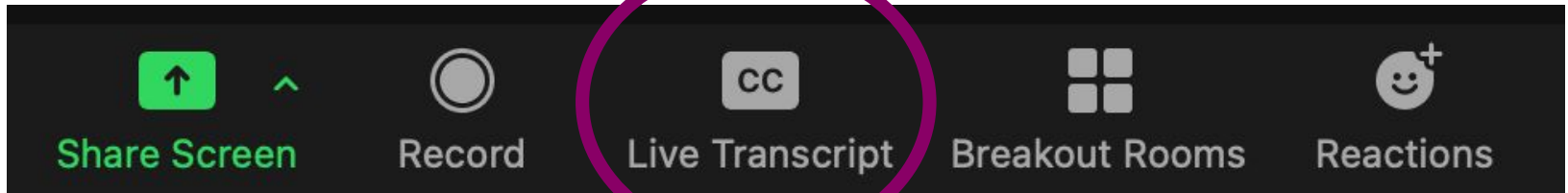


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Honesty Lunch & *Learn*

Inside the Ohio Statehouse: *How a Bill Becomes a Law*

Featuring: How Things Work at the Statehouse



Welcome!

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Coming Up...

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#EachChildOurFuture

In Ohio, each child is *challenged*, *prepared* and *empowered*.



Vision

In Ohio, each child is **challenged** to discover and learn, **prepared** to pursue a fulfilling post-high school path and **empowered** to become a resilient, lifelong learner who contributes to society.

Four Learning Domains



Foundational Knowledge & Skills

Literacy, numeracy and technology



Well-Rounded Content

Social studies, sciences, languages, health, arts, physical education, etc.



Leadership & Reasoning

Problem-solving, design thinking, creativity, information analytics



Social-Emotional Learning

Self-awareness & management, social awareness, relationship skills, responsible decision-making

WHOLE CHILD

One Goal



Ohio will increase annually the percentage of its high school graduates who, one year after graduation, are:

- Enrolled and succeeding in a post-high school learning experience, including an adult career/technical education program, an apprenticeship and/or a two-year or four-year college program;
- Serving in a military branch;
- Earning a living wage; or
- Engaged in a meaningful, self-sustaining vocation.

Three Core Principles



Equity



Partnerships



Quality Schools

10 Priority Strategies

1

Highly effective teachers & leaders

3

Teacher & instructional support

5

Assessments gauge all learning domains

7

Meet needs of whole child

9

Develop literacy skills
Transform high school/provide more paths to graduation

2

Principal support

4

Standards reflect all learning domains

6

Accountability system honors all learning domains

8

Expand quality early learning

10

Ohio Strategic Plan For Education: 2019-2024



Ohio's Whole Child Framework

A collaborative approach to learning and wellness



ESAs
"Parental Rights"
Classroom Censorship
Vouchers
Anti-SEL
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Anti-DEI
LGBTQ+ Rights
"Indoctrination"
Teacher Shortage
Book Bans
Hate Groups
Christian Nationalism
Unlicensed Educators
Racism
State Takeover
Anti-CRT

Statehouse

National extremist agenda imported into Ohio

GOAL:

- Disrupt, dismantle, defund public education
- Create flight to privatized education
- Distract from REAL education issues
- Perpetuate othering, discrimination, hate

HOW:

- Weaponize race, identity, faith
- Villainize educators and staff
- Cast chilling effect on education

More on [Legislation Tracker](#)

Academic Standards & Curricula

HB 103 - State overhaul of K12 Social Studies Standards

HB 171 - Multicultural K12 Social Studies Curricula

SB 83/HB 151 - Higher Ed Destruction Act

Staff, Conduct, Governance

HB 206 - Indefinite expulsion policy

HB 214 - Alignment of district values and staff values

HB 235 - Restructures State Board of Education

HB 240 - Chaplains as unlicensed school counselors

SB 162 - Academic Intervention Services

SB 168 - Education regulation reform

Anti-LGBTQ+

HB 8 - Forced outing of LGBTQ+ students

HB 68 - Gender-affirming care and sports ban

HB 183 - School restroom & facilities ban

HB 245 - Drag show and gender expression ban

2024-25 State Budget

SB 1 - State takeover of K12 public education

SB 11 - Universal vouchers

SB 117 - Partisan thought centers at 5 universities

Statehouse

Upcoming Hearings

Senate Education Committee, Tues, Dec 5, 3pm

- **HB 8** - Sponsor Testimony - Forced outing of LGBTQ+ students
- **SB 162** - All Testimony - Academic intervention services
- **SB 168** - All Testimony - Reforms K12 education regulations

