

OHIO ACTE 2019 LEGISLATIVE SEMINAR

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2019 Political Climate

- Republicans swept all five statewide executive offices in 2018. Ohio's Executive Branch now includes:
 - Governor Mike DeWine and Lt. Governor Jon Husted
 - Attorney General Dave Yost
 - Secretary of State Frank LaRose
 - State Auditor Keith Faber
 - State Treasurer Robert Sprague
- Although Democrats picked up some House seats during the 2018 election cycle, Republicans continue to enjoy “supermajorities” in both chambers of the General Assembly.
 - Ohio House is 61-38 Republican.
 - Ohio Senate remains 24-9 Republican.

House Leadership

- Earlier this month, State Representative Larry Householder (R-Glenford) was elected Speaker of the Ohio House. His leadership team and relevant committee assignments have not been released.
- Prior to the official vote for House Speaker, House Democrats had re-elected Rep. Fred Strahorn (Dayton) as Minority Leader; following the Householder vote, Strahorn, who had voted for Rep. Ryan Smith as House Speaker, announced he would be stepping down from the leadership post. Rep. Emilia Sykes has announced her intention to seek the seat.

Senate Leadership

- Senator Larry Obhof (R-Medina) remains Senate President. His leadership team will include Senate President Pro Tem. Bob Peterson and Senate Majority Whip Matt Huffman. One additional leadership post will be filled after the vacancy of former State Senator Randy Gardner (now Chancellor of the Dept. of Higher Education).
- Senator Kenny Yuko (D-Richmond Heights) was unanimously re-elected Minority Leader. Rounding out the Minority Leadership team are: Sens. Cecil Thomas (Cincinnati), Sean O'Brien (Cortland) and Sandra Williams (Cleveland).

New Members of State Board of Education

- David Brinegar of Fayette (Kasich Appointee)
- Cindy Collins of Amanda (Kasich Appointee)
- Mark Lamoncha of Leetonia (Kasich Appointee)
- Michael Toal of Sidney (Kasich Appointee)
- Jenny Kilgore, 4th District (Defeated Incumbent)
- Kirstin Hill, 2nd District (Defeated Incumbent)
- Rep. John Hagan, (Hollister Seat)

- Laura Kohler, President (Kasich Appointee)
- Charlotte McGuire, Vice President (Elected, 2016; 10th District)

Upcoming Session Dates

Ohio House

- February 6, 13, 20, 27, 28
- March 6, 7*, 13, 14*, 20, 21, 27, 28

Ohio Senate

- January 30
- February 6, 13, 27*
- March 5*, 6, 12*, 13, 20*, 27, 28*

* indicates an 'If Needed' Session Date

Note that session dates are currently in flux (especially in the House) as members work to create their agenda and fill leadership posts.

Review of 2018 Policy Accomplishments

- “Route-B” Teacher Licensure: Enacted legislation (HB 98) that contained language establishing an alternative CTE teacher licensure framework that does not include the RESA assessment.
- CTE Report Card: Passed State BOE resolution establishing a revised CTE Report Card accountability framework, which reflects association members’ prior recommendations.
- Graduation Requirements: Successfully advocated for a two-year extension of the additional graduation pathways in place for the class of '18. Discussions on long-term standards will resume this year.

Review of 2018 Continued

- School Funding Workgroup: Participated in the Cupp / Patterson School Funding Workgroup, which reviewed the state's school funding formula and crafted recommendations for improvement.
- Ohio Technical Centers: Amended legislation (HB 166) to redefine OTCs under Ohio law, facilitating access to higher education grants / funding opportunities. HB 166 did not pass due to opposition from all three higher education associations, though the legislative process resulted in productive, ongoing dialogue on other funding opportunities.
- EMIS: Continued raising awareness of ongoing challenges with the state's EMIS system. Lawmakers have established a new EMIS Advisory Council, which includes CTE representatives and meets regularly.

2019: A Budget Year

- Timeline

- Governor's Budget due March 15
- House debate, April through early May
- Senate debate, May through mid-June
- Conference Committee
- Governor's Signature due June 30
- "If needed" session dates scheduled into July

- Realities

- Both Chambers have own ideas about "The Budget"

Understanding Advocacy



- Freshman, Freshman, & more Freshman
- The Budget has not yet been introduced
 - Follow up calls / relationship building is critical
- Focus on the Impact to Students
 - Use true stories to convey your point.

Agenda for Each Visit

- Who you are and what you do
- Who do you serve
- What do you want and why
- Discussion
- Thank you



- Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn
- Keep your postings positive or neutral
- Tag the legislator with their username
- Ask before you share a photo
- Use **#CTEworks** in your post
- Keep your messages short for maximum sharing/retweeting potential



Now what?

- Social Media
- Follow Up Letter
 - 3 -5 days after visit, include:
 - **Thank you** for taking time to visit our agency...
 - I appreciated talking about...
 - Can we schedule a time to speak more in-depth about...

2019 Legislative Priorities

- During each legislative seminar, Ohio ACTE establishes 2-4 legislative priorities for the upcoming year. The CTE associations have jointly developed the following priorities for 2019:
 - (1) Maintain funding for CTE through state budget
 - (2) Advocate CTE Legislative Initiative
 - (3) Increase funding for Ohio Technical Centers / Adult Education

Funding for CTE

- Over the last year, CTE representatives, along with other education stakeholders, served on a work group convened by state representatives Bob Cupp (R-Lima) and John Patterson (D-Jefferson) to review the state's school funding formula and submit recommendations for improvement. CTE-specific recommendations include:
 - Maintain base aid for JVSDs, comprehensives, and compacts;
 - Maintain career-technical education “weighted” funding
 - Establish state programs to secure innovative approaches to career exploration;
 - Expand options for Ohioans without a high school diploma

CTE Legislative Initiative

- Over the last several months, a coalition of CTE representatives engaged in robust dialogue regarding CTE-specific state policy concerns. As a result, the group developed a list of policy recommendations for the 133rd General Assembly.
- State Senator Matt Huffman has been receptive to our feedback and indicated a willingness to introduce legislation addressing various policy issues impacting CTE teachers and administrators.
- The proposal will likely be introduced in late January / early February, and is expected to address the following issues:
 - EMIS
 - Testing for CTE Students
 - Regulations applying to CTE substitute teachers
 - Post-secondary credit options for CTE students
 - Regulations applying to adult teaching certificates

Ohio Technical Centers / Adult Education

- Back in 2000, funding under the OTC line item was appx. \$23,230,243. This number has decreased over 30% and is now roughly \$16,500,000.
- Given the state's emphasis on workforce development and the "skills gap," we seek to restore the OTC line item to FY 2000 levels. This funding may include:
 - \$3 million for customized training
 - \$200,000 for OTC marketing
- OTCs also seek to become eligible for short-term certificate funding, and increase the short-term certificate line-item from \$5 to \$10 million.

Additional Initiatives

- This legislative agenda is robust, but we are always interested in your feedback. Is there something more we can do to make CTE more successful in Ohio?
- Over the years, this group has built a tremendous amount of good will amongst members of the Ohio General Assembly and the Governor's Office. So please let your Association leadership know how Ohio ACTE can advocate for you, your school, your community, your industries, and your students!

QUESTIONS

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