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- HB58** **CURSIVE HANDWRITING INSTRUCTION** (BRENNER A, SLABY M) To address the teaching of cursive handwriting.
Current Status: 1/31/2018 - **REPORTED OUT**, House Higher Education and Workforce Development, (Seventh Hearing)
- HB98** **CAREER INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS** (DUFFEY M, BOGGS K) Regarding the presentation of career information to students.
Current Status: 3/21/2018 - **PASSED BY SENATE**; Vote 33-0
Comments: HB 98 adds skilled trades representatives and career-technical education providers to the list of entities for which boards of education are required to practice uniformity when allowing the presentation of career information to students. Current law already permits the presentation by representatives of business, industry, charitable institutions, higher education institutions, the armed forces and other employers.
- the bill explicitly requires each school district board of education to provide those representatives with at least two opportunities per school year to present information to students. Boards can set up an application process, and set times and locations for these opportunities.
- The Senate passed HB 98 on March 21st and the House concurred with the Senate changes on the same day. The Senate had amended the bill to add the career-technical education providers and it also added some unrelated provisions to the bill. The bill now goes to the governor for approval.
- HB108** **INFORMED STUDENT DOCUMENT ACT** (HAGAN C, MCCOLLEY R) To require one-half unit of financial literacy in the high school curriculum, to require the Chancellor of Higher Education to prepare an informed student document for each institution of higher education, to require the State Board of Education to include information on the informed student document in the standards and model curricula it creates for financial literacy and entrepreneurship, and to entitle the act the "Informed Student Document Act."
Current Status: 2/20/2018 - House Education and Career Readiness, (Fifth Hearing)
- HB170** **COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION** (CARFAGNA R, DUFFEY M) With regard to academic content standards and curriculum requirements for computer science; to revise educator qualifications regarding computer science; to create a competitive technology grant program for the 2018-2019 school year; and to make an appropriation.
Current Status: 12/22/2017 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; eff. 90 days
Comments: The bill adds advanced computer science as an alternative to Algebra II. It also adds computer science as a fourth option as one unit of advanced study in science. On the other and it prohibits computer science from being substituted for any life sciences or biology course.

The bill is permissive in nature. The state board would establish standards for the course and for the teacher qualifications, but districts would not be required to offer the course.

The bill requires that the student taking the course in lieu of Algebra II be notified that some colleges may require Algebra II as an entrance prerequisite. The Senate Education Committee amended the bill to also require that same notification to the student's parents (or guardians).

SB170 passed out of the Senate. The House concurred with the Senate changes and the bill was sent to the governor for his signature on December 15th. The standards would need to be adopted by December 31, 2018.

- HB298 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE SICK DAYS (MERRIN D)** To make changes with respect to the number of sick days provided to public employees.
Current Status: 1/24/2018 - House State and Local Government, (Second Hearing)
- HB318 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER DEFINITION (PATTERSON J, LATOURETTE S)** To define the necessary qualifications and responsibilities of school resource officers.
Current Status: 3/20/2018 - House Finance, (First Hearing)
Comments: This bill had been scheduled for a House floor vote, but was instead sent to the House Finance Committee. The Finance Committee is considering amendments to add an appropriation to the bill.
- HB360 ANTI-BULLYING AND HAZING (GREENSPAN D)** To enact the "Ohio Anti-Bullying and Hazing Act" with regard to school discipline and bullying and hazing policies at public schools and public colleges.
Current Status: 3/13/2018 - **REPORTED OUT AS AMENDED**, House Education and Career Readiness, (Fifth Hearing)
Comments: HB360 establishes suspension and expulsion policies for students who commit an offense of harassment, intimidation, or bullying. The bill allows districts to handle the first such offense in a manner of its own choosing. After the first offense, the bill suspends a student for up to 10 days for the next offense, up to 30 days for the next offense, and up to 182 days for the next offense. However, the bill does permit a school administrator to petition the schoolboard to approve an alternate form of discipline in lieu of issuing a suspension or expulsion. Other provisions include requiring districts to allow victims of an offense to complete missed schoolwork.
- HB428 STUDENT RELIGIOUS LIBERTIES ACT (GINTER T, LATOURETTE S)** Regarding student religious expression and to entitle the act the "Ohio Student Religious Liberties Act of 2018."
Current Status: 2/27/2018 - House Education and Career Readiness, (Third Hearing)
- HB442 SCHOOL ATHLETICS-F1 VISA (ANTANI N)** To authorize any student from a country or

province outside the United States who attends an elementary or secondary school in Ohio and holds an F-1 visa to participate in interscholastic athletics at that school on the same basis as Ohio residents.