Potential Hearings

- **HB 171** - Multicultural K12 Social Studies Curricula
Potential proponent hearing on Tues, Dec 12
Testimony Workshop: Fri, Dec 1, 6pm **REGISTER**
- **HB 68** - Most extreme ban on gender-affirming care and trans youth in sports
Potential opponent hearing next week
- **SB 83** - Higher Ed Destruction Act
Potential committee vote next week

Passed in House

- **HB 214** - Forces politicized culture war issues into educator codes of conduct
Passed House by 64-30 vote on Nov 15
- **HB 206** - Indefinite expulsion policy
Passed House PSE Committee by 13-2 vote on Nov 29
- **SB 17** - “Free market capitalism” in HS financial literacy standards
Passed House PSE Committee by 10-5 vote on Nov 29

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State Board of Education

Next SBOE Meeting: Mon, Dec 11, 8am, 25 S Front St, Columbus

State Superintendent Search

- Nov 15-26 – Additional applications accepted
- Dec 5 – Ray & Associates will present top candidates to SBOE and SBOE will select finalists for candidate interviews
- Dec 11 – SBOE Meeting: SBOE will conduct first round interviews in executive session and may vote to appoint superintendent
- Dec 18 – If needed: SBOE may hold special meeting to interview finalist candidates in executive session and vote to appoint a superintendent

♥ Ohio Teachers of the Year Celebration ♥ *November SBOE Meeting*

- Teacher of the Year: **Mark Lowrie**, Broadcast Journalism Teacher, Gahanna-Lincoln High School, Dist 6
- 10 other finalists honored
- **WATCH** (begins at 35:00) • Learn more at **Ohio TOY**

Department of Education & Workforce

DEW Bi-Monthly Public Meeting: Tues, Nov 21, 2023

- DEW Operations & Budget
- Universal Vouchers
- Literacy, Early Childhood Education, Science of Reading
- Learning Acceleration
- Workforce Readiness
- Student Wellness
- Administrative Rules, Stakeholder Engagement

NEXT DEW Bi-Monthly Meeting: Thurs, Jan 18, 2024

Learn more about [DEW Meetings](#)

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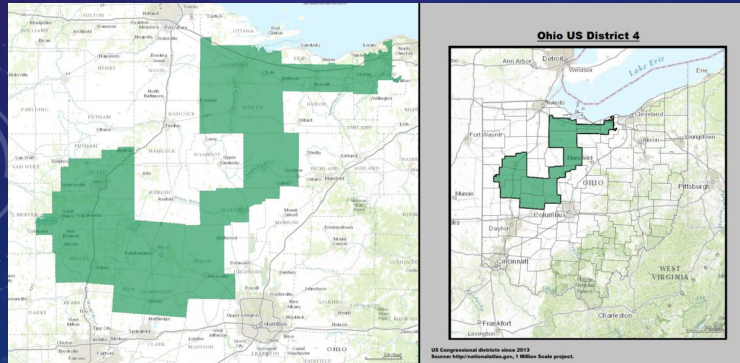
How Things Work at the Ohio Statehouse



Presented by Rachel Coyle

Bullet points so Rachel doesn't forget her intro:

- **DON'T WORRY** about memorizing this info or the links. We'll email everything to you!
- **DON'T WORRY** if you haven't paid attention to the Statehouse before. This is the perfect year to start.
- **In many ways, state legislatures are THE SINGLE most impactful branch of government.**
 - **Reason #1: Gerrymandering.** State legislators pick your Congress members.



Who needs Congress when you can pass the same bill through 40+ state legislatures at once?

What is ALEC? 'The most effective organization' for conservatives, says Newt Gingrich

[Yvonne Wingett Sanchez](#) and [Rob O'Dell](#) USA TODAY

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REMEMBER:

- You have **SO MUCH POWER** at the state level.
 - Why? Because hardly anyone contacts their state legislators.
- It **DOES NOT** take very many people to make noise at the Statehouse.
 - Use this power. If you don't, someone else will.

