Introduction

• Lawmakers and the DeWine Administration continue to focus on COVID-19 as they finalize reopening plans for all private industry sectors, state/local governments and schools.

• The state’s fiscal outlook remains grim, with an expected 2.5B FY21 State Operating Budget Shortfall
  • Deceased revenue from State Sales Tax, Income Tax, and Commercial Activity Tax (CAT)
  • Increased spending on Medicaid, Unemployment
  • $775M of cuts already made to FY 20 budget
  • Billions in CARES Act Relief ($500M to Ohio k-12 schools)
  • $2.7B in Rainy Day Fund
Executive Update: Reset / Restart Ohio

• Over the last few months, the three CTE associations have engaged in dozens of discussions / conferences with DeWine Administration and ODE staff regarding wide-ranging COVID-19 concerns.
• ODE is finalizing its “Reset and RestartOhio” guidance for the Fall reopening of k-12 schools

• Update on discussions with ODE / Governor
• Timeline / dynamics moving forward
Brief Legislative Update

• Legislative Environment

• Pending Issues
  • Addressing COVID-19
    • EXAMPLES: Relaxing regulatory restrictions on restaurants / bars; addressing collection / reporting of COVID-19 data
  • Addressing racism and related public health issues
  • Police Reform
  • Broadband Access
  • Firearm reform
  • Sports Betting

• Legislative Schedule
• Originally addressed religious expression, but amended heavily with SB 319 provisions (COVID-19 response measure).

• Passed expeditiously by both chambers and awaiting Governor’s signature.

• Includes provisions that address the following:
  • Payment for districts with decreases in utility TPP value
  • Funding adjustment for districts with utility TPP value increases
  • Quality Community School Support Program
  • Teacher and principal evaluations

• Third-Grade Reading Guarantee
• Reading improvement plans
• Academic assessment records for home instructed students
• Community school sponsor ratings
• Services to special needs students
• Remote learning
• Grade band flexibility
• Community school governing authorities
• Storm shelters
• Online bus driver training
• Qualify for high school diploma using final course grades in lieu of end-of-course exam scores
Other Pending Education-Related Legislation

• Senate Bill 89
• Senate Bill 320: 20-21 School Year Reopening
• House Bill 123: School Security and Youth Suicide Awareness Training
• House Bill 322: Ohio Teacher Residency Program
• House Bill 367: Job Description for School Counselors
• House Bill 696: Career Technical Education