



## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

May 11, 2022

Redistricting remains a major issue for the state. With the involvement of the Ohio Supreme Court, redistricting is a “hot button” issue. Also on the agenda: gun issues, reproductive rights issues, freedom of speech issues, and, of course, CRT!

**STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:** Former State Board of Education Vice President Steve Dackin is the pick for the top role at the Department of Education.

The BOE on Tuesday voted 14-4 with one abstention to appoint Mr. Dackin as the state superintendent of public instruction.

Mr. Dackin, who most recently served as Columbus State Community College's superintendent of school and community partnerships, succeeds former State Superintendent Paolo DeMaria, who retired last September.

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## House Bill 616

Though the Ohio Statehouse is on break until the week of May 9th, Honesty for Education and its partners are continuing the fight against HB 616.

HB 616 is Ohio's third educational gag order that censors honest education and discussion about race, racism, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

Taking its cues from HB 322, HB 327, Florida's "Don't Say Gay" bill, and other copycat bills across the country, HB 616 prohibits the teaching of sexual orientation and gender identity, Critical Race

## Changes Likely For Preschool Special Education Rule

A regulation outlining requirements for preschool classrooms serving students with special needs is in line for revisions in response to concerns from school administrators throughout the state.

Wendy Grove, director of the Department of Education's Office of Early Learning and School Readiness, told the [State Board of Education](#) Tracked on Monday that an updated version of the [rule](#) likely will be posted later this month ahead of a hearing by the BOE's Integrated Student Supports Committee in June.

Ms. Grove said many concerns about the existing rule relate to its definition of an integrated preschool classroom as one in which 50% of children have disabilities and

50% do not. She said the rule does not account for the fluidity common in preschool enrollments across the state.

**Tuesday, May 10**

**[House Higher Education & Career Readiness \(Testimony & Documents\)](#)**

(Chair [Lanese, L.](#), [614-466-9690](#)), Rm. 018, 10:30 am Add to Calendar [Webcast](#)

**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.

3rd Hearing - Opponent Testimony - Possible Amendments

**HB 577: STEM Gateway Program: [Fraizer, M. Holmes, A.](#)**

To establish the Ohio STEM Gateway Program under the College Credit Plus Program, to establish the Ohio STEM Retention Program and the Ohio IT Promise, and to make an appropriation.

1st Hearing - Sponsor Testimony

**HB 569: Hidden Hero Scholarship: [Holmes, A. White, A.](#)**

To authorize state institutions of higher education to establish Ohio Hidden Hero Scholarship Programs.

2nd Hearing - Proponent Testimony - Possible Amendments

**House Primary & Secondary Education (Testimony & Documents)**

(Chair [Manning, G.](#), [614-644-5076](#)), Rm. 122, 4:00 pm Add to Calendar [Webcast](#)

**HB 151: Teacher Mentorship: [Jones, D.](#)**

To replace the Ohio Teacher Residency program with local new teacher mentorship programs beginning with the 2023-2024 school year.

4th Hearing - All Testimony - Possible Sub. Bill

**HB 606: Seizure Action Plans: [Bird, A. Ingram, C.](#)**

To enact "Sarah's Law for Seizure Safe Schools" to require public and chartered nonpublic schools to create a seizure action plan for each student with a seizure disorder or epilepsy.

2nd Hearing - Proponent Testimony - Possible Amendment

**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.

2nd Hearing - Proponent Testimony

**[HB 497](#)**: **Third Grade Reading Guarantee:** [Manning, G. Robinson, P.](#)

To eliminate retention under the Third Grade Reading Guarantee.

3rd Hearing - All Testimony

**Wednesday, May 11**

**[Study Committee on Ohio's Publicly Funded Child Care and Step Up to Quality Program](#)** Track

(Co-chair [Cirino, J.](#), [614-644-7718](#); Co-chair [White, A.](#), [614-644-7718](#)), Rm. 114, 10:00 am

**[Senate Primary & Secondary Education](#)** Track (**[Testimony & Documents](#)**)

(Chair [Brenner, A.](#), [614-466-8086](#)), South Hearing Rm., 2:00 pm [Webcast](#)

**[HB 583](#)**: **Substitute Teachers:** [Bird, A. Jones, D.](#)

Regarding educator licenses for substitute teachers and to declare an emergency.

2nd Hearing - All Testimony

**[SB 306](#)**: **Tutoring And Remedial Instruction:** [Brenner, A.](#)

To require the Chancellor of Higher Education to establish a program in tutoring and remedial instruction and to earmark an appropriation.