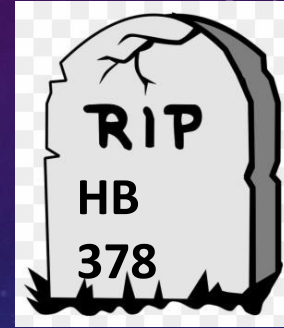


WHAT WE'LL COVER TODAY:

- **Statehouse Basics**
- **How a bill becomes a law in Ohio**
(and what you can do about it)
- **Resources!!**
- **Some Key Bills to Know**
- **Q&A**

STATEHOUSE BASICS – TERMS

- **TERM TO KNOW: “General Assembly” or “G.A.”**
 - The Statehouse operates in 2-year terms called G.A.s
 - Any bill that doesn’t pass by the end of the G.A. dies and has to be reintroduced next G.A.
 - Current G.A = January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2024



- **TERM TO KNOW: “Lame Duck”**
 - The majority party tends to save the most controversial bills for the “Lame Duck” session.
 - Next Lame Duck Session? Mid November – End of December 2024



- **TERM TO KNOW: “Session”**
 - The time of year when legislators are working, AND the times they’re actually in the chamber voting on bills.

STATEHOUSE BASICS – THE NUMBERS

- TERM TO KNOW: "Supermajority"



- Ohio Senate has 33 senators.

- 26 Republicans – 7 Democrats.

- Ohio House has 99 members.

- 67 Republicans – 32 Democrats.



Veto Power

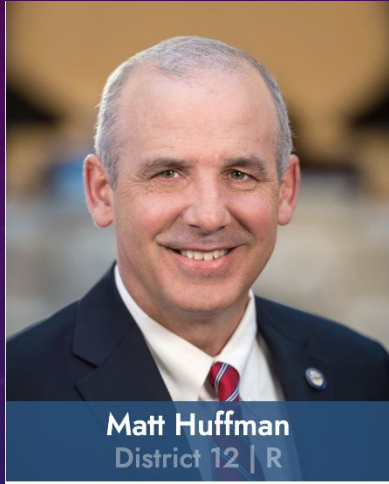
THINGS YOU CAN DO WITH A SUPERMAJORITY

Veto Overrides — The Ohio Constitution usually requires a $3/5$ vote of each house to override a veto.

Emergency Clauses — The emergency clause is voted on separately by the legislature and requires an affirmative vote of $2/3$ of the members of each house.

Speed up the bill process — The Ohio Constitution requires a bill to have 3 considerations on 3 different days by each chamber. The 3-day rule may be suspended by a $2/3$ majority vote by the members of the chamber considering the bill.

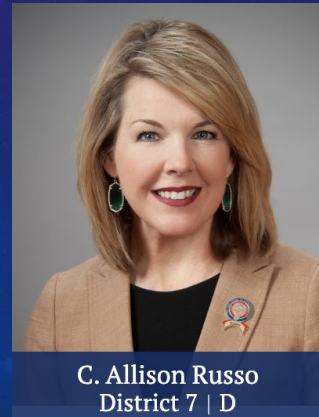
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**Minority
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House Leadership Drama



Jason Stephens
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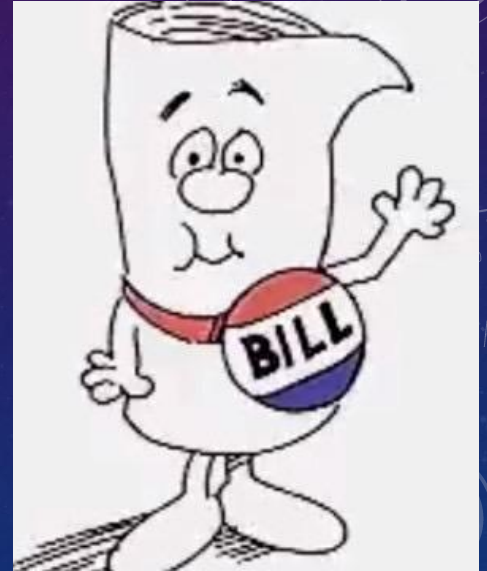


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District 42 | R

HOW A BILL BECOMES A LAW IN OHIO

(AND WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT)

- **Step 1:** A bill is introduced.
 - It can be introduced in either the House or Senate.
 - Sometimes it's introduced in the House AND Senate.
 - Bills are numbered in order of introduction.
 - So HB 1 was the first bill in the House this G.A.
 - Bills keep their same name and number throughout the entire two-year term. So HB 1 will STAY HB 1 when it goes over to the Senate.



