurry because we have over a million children ... and we're talking about future leaders of Ohio," she said. "We're talking about future parents, future business leaders, future government leaders, future tech leaders, and we need the right person to go to the next level for the education system of Ohio." Superintendent applicants who have filed their resumes with ODE thus far are:

- Rodriguez Broadnax, superintendent of Michigan's Clintondale Community Schools.
- Shannon Cox, superintendent of the Montgomery County Educational Service Center.
- Lindy Douglas, superintendent of southeast Ohio's Alexander Local School District.
- Richard Duncan, superintendent of West Virginia's Roane County Schools.
- Richard Fulkerson, chief administrative officer of Muskingum Valley Health Centers.
- William Harbron, superintendent of New Hampshire's Dover School District.
- Michelle Grimm, high school counselor with Dover City Schools and past president of the Ohio School Counselor Association.
- Larry Hook, superintendent of southwest Ohio's Springboro Community City School District.
- Thomas Hosler, superintendent of northwest Ohio's Perrysburg Exempted Village School District.
- Jennifer Judkins, assistant state superintendent for the Maryland State Department of Education.
- Dewayne McClary, senior director of networks and partnerships for Digital Promise Global.
- Teresa Moon, former instructional leadership specialist for the U.S. Department of Defense Education Activity.
- Jonathan Moore, deputy superintendent for student achievement for the Nevada Department of Education.
- Lawrence Paska, executive director of the National Council for the Social Studies.
- Heather Peske, senior associate commissioner for the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.
- John Pfeiffer, a staffer with Ohio's Office of Budget and Management.



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- David Quattrochi, superintendent of eastern Ohio's Carrollton Exempted Village School District,
- Kimberly Richey, president of RealignEd and former acting assistant secretary with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights.
- Zito Sabonete.
- Richard Schroeder, associate partner with the International Center for Leadership in Education.
- Art Stellar, vice president of the National Education Foundation.
- Asheer Tashfeen, assistant superintendent of Zenith Academy Schools in Columbus.

Ms. McGuire said she has not yet reviewed the applicants, noting the extended deadline for submissions. The board president said she would encourage anyone with a serious interest in the job to apply and not wait to be sought out during the search process. "If they have a passion for it, they shouldn't wait to be asked," she said.

Bill	Status	Summary/Title	Last Action▼
HB497	Intro 25%	Eliminate retention under the Third Grade Reading Guarantee	<u>2021-12-07</u> To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
HB99	Engross 50%	Regards persons authorized to go armed within school safety zone	<u>2021-11-30</u> To Senate Veterans and Public Safety Committee
HB477	Intro 25%	Prevent expulsion, termination based on COVID vaccination status	<u>2021-11-01</u> Introduced
SB181	Engross 50%	Regards student religious expression in athletics, activities	<u>2021-10-27</u> Reported: Primary and Secondary Education



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SB209	Intro 25%	Regards mask mandates for schools and businesses	<u>2021-09-08</u> To Senate General Government Budget Committee
SB111	Enroll 75%	Provide assistance to schools and other entities	<u>2021-06-24</u> Passed - Amended
SB135	Engross 50%	Regards state institutions of higher education and free speech	<u>2021-06-22</u> To House Higher Education and Career Readiness Committee
HB105	Engross 50%	Regards age-appropriate child sexual abuse instruction	<u>2021-06-16</u> To Senate Primary and Secondary Education Committee
HB327	Intro 25%	Prohibit teaching, advocating, or promoting divisive concepts	<u>2021-06-10</u> To House State and Local Government Committee
HB322	Intro 25%	Regards the teaching of certain current events, race, and sex	<u>2021-06-10</u> To House State and Local Government Committee
HB298	Intro 25%	Change voting membership - State Board of Education	<u>2021-05-12</u> To House Government



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			Oversight Committee
SB178	Intro 25%	Reform function, responsibilities of state education offices	<u>2021-05-12</u> To Senate Primary and Secondary Education Committee
HB290	Intro 25%	Express intent for school funding formula	<u>2021-05-11</u> To House Finance Committee
HB240	Intro 25%	Enact Parents Right to Know Act	<u>2021-04-14</u> To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
SB145	Intro 25%	Revise the state report card system	<u>2021-03-24</u> To Senate Primary and Secondary Education Committee
HB200	Intro 25%	Revise the state report card and school accountability system	<u>2021-03-16</u> To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
HB205	Intro 25%	Enact Collin's Law: The "Ohio Anti-Bullying and Hazing Act"	<u>2021-03-16</u> To House Primary and Secondary



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			Education Committee
HB151	Intro 25%	Replace Ohio Teacher Residency program with local mentorship	2021-02-24 To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
HB147	Intro 25%	Regards investigating school's compliance with bullying policy	2021-02-24 To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
HB73	Intro 25%	Regards educational testing, assessment, and retention	2021-02-10 To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
HB100	Intro 25%	Dissolve existing academic distress commissions	2021-02-10 To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
HB1	Intro 25%	Create new school financing system	2021-02-04 To House Finance Committee
HB54	Intro 25%	Dissolve academic distress commissions	2021-02-04 To House Primary and Secondary



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			<u>Education Committee</u>
<u>HB49</u>	Intro 25%	Reinstate the Joint Education Oversight Committee	2021-02-04 <u>To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee</u>
<u>HB40</u>	Intro 25%	Provide exemptions from state report cards	2021-02-04 <u>To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee</u>
<u>SB37</u>	Intro 25%	Revise 2020-2021 Education Law due to COVID-19	2021-02-03 <u>To Senate Primary and Secondary Education Committee</u>
<u>HB529</u>	Intro 25%	Requires online posting of school curricula	2022-01-25 <u>To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee</u>