3rd Hearing - All Testimony

**[Panel Members](#)**: The Department of Education is seeking applicants for the Gifted Advisory Council. Those interested may [apply online](#) through June 17 to participate in the panel, which aids in the development and implementation of gifted education policy. Council members seek two-year terms and meet four in more times per year at ODE or other locations in central Ohio. There are no term limits for the panel. More information on the council is available on the [department's website](#).

## Education

# Topic Report



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Bill #	Summary	Status
<a href="#"><u>HB1</u></a>	Create new school financing system	<b>2021-02-04 / Introduced</b> <a href="#"><u>To House Finance Committee</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>HB6</u></a>	Modify laws governing certain professions due to COVID-19	<b>2021-05-12 / Passed</b> Effective 5/14/21 - Sections 3 and 4 effective October 9, 2021
<a href="#"><u>HB49</u></a>	Reinstate the Joint Education Oversight Committee	<b>2021-02-04 / Introduced</b> <a href="#"><u>To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>HB54</u></a>	Dissolve academic distress commissions	<b>2021-02-04 / Introduced</b> <a href="#"><u>To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>HB67</u></a>	Seek waiver from federal testing requirements	<b>2021-03-17 / Passed</b> Effective 3/20/21
<a href="#"><u>HB73</u></a>	Regards educational testing, assessment, and retention	<b>2021-02-10 / Introduced</b> <a href="#"><u>To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>HB82</u></a>	Eliminate required assessment for high school graduation	<b>2021-06-25 / Passed</b> Effective 9/30/21

<a href="#"><u>HB99</u></a>	Regards persons authorized to go armed within school safety zone	<b>2021-11-30 / Engrossed</b> <a href="#"><u>To Senate Veterans and Public Safety Committee</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>HB100</u></a>	Dissolve existing academic distress commissions	<b>2021-02-10 / Introduced</b> <a href="#"><u>To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>HB105</u></a>	Regards age-appropriate child sexual abuse instruction	<b>2021-06-16 / Engrossed</b> <a href="#"><u>To Senate Primary and Secondary Education Committee</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>HB110</u></a>	Creates appropriations for FY 2022-2023.	<b>2021-07-01 / Passed</b> Effective 6/30/21 - Operating appropriations effective June 30, 2021. Other provisions generally effective September 30, 2021. Some provisions subject to special effective dates.
<a href="#"><u>HB151</u></a>	Replace Ohio Teacher Residency program with local mentorship	<i>[Hearing: May 10 @ 4:00 pm in Room 122]</i> <b>2021-02-24 / Introduced</b> <a href="#"><u>To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>HB170</u></a>	Provide assistance to schools and other entities	<b>2021-05-26 / Passed</b> Effective 6/2/21 - Certain sections effective September 1, 2021
<a href="#"><u>HB200</u></a>	Revise the state report card and school accountability system	<b>2021-03-16 / Introduced</b> <a href="#"><u>To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>HB203</u></a>	Require occupational license if experienced in another state	<b>2022-04-12 / Introduced</b> Reported - Substitute: State and Local Government

<a href="#"><u>HB205</u></a>	Enact Collin's Law: The "Ohio Anti-Bullying and Hazing Act"	<b>2021-03-16 / Introduced</b> <a href="#"><u>To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>HB240</u></a>	Enact Parents Right to Know Act	<b>2021-04-14 / Introduced</b> <a href="#"><u>To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>HB244</u></a>	Regards educational opportunities/enrollment military kids	<b>2021-06-28 / Passed</b> Effective 10/13/21
<a href="#"><u>HB290</u></a>	Express intent for school funding formula	<b>2021-05-11 / Introduced</b> <a href="#"><u>To House Finance Committee</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>HB298</u></a>	Change voting membership - State Board of Education	<b>2021-05-12 / Introduced</b> <a href="#"><u>To House Government Oversight Committee</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>HB322</u></a>	Regards the teaching of certain current events, race, and sex	<b>2021-06-10 / Introduced</b> <a href="#"><u>To House State and Local Government Committee</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>HB327</u></a>	Prohibit teaching, advocating, or promoting divisive concepts	<b>2021-06-10 / Introduced</b> <a href="#"><u>To House State and Local Government Committee</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>HB403</u></a>	Require reports of teachers retiring under investigation threat	<b>2022-03-23 / Introduced</b> Reported: Primary and Secondary Education
<a href="#"><u>HB477</u></a>	Prevent expulsion, termination based on COVID vaccination status	<b>2021-11-01 / Introduced</b> Introduced