HOW A BILL BECOMES A LAW IN OHIO

(AND WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT)

- **Step 2:** Once a bill is introduced, it's assigned to a committee.
- **ACTION ITEM:** CONTACT committee chairs.
 - Ask to be placed on their “committee notice list.”





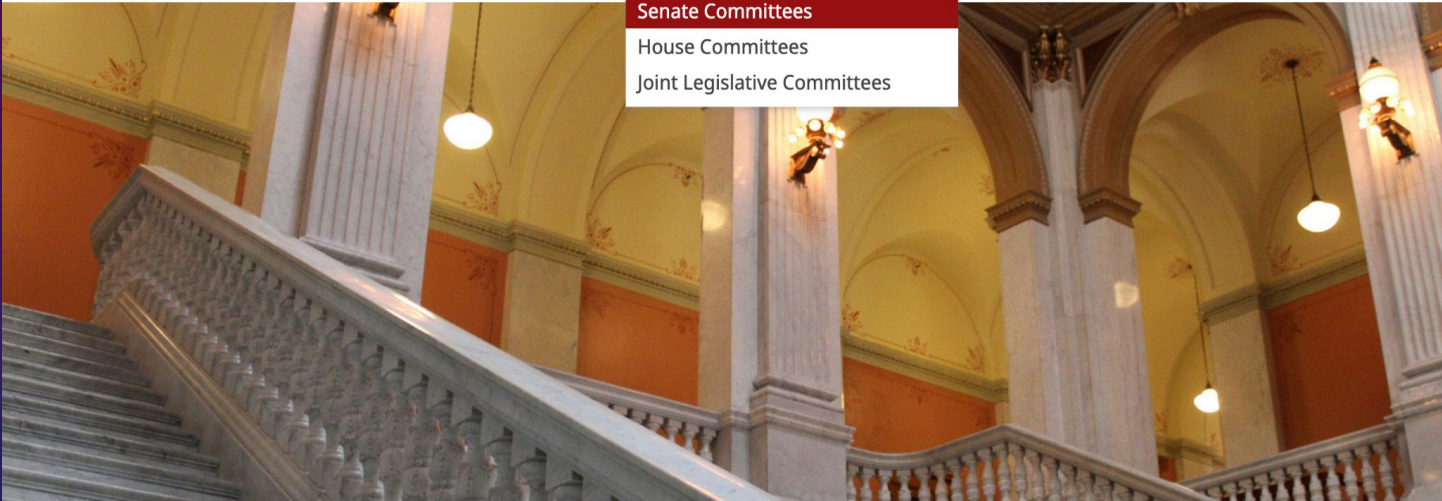
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Mathews, Young Introduce Bill Simplifying Government Structures Regarding Villages and Providing Village Accountability by the Voters

State Reps. Adam Mathews (R-Lebanon) and Tom Young (R-Washington Twp.) introduced a bill in the Ohio House to create an automatic process for ensuring that villages provide necessary services to their constituents.

[Read Full Story](#)

Thu, Nov 16, 2023

Young Supports Historic Aviation, Aerospace Project Coming to Ohio

COLUMBUS – State Representative Tom Young (R-Washington Twp.) recently participated in the announcement of Joby Aviation’s \$477 million investment at Dayton International Airport for the construction of a manufacturing facility for their electric vertical takeoff and landing aircraft.

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Fri, Sep 22, 2023

Young Supports State Operating Budget

COLUMBUS – State Representative Tom Young (R-Washington Twp.) voted to support the Ohio House state operating budget and the bill passed during session Wednesday. The legislation provides billions in funding over the next two fiscal years to grow the economy and workforce, protect Ohio families and most vulnerable, and invest in educating our communities.

