

TRTA'S LEGISLATIVE LINK: EDUCATION-RELATED LEGISLATION

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HB117—ELIMINATE THIRD GRADE READING RETENTION (Manning G, Robinson P) To eliminate retention under the Third Grade Reading Guarantee, to expand the grades for which intensive reading intervention is provided, and to expand the inclusion of phonics in learning standards.

HB171—MIGRATION IN SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM (Lightbody M) To include instruction on the migration, experiences, and contributions of a range of communities in the social studies model curriculum.

HCR6—URGE CONGRESS TO REPEAL WINDFALL ELIMINATION PROVISION (King A, Plummer P) To urge Congress to repeal the WEP, which unfairly punishes public service by reducing the earned Social Security benefits of workers who also have a public pension in states like Ohio.

HB1—PROPERTY/INCOME TAX CHANGES (Mathews A) To modify the law regarding property taxation and income tax rates. Eliminates payments by the State of Ohio to local governments for the 10% and 2.5% rollback. Eliminating these payments would result in an estimated \$1.2 BILLION loss for local school districts. This bill also changes the local real property assessment percentage from 35% to not greater than 31.5%.

HB6—SINGLE-SEX TEAMS REQUIREMENT (Powell J) To enact the Save Women's Sports Act to require schools, state institutions of higher ed, and private colleges to designate separate single-sex teams and sports for each sex.

HB8—PARENTAL NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS (Swearingen D, Carruthers S) To enact the "Parents' Bill of Rights" to require public schools to adopt a policy on parental notification on student health and well-being and instructional materials with sexually explicit content.

HB11—SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CHANGES (McClain R, John M) This is a universal voucher program that would also provide funding to homeschool students and those who attend non-chartered private schools. Formerly called the "backpack bill", this is a massive expansion of vouchers that would blow a massive hole in the state budget by funding students who already attend private schools. This undercuts funding for public schools.

HJR1—REQUIRE 60 PERCENT VOTE FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT (Stewart B) To require a vote of at least 60% of the electors to approve any constitutional amendment and to modify the procedures for an initiative petition proposing a constitutional amendment which would weaken the voice of voters by making it more difficult to pass citizen-led ballot initiatives.

HB151/SB83—STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION (Demetriou S, Williams J)/(Cirino J) To prohibit higher education employees from striking, require annual evaluations for faculty including evaluations by students, require universities to create a post-tenure review policy, make numerous changes to university mission statements and hiring practices, and seeks to address "controversial matters including the prohibition of any diversity, equity, and inclusion programs or trainings.

HB183—SINGLE-SEX BATHROOMS (Lear B, Bird A) To require single-sex bathroom access in primary and secondary schools and institutions of higher education.

SB11—PARENT EDUCATION FREEDOM ACT (O'Brien S) To enact this bill to expand eligibility for Education 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. The estimated cost of this bill is \$500 million annually, which would divert needed resources from the 90% of students who attend Ohio public schools.

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Senate District 32, Sandra O'Brien, R-Warren, 614.466.7182
House District 64, Nick Santucci, R-Howland, rep64@ohiohouse.gov, 614.466.5445
House District 65, Mike Loychik, R-Bazetta, rep65@ohiohouse.gov, 614.466.3488

SB14—VETERANS' ELIGIBILITY AS TEACHERS (Hoagland F) To expand eligibility for veterans of the US Armed Forces to be employed as teachers without licenses. Lowering the training and certification standards to teach in Ohio is a band-aid approach that lowers the quality of education for Ohio's students.

SB47—LEAVE USE PROHIBITION-UNION ACTIVITIES (Huffman S) To prohibit a public employer from providing paid leave or compensation for a public employee to engage in certain union activities.

SB92—AUGUST SPECIAL ELECTION, APPROPRIATION (McColley R) To allow a special election to be held in August for certain purposes, to require a special election to be held on August 8, 2023, and to make an appropriation.

HB9—TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS (Manning G, Lightbody M) To establish the Grow Your Own Teacher Program, to establish a loan repayment program for eligible teachers, to make changes to teacher licensing and professional development, and to make an appropriation.

HB12—REFORM OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (Jones D, Dubos D) To rename the Dept. of Ed as the Dept. 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.

HB38—SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH DAYS (Blackshear W, Miranda J) To allow school districts to permit *STUDENTS* to take up to three mental health days away from school each school year.

HB47—REQUIRE AEDS IN SCHOOLS (Brown R, Bird A) To require the placement of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) in each public and chartered nonpublic school and each public recreational facility and to require the Ohio Department of Health to develop a model emergency action plan for use of AEDs.

HB70—SCHOOL OVER COUNTER DRUG POLICY (Fowler S, Gross J) To require schools to adopt a policy regarding the administration of over-the-counter drugs.

HB82—MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING FOR COACHES (Loychik M, Pavliga G) To require school athletic coaches to complete mental health training and to revise the renewal requirements for pupil-activity program permits and to amend the version of Section 3319.303 of the Ohio Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect on December 29, 2023, to continue the change on and after that date.

HB127—HOME EDUCATION (Fowler S) To revise the law regarding the home education of children.

HB139—INCREASE PENALTIES FOR ASSAULT OF SPORTS OFFICIAL (Roemer B, Miller J) To increase the penalties for assault if the victim is acting as a sports official or the assault is committed in retaliation for the victim's actions as a sports official.

HB147—TEACHER LICENSURE REVOCATION (Fowler S, Miller A) Regarding teacher licensure revocation, teacher hiring practices, and conduct unbecoming to the teaching profession.

SB1—REFORM OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (Reineke W) To rename the Dept. of Education as the Dept. 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.

SB5—WORKFORCE VOUCHER PROGRAM (Schuring K, Manning N) To establish the Workforce Voucher Program, to terminate the provisions of the Voucher Program two years after the bill's effective date by repealing sections 122.157, 122.158, and 3313.473 of the ORC on that date, to authorize tax credits for graduates of the Voucher Program, and to make an appropriation.