



Ohio Association of Colleges for Teacher Education

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

January 13, 2023

ADDENDUM: The Ohio legislature has begun organizing for the new legislative session. Committees are still being formed and folks are beginning to announce their agendas. The Governor did sign the education bill (HB 554) that guts the Educator Standards Board and makes major changes in the Residency program for teachers. The actual effects will be clearer when the regulations are developed.

**State of Ohio
135th General Assembly
Senate Standing Committees
January 4, 2023**

Education – 7 Members

Brenner, Chair
Vice Chair Ingram,
Ranking Minority Member Sykes
Blessing, Huffman, S., Reynolds, O'Brien

Workforce and Higher Education – 5 Members

Cirino, Chair
Rulli, Vice Chair
Ingram, Ranking Minority Member
Reineke. Reynolds

Tuesday, January 17 [Senate Education \(Testimony & Documents\)](#)

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

[SB 1](#) Department Of Education [Reineke, B.](#)

To rename the Department of Education as the Department of Education and Workforce, to create the position of Director of Education and Workforce and to reform the functions and responsibilities of the State Board of Education and the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

1st Hearing - Sponsor Testimony *Pending Referral*

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Senate Activity Bills Introduced

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SB 11 Education

O'Brien, S.

To enact the Parent Educational Freedom Act to expand eligibility for Educational Choice scholarships, to cease the operation of the Pilot Project Scholarship Program on July 1, 2023, and to increase the income tax credit for homeschooling expenses.

SB 14 Teachers Without Licenses

Hoagland, F.

To expand eligibility for veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces to be employed as teachers without licenses.

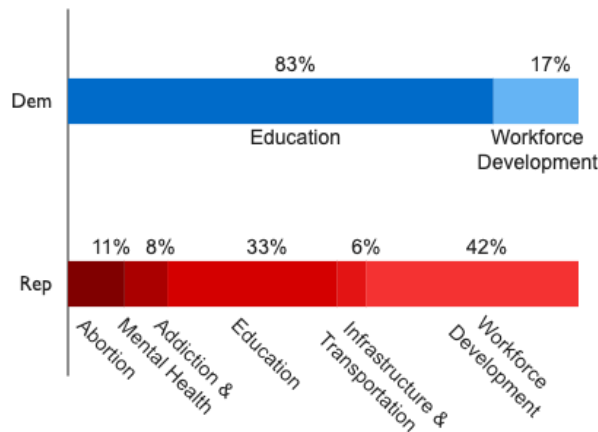
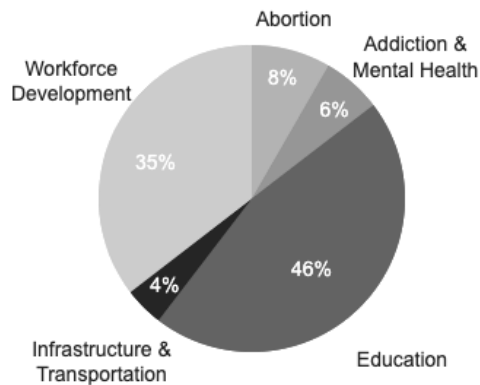
SB 17 School Curriculum

Wilson, S.

To incorporate free market capitalism content into the high school financial literacy and entrepreneurship standards and model curriculum.

The governor announced that Kara B. Wentz has been appointed Director of the Governor's Children's Initiative. Most recently, she was chief operating officer for Future Ready Columbus and worked previously as assistant director of Human Services at the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

Gongwer poll: QUESTION 4 What is the most important issue for the new General Assembly to address?



Source: Gongwer Werth Legislative Opinion Poll, based on 48 respondents from 01/10/23 to 01/11/23