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- HB68** **GENDER SERVICES FOR MINORS, SINGLE-SEX SPORTS TEAMS (CLICK G)** To enact the Saving Ohio Adolescents from Experimentation (SAFE) Act regarding gender transition services for minors, and to enact the Save Women's Sports Act to require schools, state institutions of higher education, and private colleges to designate separate single-sex teams and sports for each sex.
- Current Status:** 1/10/2024 - Consideration of Governor's Veto; House Overrides Veto, Vote 65-28
- Recent Status:** 12/29/23 - **VETOED BY GOVERNOR**
12/13/23 - Consideration of Senate Amendments; House Does Concur, Vote 62-27
- Categories:** Arts, Sports & Entertainment, Education, Health Care
- Position:** Support
- State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-68>
- HB183** **SINGLE-SEX BATHROOMS (LEAR B, BIRD A)** To enact the Protect All Students Act regarding single-sex bathroom access in primary and secondary schools and institutions of higher education.
- Current Status:** 1/10/2024 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED**, House Higher Education, (Fourth Hearing)
- Recent Status:** 12/6/23 - House Higher Education, (Fourth Hearing)
10/18/23 - House Higher Education, (Third Hearing)
- Categories:** Education, Higher Education
- Position:** Support
- State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-183>
- 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 sexuality content.
- Current Status:** 12/12/23 - Senate Education, (Second Hearing)
- Recent Status:** 12/5/23 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED**, Senate Education, (First Hearing)
9/13/23 - Referred to Committee Senate Education
- Categories:** Children and Family Issues, Education
- Position:** Support
- State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-8>
- HB245** **ADULT CABARET PERFORMANCES (KING A, WILLIAMS J)** To prohibit adult cabaret performances in locations other than adult cabarets.



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Current Status: 11/14/23 - House Criminal Justice, (First Hearing)
Recent Status: 9/12/23 - Referred to Committee House Criminal Justice
7/17/23 - Introduced
Categories: Arts, Sports & Entertainment, Civil and Human Rights
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-245>

HB295 **INNOCENCE ACT (DEMETRIOU S)** To enact the Innocence Act to prohibit an organization from failing to verify the age of a person attempting to access material that is obscene or harmful to juveniles, to prohibit a person from using another person's likeness to create sexual images of the other person, and to create a private right of action for each prohibited activity.

Current Status: 10/24/23 - Referred to Committee House Criminal Justice
Recent Status: 10/10/23 - Introduced
Categories: Children and Family Issues, Crime & Punishment
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-295>

HB34 **JURY DUTY - BREAST-FEEDING EXCEPTION (KLOPFENSTEIN R, KING A)** To permit a prospective juror who is a mother who is breast-feeding to be excused from jury service.

Current Status: 9/27/23 - Senate Judiciary, (First Hearing)
Recent Status: 9/13/23 - Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary
6/27/23 - **PASSED BY HOUSE**; Vote 95-0
Categories: Justice & the Courts
Position: Support
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-34>

SB132 **FAIRNESS ACT-DISCRIMINATION PROHIBITIONS (ANTONIO N)** To enact the Ohio Fairness Act to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression, to add mediation as an informal method that the Ohio Civil Rights Commission may use, and to uphold existing religious exemptions under Ohio's Civil Rights Law.

Current Status: 9/13/23 - Referred to Committee Senate Government Oversight
Recent Status: 6/29/23 - Introduced
Categories: Business & Corporate, Civil and Human Rights, Religion, State Government
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-SB-132>

SB49 **EXCESSIVE ABSENTEEISM (REYNOLDS M)** Regarding excessive absenteeism, excused absences, and reporting of graduation rates and to amend the versions of sections



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2151.011 and 3314.03 of the Revised Code that are scheduled to take effect January 1, 2025, to continue the changes on and after that date.

Current Status: 9/12/23 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED**, House Primary and Secondary Education, (Third Hearing)

Recent Status: 6/6/23 - House Primary and Secondary Education, (First Hearing)

5/2/23 - Referred to Committee House Primary and Secondary Education

Categories: Education, Religion

Position: Support

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-SB-49>

SB9 **LAW CHANGES-MEDICAL MARIJUANA** (HUFFMAN S, SCHURING K) To amend the law related to medical marijuana.

Current Status: 5/16/23 - Senate General Government, (Seventh Hearing)

Recent Status: 5/10/23 - Senate General Government, (Sixth Hearing)
4/18/23 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED**, Senate General Government, (Fifth Hearing)

Categories: Health Care, State Government, Tobacco/Marijuana

Position: Oppose

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-SB-9>

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

Current Status: 5/10/23 - **REPORTED OUT**, House Higher Education, (Fifth Hearing)

Recent Status: 4/26/23 - House Higher Education, (Fourth Hearing)
4/19/23 - House Higher Education, (Third Hearing)

Categories: Arts, Sports & Entertainment, Education

Position: Support

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-6>

SB1 **REFORM OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION** (REINEKE W) 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



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responsibilities of the State Board of Education and the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Current Status: 5/9/23 - House Economic and Workforce Development, (Fourth Hearing)

Recent Status: 4/25/23 - House Economic and Workforce Development, (Third Hearing)
3/28/23 - House Economic and Workforce Development, (Second Hearing)

Categories: Economic & Workforce Development, Education

Position: Support

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-SB-1>

HB11

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CHANGES (MCCLAIN R, JOHN M) To establish the Backpack Scholarship Program to begin operating for the 2023-2024 school year, to repeal the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and the Pilot Project Scholarship Program on July 1, 2024, and to make an appropriation.

Current Status: 4/25/23 - House Primary and Secondary Education, (Third Hearing)

Recent Status: 3/14/23 - House Primary and Secondary Education, (Second Hearing)
2/28/23 - **BILL AMENDED**, House Primary and Secondary Education, (First Hearing)

Categories: Education

Position: Support

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-11>

HJR1

REQUIRE 60 PERCENT VOTE-CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT (STEWART B) Proposing to amend Sections 1b, 1e, and 1g of Article II and Sections 1 and 3 of Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Ohio 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.

Current Status: 4/19/23 - **REPORTED OUT**, House Constitutional Resolutions, (Third Hearing)

Recent Status: 4/18/23 - **BILL AMENDED**, House Constitutional Resolutions, (Second Hearing)
3/22/23 - House Constitutional Resolutions, (First Hearing)

Categories: Constitutional Amendments

Position: Support

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HJR-1>

HB12

REFORM OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (JONES D, DOBOS D) To rename the Department of Education as the Department of Education and Workforce; to create



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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.

Current Status: 4/18/23 - House Primary and Secondary Education, (Fifth Hearing)

Recent Status: 3/21/23 - House Primary and Secondary Education, (Fourth Hearing)

3/7/23 - **BILL AMENDED**, House Primary and Secondary Education, (Third Hearing)

Categories: Education, State Government

Position: Support

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-12>

SB11

PARENT EDUCATIONAL FREEDOM ACT (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.

Current Status: 3/7/23 - Senate Education, (Third Hearing)

Recent Status: 2/21/23 - Senate Education, (Second Hearing)

2/7/23 - Senate Education, (First Hearing)

Categories: Children and Family Issues, Education, Taxation

Position: Support

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-SB-11>

HB15

ABORTION CONSENT LAW (GROSS J, LEAR B) To revise the informed consent law regarding abortions.

Current Status: 2/16/23 - Referred to Committee House Public Health Policy

Recent Status: 2/15/23 - Introduced

Categories: Health Care, Justice & the Courts

Position: Support

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-15>