



Ohio General Assembly Legislative Update

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Information on Testifying

- <https://www.ohiobar.org/advocacy/advocacy-toolkit/be-your-own-advocate/testifying-in-ohio-house-or-senate-committee/>
- <https://www.lwvohio.org/committeeforms>
- <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/committees/senate-committees>
- <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/committees/house-committees>
- Email written testimony to the committee chair.

Other Resources:

- <https://www.policymattersohio.org/blog>
- <https://www.lwvohio.org/takeaction01>
- https://docs.google.com/document/u/1/d/e/2PACX-1vRIF2Mlp0ZNjy9v9bP41pita25XLQk107OrJsXh7wKfwmNVsRZUAnSu7uTWR0zTGtGRzWOSETTRU5ac/pub?urp=gm ail_link
- <https://janresseger.wordpress.com/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/howthingsworkoh/>
- <https://www.honestyforohioeducation.org/>
- <https://innovationohio.org/policy-areas/>

Other Articles about Related Topics

- [Ohio Republicans celebrate Trump's executive order to get rid of the Department of Education](#)
- [Local Ohio public school leaders tell lawmakers that full funding is critical for their districts](#)
- [What happens in Ohio if the U.S. Dept. of Education is defunded?](#)

Bill	Description	Category	Status	Committee	Sponsor	Links to Articles
SB1 HB 6	Enact Ohio Higher Education Enhancement Act	Education	Signed by Governor Note: There is a group of professors at Youngstown State working on getting a ballot initiative to repeal the law. https://ohsb1petition.com/about/ They are collected the first 1000 signatures and are waiting to hear back after then deliver to the SOS on 4/21 for approval They may have to collect the 1000 again, before they can start collecting.	https://ohiosenate.gov/committees/higher-education/meetings https://ohiohouse.gov/committees/workforce-and-higher-education/meetings	Cirino Young	- Students say they will leave Ohio if lawmakers go forward with massive higher education overhaul - Ohio Senate passes higher ed overhaul bill less than a day after eight hours of opponent testimony - Ohio Senate passes GOP's anti-DEI higher ed bill as Democrat

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						S. student/faculty groups protest More than 800 people submit testimony against Ohio's massive higher education overhaul bill • Ohio students and faculty slam higher ed overhaul bill • More than 200 angry opponents turn out for marathon hearing on Ohio higher ed

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						• anti-DEI bill • GOP sponsor of Ohio higher ed overhaul bill says diversity programs are institutional discrimination • More than 700 people submitted opponent testimony against controversial Ohio higher education bill • Students, community brace for elimination of DEI at Ohio University

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						• Ohio House Republicans pass higher education overhaul to ban diversity efforts and faculty strikes • Ohio House Republicans pass ban on diversity programs, faculty strikes at public universities • Unions prepare to fight Ohio bill that bans university faculty from striking

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						• High school students reconsidering applying to Ohio universities due to new higher education law • Ohio college student transferring out-of-state after higher education overhaul bill signed into law • Youngstown State University faculty are trying stop Ohio's new higher education law • Unionized faculty start process to ask Ohio voters to repeal anti-DEI higher ed law The Statehouse News Bureau

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HJR 2	Applies to Congress for a Convention of the States	Democracy	1st Hearing: March 25th	https://ohiohouse.gov/committees/government-oversight/meetings	McClain/Willis	
SJR 2	CA: Modify process for statutes proposed by initiative petition	Democracy	Not Scheduled	https://ohiosenate.gov/committees/general-government	Blessing	• Ohio senator proposes expanding legislature, simplifying initiated statute process
SJR 3	Apply to Congress: Constitutional Convention for certain purposes		1st Hearing: Feb 26 2nd Hearing: Mar 11	https://ohiosenate.gov/committees/general-government/meetings	Reynolds/ Lang	
SB 4	Create Election Integrity Unit	Elections	1st Hearing: Jan 29	https://ohiosenate.gov/committees/general-government/meetings	Gavarone	• Ohio senator wants to codify election investigation unit in secretary of state's office
SJR 6	Apply for Convention of the States re: term limits	Democracy	Not Scheduled	https://ohiosenate.gov/committees/government-oversight-and-reform/meetings	Gavarone/Timken	
SB 53	Regards civil actions for vandalism or riot activity injuries	Democracy	1st Hearing: Feb 19	https://ohiosenate.gov/committees/judiciary/meetings	Schaffer	Ohio bill would add new civil liability for property damaged in protests

