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## August 21, 2024 Legislative Tracker

**HB214** **SCHOOL POLICY ON STAFF SPEECH (HOLMES A)** To enact the "Religious Expression Days" or "R.E.D." Act to require each public school to adopt a policy that reasonably accommodates the sincerely held religious beliefs and practices of students; to require each public school to adopt a policy regarding certain expectations related to the performance of staff member professional duties; and to amend the version of section 3314.03 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect January 1, 2025, to continue the changes on and after that effective date.

**Current Status:** 7/24/2024 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; eff. 90 days

**Recent Status:** 7/15/2024 - Sent to Governor for Signature

**Categories:** Education, Religion

**Position:** Undetermined

**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-214>

**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 and to amend the version of section 3314.03 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect January 1, 2025, to continue the changes on and after that effective date.

**Current Status:** 6/26/2024 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED**, Senate Education, (Fourth Hearing)

**Recent Status:** 4/23/2024 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED**, Senate Education, (Third Hearing)  
12/12/2023 - Senate Education, (Second Hearing)

**Categories:** Children and Family Issues, Education

**Position:** Support

**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-8>

**SB104** **REGARDING COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS (CIRINO J)** Regarding the College Credit Plus Program and to enact the Protect All Students Act regarding single-sex bathroom access in primary and secondary schools and institutions of higher education.

**Current Status:** 6/26/2024 - **PASSED BY HOUSE**; Amended on Floor, Bill Vote 60-31

**Recent Status:** 6/26/2024 - Bills for Third Consideration  
6/25/2024 - **REPORTED OUT**, House Higher Education, (Second Hearing)

**Categories:** Education, Higher Education

**Position:** Support

**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-SB-104>



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- SB159**     **TAX CREDIT-PRC DONATIONS (O'BRIEN S)** To authorize a nonrefundable tax credit for donations to certain pregnancy resource centers.
- Current Status:** 6/25/2024 - Senate Finance, (Third Hearing)  
    **Recent Status:** 2/27/2024 - Senate Finance, (Second Hearing)  
                          11/14/2023 - Senate Finance, (First Hearing)
- Categories:** Children and Family Issues, Taxation  
    **Position:** Support  
    **State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-SB-159>
- SB293**     **REGARDING SCHOOLS-RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION (REYNOLDS M)** Regarding school district policies for released time courses in religious instruction.
- Current Status:** 6/25/2024 - Referred to Committee Senate Education  
    **Recent Status:** 6/17/2024 - Introduced  
    **Categories:** Education, Religion  
    **Position:** Support  
    **State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-SB-293>
- SB212**     **AGE VERIFICATION-PORNOGRAPHIC CONTENT (KUNZE S, DEMORA B)** To prohibit businesses from distributing pornographic material over the internet without verifying that the persons accessing that material are not juveniles.
- Current Status:** 6/11/2024 - Senate Financial Institutions and Technology, (Third Hearing)  
    **Recent Status:** 5/7/2024 - Senate Financial Institutions and Technology, (Second Hearing)  
                          4/23/2024 - Senate Financial Institutions and Technology, (First Hearing)
- Categories:** Children and Family Issues, Science & Technology  
    **Position:** Support  
    **State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-SB-212>
- HB245**     **ADULT CABARET PERFORMANCES (KING A, WILLIAMS J)** To prohibit adult cabaret performances in locations other than adult cabarets.
- Current Status:** 6/5/2024 - House Criminal Justice, (Second Hearing)  
    **Recent Status:** 11/14/2023 - House Criminal Justice, (First Hearing)  
                          9/12/2023 - Referred to Committee House Criminal Justice
- Categories:** Arts, Sports & Entertainment, Civil and Human Rights  
    **Position:** Support  
    **State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-245>