Current Status: 3/13/2018 - House Education and Career Readiness, (Third Hearing)

HB491 **SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS-SPECIFIED SERVICES (EDWARDS J)** To require the State Board of Education to issue a substitute license to specified pupil services personnel.

Current Status: 3/20/2018 - **REPORTED OUT AS AMENDED**, House Education and Career Readiness, (Fourth Hearing)

Comments: The bill requires the State Board of Education to issue substitute licenses to individuals who:

(1) Are licensed in Ohio as one of the professionals listed below

(2) Wish to be employed to work in a substitute capacity by a school district or school

(3) Submit to the State Board a copy of the current valid occupational license and all materials required to complete a criminal records check.

Professionals who qualify:

- Speech-language pathologists
- Audiologists
- registered nurses
- physical therapists or physical therapist assistants
- occupational therapist or occupational therapist assistants, and
- social workers

A substitute license may be issued upon the request and recommendation of the superintendent of a school district or educational service center.

HB502 **YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING-PUBLIC (ANIELSKI M)** With regard to educator in-service training on youth suicide awareness and prevention in public schools.

Current Status: 3/20/2018 - House Education and Career Readiness, (Second Hearing)

HB512 **CONSOLIDATE CAREER-EDUCATION GOVERNANCE (REINEKE W)** To establish the Department of Learning and Achievement; to abolish the Department of Higher Education, the position of the Chancellor of Higher Education, and the Ohio Board of Regents; to transfer, with exceptions, the duties regarding the administration of primary and secondary education programs and all duties regarding the administration of higher education programs to the Department of Learning and Achievement; and to prescribe certain duties regarding educator licensure, community school sponsorship, and other education programs for the State Board of Education, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Department of Education.

Current Status: 3/21/2018 - House Government Accountability and Oversight, (Fifth Hearing)

Comments: This bill proposes to consolidate the Ohio Department of

Education (ODE), the Ohio Department of Higher Education and the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation.

The proposal would create a new cabinet-level agency called the Ohio Department of Learning and Achievement and it calls for the governor to appoint the director of the Ohio Department of Learning and Achievement. The director would have the authority to appoint deputy directors where appropriate.

The legislation makes no changes to State Board of Education membership and the superintendent is still hired by the board as the Ohio Constitution requires. However, the role of the board and superintendent would be limited to more of an administrative function.

HB517 **MONTH DESIGNATION-OHIO PRINCIPALS** (SCHAFFER T, LELAND D) To designate the month of October as "Ohio Principals Month."

Current Status: 3/13/2018 - House Education and Career Readiness, (First Hearing)

Comments: This is a companion bill to SB 105 that has been passed by the Senate. It proposes to designate October as Ohio Principals Month. If the House passes HB 517, one of the two bills will be chosen as the vehicle for implementing the proposal.

HB540 **TEACHER EVALUATIONS** (GAVARONE T, MANNING N) With regard to teacher evaluations.

Current Status: 3/20/2018 - House Education and Career Readiness, (First Hearing)

Comments: This is a companion bill to SB 240 in the Senate. It follows the recommendations of the Educator Standards Board (ESB) for changes to OTES and OPES. SB 216 also contains many of the ESB recommendations, so SB 216 may be the vehicle for implementing the changes.

SB34 **SCHOOL YEARS** (MANNING G) To generally require public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day.

Current Status: 3/7/2018 - Senate Education, (Sixth Hearing)

SB82 **SCHOOL ABSENCES-PARENTAL NOTIFICATION** (WILLIAMS S, LEHNER P) To require a public school to place a telephone call within one hour of the start of the school day to a parent whose child is absent without legitimate excuse.