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SB 63	Prohibit use of ranked choice voting; withhold funding for use	Elections	1st Hearing: Feb 26 2nd Hearing: Mar 11 3rd Hearing: Mar 25	https://ohiosenate.gov/committees/general-government/meetings	Gavarone	
HB 67 SB 112	Establish appointment procedures for constitutional convention	Democracy	1st Hearing: March 25th 1st Hearing: March 11th	https://ohiohouse.gov/committees/government-oversight/meetings https://ohiosenate.gov/committees/general-government/meetings	McClain/Willis Reynolds/Lang	
SB 70	Enact the Ohio Fairness Act	DEI	Not Scheduled	https://ohiosenate.gov/committees/government-oversight-and-reform/meetings	Antonio	
HB 78	Authorize use of a digital driver's license or state ID card	Elections	1st Hearing: Feb 25 2nd Hearing: Mar 11	https://ohiohouse.gov/committees/technology-and-innovation/meetings	Miller/Hall	
HB 96	Make state operating appropriations for FY 2026-27	Elections	House: Passed 4/8 Senate: As Introduced	https://ohiohouse.gov/committees/finance/meetings	Stewart	• Eliminates the Ohio's Elections Commission • Eliminates the implementation of the bipartisan Fair School Funding Plan • Increases school vouchers, transferring additional public tax dollars to private

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						education with little government regulations or oversight. • Eliminates all elected roles on the State Board of Education; cutting this governing body to 5 members, all appointed by the Governor • Requires school districts to let students leave for at least one hour per week for Released Time for Religious Instruction • Re-establishes mandatory retention of 3rd grade students based only on standardized test scores • Mandate a lowering of

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						property taxes if carryover is greater than 30% of their operating budget • Ohio House budget would cut all elected members of the State Board of Education, limit board to five • Ohio House budget requires private colleges comply with diversity ban to be eligible for scholarship • Public schools could have less property tax help under Ohio House education budget • Ohio private school

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						vouchers get double increase in funding over public schools in House budget • Inside the movement to redirect billions of taxpayer dollars to private religious schools • Ohio House budget changes rules for Lifewise and other religious groups that take kids out of school The Statehouse News Bureau
SB 82	Specify election official status for public records law purposes	Elections	1st Hearing: Feb 26 2nd Hearing: Apr 8	https://ohiosenate.gov/committees/general-government/meetings	DeMora/Gavarone	
SB 107 HB 153	Include state, district school board	Elections	1st Hearing: Feb 26	https://ohiosenate.gov/committees/general	Brenner Lear/Hall	Ohio Senate bill looks to add party labels to local and

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	members on partisan ballot		1st Hearing: Not Scheduled	-government/meeting https://ohiohouse.gov/committees/government-oversight/meeting		state school board races
HB 123	Modify procedures for filling vacancies in local elected offices	Elections	Not Scheduled	https://ohiohouse.gov/committees/local-government/meetings	Johnson/Thomas	
HB 155 SB 113	Prohibit diversity, equity, and inclusion in public schools	Education	Not Scheduled 1st Hearing: March 4th 2nd Hearing March 25th	https://ohiohouse.gov/committees/education/meetings https://ohiosenate.gov/committees/education/meetings	Lear/Williams Brenner	Ohio Republican state senator wants to ban diversity and inclusion efforts in public schools
HB 172	Prohibit mental health service to minors without parental consent	Mental Health	Not Scheduled	https://ohiohouse.gov/committees/health/meetings	Newman	
HB 180	Bar adverse employment action against precinct election officials	Elections	Not Scheduled	https://ohiohouse.gov/committees/commerce-and-labor/meetings	Klopfenstein/Rogers	
SB 127	Regards closure requirements for poor-performing public schools	Education	1st Hearing: March 11h 2nd Hearing March 18th	https://ohiosenate.gov/committees/education/meetings	Brenner	Ohio Senate Education Chair introduces bill that could close low-performing public schools
SB 153 HB 233	Require citizenship verification before an elector may vote	Voting	Senate 1st Hearing: Apr 8 House: As Introduced	https://ohiosenate.gov/committees/general-government/meeting	Gavarone/Brenner	Here are the four primary areas of impact: • Elimination of drop boxes

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						• Onerous proof of citizenship requirements • Reliance on inaccurate federal data reporting to assess voters' eligibility • Cumbersome, unnecessary regulatory barriers for local zoning, county charters, candidates, and statewide initiative, and statewide referendum campaigns. • Ohio Republican senators propose eliminating drop boxes, requiring proof of citizenship for voting
HB 196	Regards candidate nomination protests, names on candidacy forms	Elections	Not Scheduled	https://ohiohouse.gov/committees/general-government/meetings	Creech/King	

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HB 197	Specify day of the presidential primary election	Elections	Not Scheduled	https://ohiohouse.gov/committees/general-government/meetings	Troy/Piccolantolio	

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