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Thu, Apr 27, 2023



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S. B. No. 83	Enact Ohio Higher Education Enhancement Act
H. B. No. 98	Prohibit reduction of financial aid for private scholarship award
H. B. No. 151	Enact Ohio Higher Education Enhancement Act
H. B. No. 183	Regards single-sex bathroom access in schools, universities
H. B. No. 219	Regards the College Credit Plus Program
H. B. No. 242	Establishes Armed Forces Reserve Component Scholarship Program

HOW A BILL BECOMES A LAW IN OHIO (AND WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT)

- **Step 3:** Bills (usually....) Get Hearings.
 - Committee hearings (normal process):
 - 1st hearing – sponsor testimony
 - 2nd hearing – proponent testimony (supporter)
 - 3rd hearing – opponent/interested party testimony
 - **But the number of hearings can change!**
- **ACTION ITEM:** Demand hearings for good bills!
- **ACTION ITEM:** Slow down bad bills!



YES. I SAID CALL.

- It's not like calling Congress. They aren't taking down your information.
- **Remember:** You're not talking to the legislator. You're talking to their overworked, underpaid aide. Be nice!
 - Each state rep only has 1 aide.
 - Each senator only has 2 aides.
 - Build a relationship.
- And they WILL get your messages. **There's only 1 phone line per legislator.**
 - So you're calling the same number the legislators call....



IMPORTANT:

- At the Statehouse level, **you CAN call legislators in districts where you do not live.** Some Examples:
 - You can call committee chairs and say, “I’m calling about this bill in your XXXXXX Committee.”
 - You can also call the Senate President, House Speaker, or the Majority Floor Leader (person who sets the voting agenda).
- But it will always be MOST effective to call your own legislator.
 - So if you are calling your own legislator, let them know!

TESTIFYING IN COMMITTEE

- **Come testify for/against bills at the Statehouse!**
 - **GOAL: Testify in person.**
- **Please TRY TO present your testimony in person whenever possible. BUT....**
 - **Can't testify in person? You can also submit written-only testimony.**

HOW TO SUBMIT TESTIMONY

(IN-PERSON OR WRITTEN-ONLY!):



STEP 1: Write your testimony.

STEP 2: Email your (written or in-person) testimony to the Committee Chair. 24 hours in advance.

STEP 3: Email a completed “Witness Slip” form along with your testimony.

- If you’re submitting written-only testimony, that’s it. You’re done!
- If you’re testifying in person, all that’s left is to show up!

WHAT MAKES GOOD TESTIMONY

- **Short and sweet!!**

- If there's a lot of testimony, you'll likely be limited to 2-3 minutes. Make them count.

- **Consider your audience**

- Think of your most conservative relative. That's your audience.

LIVE BROADCASTS OF COMMITTEE HEARINGS



- You can **watch all House and Senate Sessions AND all committee hearings** live on OhioChannel.org – it's free!
- The videos are also archived on the site!

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SO A BILL PASSES OUT OF COMMITTEE....

- Once a bill passes out of committee, **it needs to receive a full floor vote.**
- Some bills get through committee but never get to the floor.

SO A BILL GETS A FLOOR VOTE....

- If it passes one chamber (the House or the Senate), it then has to go through the full process in the other chamber.



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HOW TO FIND STATEHOUSE BILLS

