House Bill 455 Substitute Bill Summary

- Removes changes to the early literacy component.
- Modifies the State Board of Education structure to a 9 member body all appointed by the Governor.
- Provides flexibility for school districts to assign an individual with an alternative license to any grade band under the following criteria:
    - The educator is teaching a subject aligned with the educator's degree, professional experience, or demonstrated subject content competency through a passed subject content exam
    - The employing district determines the educator has the knowledge, skills, and professional capacity necessary to teach students at the assigned grade level; and
    - The educator completes any required pedagogical training prescribed by the State Board of Education for alternative educator license holders.
- Cross references various crime sections into code sections governing the issuing, revocation, or suspension of teaching licenses.
- Removes the waiver for continuing education requirements related to the Science of Reading for Innovation Education Pilot Programs.
- Allows for school districts to allow for more rigorous Science of Reading continuing education than what is required by code.
- Allow for remote proctoring of state standardized tests for online community schools.
    - Require relevant school staff be trained on how to administers remote proctored assessments.
    - Require prior to remote test administration, teachers, students, and families must gain experience with remote testing features
    - Test administrators must actively monitor all students using the remote testing features, be available to respond to student inquiries, and troubleshoot issues
    - Proctoring ratio of 1:9
    - Requires e-schools and parents to work together to determine the best method of test administration for each student, with parents having the final authority.
    - Clarifies that IEPs must be followed for their required form of test proctoring.
    - Requires DEW to identify anomalies in testing results to monitor potential cheating

- Repeals 3301.07(F) to mirror the repeal of 3301.01(A)(4) already in the bill. A reporting requirement that DEW prepare an annual report on the status of education in the state of Ohio.
- Allows community and independent STEM schools to be included in Pilot Innovation Education Programs.
- Creates a pilot truancy court in Franklin County.
- Allows minors aged 14-15 years-old to work from 7pm-9pm on days without school the following day.
- Revises the timeline for a school board to fill a vacancy to 45 days. Should they fail to fill the vacancy in the required 45 days, a local probate court must fill the vacancy.