<a href="#"><u>HB497</u></a>	Eliminate retention under the Third Grade Reading Guarantee	<p><i>[Hearing: May 10 @ 4:00 pm in Room 122]</i></p> <p><b>2021-12-07 / Introduced</b>  <a href="#">To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee</a></p>
<a href="#"><u>HB529</u></a>	Requires online posting of school curricula	<p><b>2022-01-25 / Introduced</b>  <a href="#">To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee</a></p>
<a href="#"><u>HB582</u></a>	Regards nomination and election of boards of education	<p><b>2022-03-01 / Introduced</b>  <a href="#">To House Government Oversight Committee</a></p>
<a href="#"><u>HB583</u></a>	Regards educator licenses for substitute teachers	<p><i>[Hearing: May 11 @ 2:00 pm in South Hearing Room]</i></p> <p><b>2022-04-06 / Engrossed</b>  <a href="#">To Senate Primary and Secondary Education Committee</a></p>
<a href="#"><u>HB597</u></a>	Regards capital reappropriations; certain classroom facilities	<p><b>2022-03-30 / Passed</b>  Effective 7/1/22</p>
<a href="#"><u>HB616</u></a>	Regards promotion, teaching-divisive, inherently racist concepts	<p><b>2022-04-04 / Introduced</b>  Introduced</p>
<a href="#"><u>SB1</u></a>	Regards teaching financial literacy in high school	<p><b>2021-10-06 / Passed</b>  Effective 1/27/22 - Section 4 effective October 28, 2021</p>
<a href="#"><u>SB37</u></a>	Revise 2020-2021 Education Law due to COVID-19	<p><b>2021-02-03 / Introduced</b>  <a href="#">To Senate Primary and Secondary Education Committee</a></p>

<a href="#"><u>SB111</u></a>	Provide assistance to schools and other entities	<b>2021-06-24 / Enrolled</b> Passed - Amended
<a href="#"><u>SB126</u></a>	Enact Collin's Law: The Ohio Anti-Hazing Act	<b>2021-06-28 / Passed</b> Effective 10/7/21
<a href="#"><u>SB131</u></a>	Require occupational license if experienced in another state	<b>2021-03-17 / Introduced</b> <a href="#"><u>To Senate Workforce and Higher Education Committee</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>SB135</u></a>	Regards state institutions of higher education and free speech	<b>2022-04-06 / Passed</b> Effective 7/21/22 - Appropriations effective April 20, 2022
<a href="#"><u>SB145</u></a>	Revise the state report card system	<b>2021-03-24 / Introduced</b> <a href="#"><u>To Senate Primary and Secondary Education Committee</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>SB166</u></a>	Regards career-technical education	<b>2021-12-15 / Passed</b> Effective 3/23/22 - One emergency provision effective immediately, 12/22/21
<a href="#"><u>SB178</u></a>	Reform function, responsibilities of state education offices	<b>2021-05-12 / Introduced</b> <a href="#"><u>To Senate Primary and Secondary Education Committee</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>SB181</u></a>	Regards student religious expression in athletics, activities	<b>2022-02-09 / Passed</b> Effective 5/30/22
<a href="#"><u>SB209</u></a>	Regards mask mandates for schools and businesses	<b>2021-09-08 / Introduced</b> <a href="#"><u>To Senate General Government Budget Committee</u></a>



<p><u>SB214</u></p>	<p>Requires instruction in Asian American history</p>	<p><b>2021-09-08 / Introduced</b>  <a href="#">To Senate Primary and Secondary Education Committee</a></p>
<p><u>SB229</u></p>	<p>Regards use of blended learning during 2021-2022</p>	<p><b>2021-12-08 / Passed</b>  Effective 12/14/21 - Emergency, effective immediately; one provision effective 1/27/22</p>
<p><u>SB233</u></p>	<p>Regards school nurse licensure and state retirement</p>	<p><b>2021-09-22 / Introduced</b>  <a href="#">To Senate Primary and Secondary Education Committee</a></p>
<p><u>SB306</u></p>	<p>Require Higher Ed Chancellor establish tutoring, remedial program</p>	<p><i>[Hearing: May 11 @ 2:00 pm in South Hearing Room]</i>  <b>2022-03-02 / Introduced</b>  <a href="#">To Senate Primary and Secondary Education Committee</a></p>

Hearings    Passed    of Particular Interest