

Legislative Report

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HB23 F-1 VISA SCHOOL ATHLETICS *(ANTANI N)*

To authorize any student from a country or province outside the United States who holds an F-1 visa to participate in interscholastic athletics.

CURRENT STATUS

4/30/2019 - House Primary and Secondary Education, (Second Hearing)

COMMENTS

This legislation has been added to the budget bill, HB 166, by the House. The Senate is now holding hearings on the House version. Opposition to this provision should be directed to the members of the Ohio Senate.

HB154 DISSOLVE DISTRESS COMMISSIONS *(MILLER J, JONES D)*

To dissolve academic distress commissions and to instead require the creation of community learning centers for buildings in low-performing school districts.

CURRENT STATUS

5/1/2019 - **PASSED BY HOUSE**; Vote 83-12

COMMENTS

This proposal would eliminate the Academic Distress Commissions currently operating in three school districts and prevent districts from being taken over by an Academic Distress Commission in the future. Instead, a process would be established for school buildings that received an "F" on the report card in the previous year. Those buildings would be deemed "In Need of Improvement" and be required to establish an improvement team to develop a plan. This process would continue for four years. The Superintendent of Public Instruction would be required to use criteria developed by the State Board of Education to determine when a school may leave "In Need of Improvement" status. The provisions from HB 154 have been added to the House version of the budget bill, HB 166.

SB4 SCHOOL FACILITIES ASSISTANCE *(RULLI M, KUNZE S)*

To make a capital appropriation for school facilities assistance.

CURRENT STATUS

5/7/2019 - **REPORTED OUT**, House Primary and Secondary Education, (Third Hearing)

COMMENTS

This bill would add \$100 million to the appropriation for school facilities in the current biennium. Because of the number of districts that have passed local bond levies and are waiting to receive state funds for OFCC projects, the current appropriations are inadequate, causing significant delays. The bill was approved by the House Primary and Secondary Education Committee. If the House votes to enact the bill on the House floor, it will go to the governor for his signature.

SB89 CAREER-TECHNICAL EDUCATION *(HUFFMAN M)*

With regard to career-technical education and the compensation of joint vocational school districts located in enterprise zones.

CURRENT STATUS

5/7/2019 - Senate Education, (Third Hearing)

COMMENTS

Senator Huffman has also followed through on his promise to carry a "SB 216-like" career technical education bill (SB 89). It has a number of career tech related provisions.

SB102 DYSLEXIA SCREENING PROGRAM *(BRENNER A, LEHNER P)*

To establish the Dyslexia Screening Program for school districts and other public schools.

CURRENT STATUS

5/7/2019 - Senate Education, (Second Hearing)

COMMENTS

The bill requires each school district and community school to conduct early screenings and provide intervention services for children with risk factors for dyslexia under the Dyslexia Screening Program, expanding statewide a pilot program that operated in eight school districts from the 2012-2013 school year to the 2014-2015 school year. The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) must establish guidelines and procedures for the program in consultation with the International Dyslexia Association or another nationally recognized organization that specializes in the treatment of dyslexia. The bill also requires ODE to furnish any approved assessment used by a school district or school for purposes of the program.