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- HB445**     **RELEASED TIME - RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION** (CUTRONA A, CLICK G) Regarding school district policies for released time courses in religious instruction.
- Current Status:** 6/4/2024 - House Primary and Secondary Education, (Second Hearing)
- Recent Status:** 4/23/2024 - House Primary and Secondary Education, (First Hearing)  
4/2/2024 - Referred to Committee House Primary and Secondary Education
- Categories:** Education
- Position:** Support
- State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-445>
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- SB217**     **AI TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS, PROHIBITIONS** (BLESSING III L, JOHNSON T) To require AI-generated products have a watermark, to prohibit simulated child pornography, and to prohibit identity fraud using a replica of a person.
- Current Status:** 5/22/2024 - **BILL AMENDED**, Senate Judiciary, (Second Hearing)
- Recent Status:** 4/10/2024 - Senate Judiciary, (First Hearing)  
2/28/2024 - Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary
- Categories:** Crime & Punishment, Justice & the Courts, Science & Technology
- Position:** Support
- State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-SB-217>
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- 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:** 5/21/2024 - House Criminal Justice, (Fourth Hearing)
- Recent Status:** 5/7/2024 - **BILL AMENDED**, House Criminal Justice, (Third Hearing)  
4/23/2024 - House Criminal Justice, (Second Hearing)
- Categories:** Children and Family Issues, Crime & Punishment
- Position:** Support
- State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-295>
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- HB475**     **PROHIBIT STATE FUNDING-ABORTION** (WILLIAMS J) To prohibit state funds from being given to any entity that supports, promotes, or provides abortions, to require



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counties and municipal corporations to report abortion-related spending, and to withhold and reallocate to pregnancy resource centers state local government funds from a county or municipal corporation that engages in such spending.

**Current Status:** 5/7/2024 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED**, House Government Oversight, (First Hearing)  
**Recent Status:** 4/23/2024 - Referred to Committee House Government Oversight  
4/8/2024 - Introduced  
**Categories:** Health Care, Local Government, State Government  
**Position:** Support  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-475>

**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:** 4/23/2024 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; eff. 7/23/24  
**Recent Status:** 4/10/2024 - **PASSED BY SENATE**; Vote 30-0  
4/10/2024 - Bills for Third Consideration  
**Categories:** Justice & the Courts  
**Position:** Support  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-34>

**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 and to amend the version of section 3314.03 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect January 1, 2025, to continue the changes on and after that date.

**Current Status:** 4/10/2024 - **REPORTED OUT**, House Higher Education, (Fifth Hearing)  
**Recent Status:** 1/10/2024 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED**, House Higher Education, (Fourth Hearing)  
12/6/2023 - House Higher Education, (Fourth Hearing)  
**Categories:** Education, Higher Education  
**Position:** Support  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-183>

**HB339**      **NONCHARTERED EDUCATIONAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT** (CLICK G) To establish the Nonchartered Educational Savings Account Program.



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**Current Status:** 2/13/2024 - House Primary and Secondary Education, (Second Hearing)  
**Recent Status:** 1/16/2024 - House Primary and Secondary Education, (First Hearing)  
12/6/2023 - Referred to Committee House Primary and Secondary Education  
**Categories:** Education  
**Position:** Support  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-339>

**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:** 1/24/2024 - Consideration of Governor's Veto; Senate Overrides Veto, Vote 24-8  
**Recent Status:** 1/24/2024 - Consideration of Governor's Veto; According to the Senate Majority Caucus, the Senate will consider overriding the governor's veto.  
1/10/2024 - Consideration of Governor's Veto; House Overrides Veto, Vote 65-28  
**Categories:** Arts, Sports & Entertainment, Education, Health Care  
**Position:** Support  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-68>

**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:** 9/13/2023 - Referred to Committee Senate Government Oversight  
**Recent Status:** 6/29/2023 - Introduced  
**Categories:** Business & Corporate, Civil and Human Rights, Religion, State Government  
**Position:** Oppose  
**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



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sections 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:** 9/12/2023 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED**, House Primary and Secondary Education, (Third Hearing)

**Recent Status:** 6/6/2023 - House Primary and Secondary Education, (First Hearing)

5/2/2023 - 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>

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

**Current Status:** 5/9/2023 - House Economic and Workforce Development, (Fourth Hearing)

**Recent Status:** 4/25/2023 - House Economic and Workforce Development, (Third Hearing)

3/28/2023 - 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:** 4/25/2023 - House Primary and Secondary Education, (Third Hearing)

**Recent Status:** 3/14/2023 - House Primary and Secondary Education, (Second Hearing)

2/28/2023 - **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>





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**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 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:** 4/18/2023 - House Primary and Secondary Education, (Fifth Hearing)

**Recent Status:** 3/21/2023 - House Primary and Secondary Education, (Fourth Hearing)  
3/7/2023 - **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:** 3/7/2023 - Senate Education, (Third Hearing)

**Recent Status:** 2/21/2023 - Senate Education, (Second Hearing)  
2/7/2023 - 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:** 2/16/2023 - Referred to Committee House Public Health Policy

**Recent Status:** 2/15/2023 - Introduced

**Categories:** Health Care, Justice & the Courts

**Position:** Support

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