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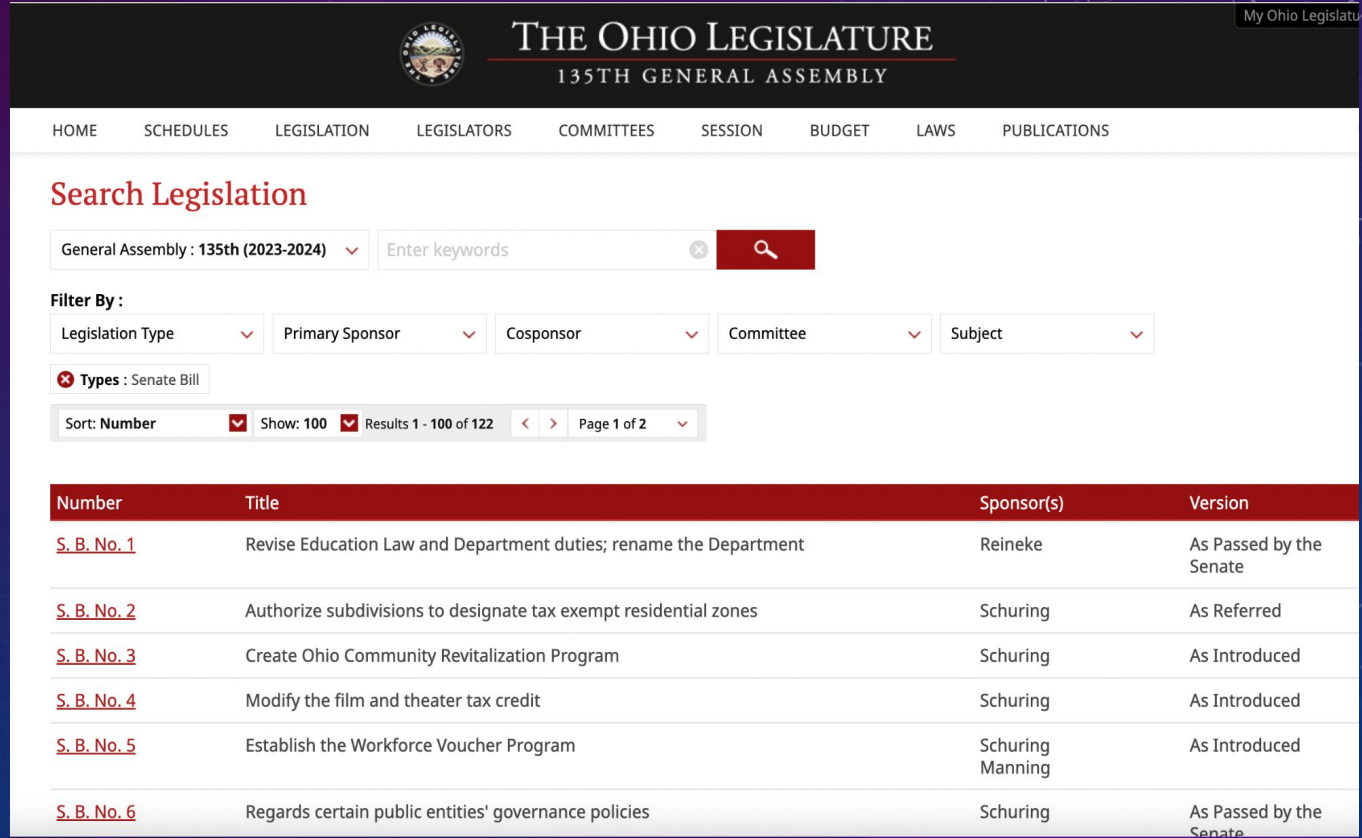
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Number	Title	Sponsor(s)	Version
S. B. No. 1	Revise Education Law and Department duties; rename the Department	Reineke	As Passed by the Senate
S. B. No. 2	Authorize subdivisions to designate tax exempt residential zones	Schuring	As Referred
S. B. No. 3	Create Ohio Community Revitalization Program	Schuring	As Introduced
S. B. No. 4	Modify the film and theater tax credit	Schuring	As Introduced
S. B. No. 5	Establish the Workforce Voucher Program	Schuring Manning	As Introduced
S. B. No. 6	Regards certain public entities' governance policies	Schuring	As Passed by the Senate

The screenshot shows the Ohio Legislature website for Senate Bill 83. At the top is the header with the Ohio State seal and the text "THE OHIO LEGISLATURE 135TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY". Below this is a navigation menu with links for HOME, SCHEDULES, LEGISLATION, LEGISLATORS, COMMITTEES, SESSION, BUDGET, LAWS, and PUBLICATIONS. The main content area is titled "Senate Bill 83" and includes tabs for Summary, Documents, Status, Votes, and Committee Activity. Below the tabs is a "Return To Search" link. The "Primary Sponsors" section features a portrait of Jerry C. Cirino. The "Enact Ohio Higher Education Enhancement Act" section includes a "Show Long Title" link and a "Current Version" link labeled "As Passed by the Senate" with a PDF icon. A legislative process flowchart shows the bill's path: Introduced In Senate, In Senate Committee, Reported By Committee, Passed By Senate, and Sent To The Governor. A second path shows Introduced In House, In House Committee, Reported By Committee, and Passed By House. The "Subjects" section lists "Education" and "Education : Higher Education". The "Committees" section lists "Senate Workforce and Higher Education Committee". The "Cosponsors" section lists "SENATORS" Andrew O. Brenner, Frank Hoagland, and Terry Johnson.

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Enact Ohio Higher Education Enhancement Act

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Subjects

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Committees

Senate Workforce and Higher Education Committee

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STOP SB 83

SAY NO to the Higher Education *Destruction* Act!