Current Status: 2/28/2018 - **REPORTED OUT AS AMENDED**, Senate Education, (Seventh Hearing)

Comments: SB 82 requires that each school must notify the parent or guardian within 120 minutes after the start of the school day if a student is absent. Schools can make notification by phone call, automated system, text message, e-mail or actual visit to the student's residence. If an automated calling system is used, it must include verification that each call was placed and either the call was answered by the intended recipient or a voicemail message was left. The bill provides civil immunity for districts, schools and their employees or board members.

SB105 **MONTH DESIGNATION-OHIO PRINCIPALS** (TAVARES C) To designate the month of

October as "Ohio Principals Month."

Current Status: 2/20/2018 - Referred to Committee House Education and Career Readiness

Comments: The bill designates the month of October as "Ohio Principals Month." It specifies that the purpose of this designation is to honor the service of all elementary, middle, and high school principals, and to recognize the importance of school leadership in ensuring that every child has access to a high-quality education.

The Senate has passed this bill.

SB216

PUBLIC SCHOOL DEREGULATION ACT (HUFFMAN M) To enact the "Ohio Public School Deregulation Act" regarding the administration of preschool and primary and secondary education programs.

Current Status: 3/21/2018 - **PASSED BY SENATE**; Amended on floor, Bill Vote 32-0

Comments: This bill was developed by a group of public school superintendents from Northwest Ohio. It covers a range of education issues including:

- Expand the existing PreK-3 license to PreK-5 while maintaining both the grades four through nine and the grades seven-12 bands.
- Create additional intervention specialist license options to support dual licensure in general and special education
- Give superintendents authority to assign experienced teacher within two grades of licensure for period of up to three years
- Align currently proposed rules for serving gifted students by changing the required 60 hours of training over two years to 60 hours over four years
- Grant credit to those teachers who have completed training in either the Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate programs
- Major changes would also be made to the Ohio Teacher Evaluation System (OTES) by implementing most of the changes recommended by the Educator Standards Board
- College Credit Plus students would share the cost of textbooks with the school district unless family income is at or below 200% of poverty

The Senate passed the bill on March 21st. It will now go to the House for consideration. Click [here](#) for a copy of the comparison document showing the changes that have been made since the bill was introduced. **One change was made on the Senate floor that is not reflected in this document. The Educational**

Aides Permits and Educational Paraprofessional Licensure provisions were removed from the bill.

- SB240** **REGARDING TEACHER EVALUATIONS** (LEHNER P) With regard to teacher evaluations.
Current Status: 3/21/2018 - Referred to Committee Senate Education
Comments: This bill follows the recommendations of the Educator Standards Board (ESB) for changes to OTES and OPES. SB 216 also contains many of the ESB recommendations, so SB 216 may be the vehicle for implementing the changes.
- SB246** **STUDENT SAFETY ACT** (LEHNER P, MANNING G) To enact the "SAFE Act" to revise the procedures for emergency removal of a student, to prohibit certain suspensions and expulsions of students in grades pre-kindergarten through three, to require each public school to implement a positive behavior intervention and supports framework in accordance with state standards, and to make an appropriation.
Current Status: 3/20/2018 - Senate Finance, (Third Hearing)
Comments: This bill places restrictions on suspensions and expulsions for K-3rd grade students. It also puts more teeth into the requirement that school districts adopt PBIS programs. The bill includes a small appropriation to assist districts in the implementation of a PBIS program. The provisions in the bill would be phased in over a 3-year period.
- SB262** **EATING DISORDER EDUCATION** (TAVARES C) To require public schools annually to provide parents of students in any of grades five through twelve with educational information regarding eating disorders.
Current Status: 3/21/2018 - Referred to Committee Senate Education
- SB276** **EXPULSION OF STUDENTS** (HOTTINGER J) With respect to the expulsion of a student from a school district, community school, or STEM school for actions that endanger the health and safety of other students or school employees.
Current Status: 3/21/2018 - Introduced
Comments: This bill is identical to HB 334 from the 130th General Assembly. Senator Hottinger who co-sponsored HB 334, is the SB 276 bill sponsor. HB 334 passed in the House but never made it through the Senate.