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DESCRIPTION

Creates policies for "intellectual diversity"
and controversial concepts;
Restricts mandatory DEI programs and training;
Bans public positions on controversial issues;
Restricts relationships with China;
Requires US history and government courses;
Requires online posting of course syllabi;
Restricts worker rights;
Weaponizes retrenchment policies;
Revises performance evaluations & faculty workload policies;
Requires discipline for violations

The Documents Tab is important!



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Cosponsors



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Version: As Passed by the Senate

Primary Sponsor: Sen. Cirino

Mike Niemi, Research Analyst

SUMMARY

STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI), intellectual diversity, and other concepts

Policy

- Requires state institutions of higher education to adopt and enforce a policy requiring the institution to:
 - Prohibit any mandatory programs or training courses regarding DEI, except that a state institution may receive an exemption if such a program or course is required for certain specified purposes;
 - Affirm and declare a primary function to the pursuit of knowledge;
 - Affirm and declare that the institution will ensure full intellectual diversity;
 - Demonstrate intellectual diversity for course approval, approval of general education courses, student course evaluations, common reading programs, annual reviews, strategic goals for each department, and student learning outcomes;
 - Seek out invited speakers who have diverse ideological and political views;
 - Post a complete list of all speaker fees, honoraria, and other emoluments in excess of \$500 that are sponsored by the state institution prominently on its website.
- Requires each state institution's policy to affirm and declare that the state institution will not:



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135th General Assembly
Regular Session
2023-2024

Sub. S. B. No. 83

Senator Cirino

Cosponsors: Senators Rulli, McColley, Roegner, Brenner, O'Brien, Johnson,
Hoagland, Lang, Schaffer, Wilkin

A BILL

To amend sections 3335.02, 3337.01, 3339.01, 1
3341.02, 3343.02, 3344.01, 3345.45, 3350.10, 2
3352.01, 3354.05, 3354.24, 3356.01, 3357.022, 3
3357.05, 3358.03, 3359.01, 3361.01, 3362.01, 4
3364.01, 4117.14, 4117.15, and 5813.06; to enact 5
new section 3333.045 and sections 1715.551, 6
3345.029, 3345.0216, 3345.0217, 3345.0218, 7
3345.382, 3345.451, 3345.452, 3345.453, 8
3345.454, 3345.455, 3345.591, 3345.80, and 9
3345.87; and to repeal section 3333.045 of the 10
Revised Code to enact the Ohio Higher Education 11
Enhancement Act regarding the operation of state 12
institutions of higher education and to revise 13
the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional 14
Funds Act. 15

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 3335.02, 3337.01, 3339.01, 16
3341.02, 3343.02, 3344.01, 3345.45, 3350.10, 3352.01, 3354.05, 17
3354.24, 3356.01, 3357.022, 3357.05, 3358.03, 3359.01, 3361.01, 18

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3362.01, 3364.01, 4117.14, 4117.15, and 5813.06 be amended and 19
new section 3333.045 and sections 1715.551, 3345.029, 3345.0216, 20
3345.0217, 3345.0218, 3345.382, 3345.451, 3345.452, 3345.453, 21
3345.454, 3345.455, 3345.591, 3345.80, and 3345.87 of the 22
Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 23

Sec. 1715.551. (A) As used in this section: 24

(1) (a) "Benefactor representative" means either of the 25
following: 26

(i) The administrator or executor of a person's estate; 27

(ii) A person designated in an endowment agreement, 28
whether or not born or existing at the time of such designation, 29
to act in place of a party to the agreement for the purpose of 30
resolving disputes about the agreement, including without 31
limitation, its validity, interpretation, performance, 32
enforcement, and any action that it contemplates. 33

(b) "Benefactor representative" does not mean the state 34
institution of higher education receiving or administering 35
property under an endowment agreement or any person designated 36
by such state institution of higher education for any purpose. 37

(c) A benefactor representative named in an endowment 38
agreement shall be the only benefactor representative for 39
purposes of this section, regardless of the existence of an 40
administrator or executor of a person's estate. 41

(2) "Endowment agreement" means a gift instrument, signed 42
by a person and a state institution of higher education, under 43
which the person commits to transfer property to that or another 44
state institution of higher education and the state institution 45
of higher education commits that it or another state institution 46
of higher education will hold or administer the property as an 47

How to read a bill:

- Plain text = existing law
- Underlined text = new language
- ~~Crossed out text~~ = language this bill would remove from the law

2005, and seventeen trustees beginning in 2006, who shall be 219
appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the 220
senate. Two of the seventeen trustees shall be students at the 221
Ohio state university, and their selection and terms shall be in 222
accordance with division (B) of this section. ~~Except~~ 223

(1) For trustees appointed prior to January 1, 2024, 224
~~except as~~ provided in division (D) of this section and except 225
for the terms of student members, terms of office shall be for 226
nine years, commencing on the fourteenth day of May and ending 227
on the thirteenth day of May. 228

(2) For trustees appointed on or after January 1, 2024, 229
~~except for the terms of student members, terms of office shall~~ 230
~~be for four years, commencing on the fourteenth day of May and~~ 231
~~ending on the thirteenth day of May.~~ 232

Each trustee shall hold office from the date of 233
appointment until the end of the term for which the trustee was 234
appointed. Any trustee appointed to fill a vacancy occurring 235
prior to the expiration of the term for which the trustee's 236
predecessor was appointed shall hold office for the remainder of 237
such term. Any trustee shall continue in office subsequent to 238
the expiration date of the trustee's term until the trustee's 239
successor takes office, or until a period of sixty days has 240
elapsed, whichever occurs first. ~~No person who has served a full-~~ 241
~~nine year term or more than six years of such a term shall be~~ 242
~~eligible for reappointment until a period of four years has~~ 243
~~elapsed since the last day of the term for which the person~~ 244
~~previously served.~~The trustees shall not receive compensation 245
for their services, but shall be paid their reasonable necessary 246
expenses while engaged in the discharge of their official 247
duties. 248



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Senate Joint Resolution 2 (SJR 2)

- Allow just 41% of voters to kill constitutional amendments
- Require signatures from all 88 Ohio counties, instead of the current 44 counties (tough to do unless you're a well funded campaign....)
- Remove the 10-day "cure period" Ohioans currently have to collect additional signatures if they fall short

SJR 2 is the resolution that became Issue 1 in an illegal August election in 2023....



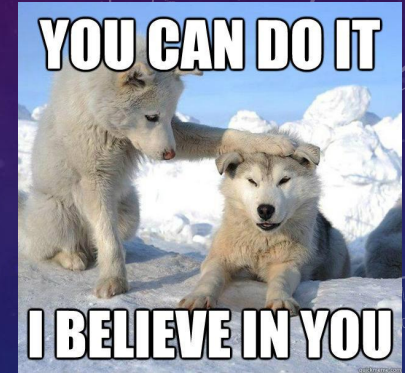
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- **SB 83 and HB 151** — Bans courses/curriculum from colleges and universities + bans public workers from striking + much more
- **HB 11 and SB 11** — Universal vouchers — **passed in the state budget**
- **SB 1 and HB 12** — Shift nearly all power away from Ohio's elected State Board of Education and the Dept. of Education and gives it to a governor appointee — **Passed in state budget. Board members are suing.**
- **HB 68** — Trans youth affirming care ban + trans youth sports ban
- **SB 14** — Allows military veterans to serve as teachers without a teaching license
- **HB 240** — Allows public schools to use “chaplains” as unlicensed school counselors
- **HB 103** — Social studies “task force” to implement far-right “American Birthright” standards
- **HB 206** — Endless consecutive suspensions even if student doesn't qualify for expulsion
- **HB 267** — Would make State Board of Education elections AND local school board elections partisan
- **HB 245** — Criminalizes public drag performances. Some types of performances would be felonies

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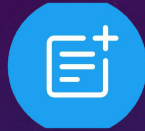
- NONE of the book ban bills became law last term!
- NEITHER of the major attacks on trans youth become law last term!
- We banned revenge porn
- We banned life imprisonment without possibility of parole for children under 18
- We've helped pass several criminal justice reforms — like expanding Ohio's Good Samaritan law and decriminalizing fentanyl drug testing strips
- We helped secure Workers' Comp for first responders with PTSD
- We stopped a Medicaid expansion freeze in 2018 — and it hasn't returned
- We killed Derek Merrin's "Scrooge Act"
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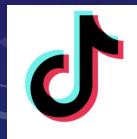
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- **HB 8:** Tues, Dec 5, 3pm, Senate Education Committee

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