



Week of July 22, 2024

DeWine signs several education bills into law

Gov. Mike DeWine over the previous weeks has signed into law the following bills:

- [Senate Bill \(SB\) 168](#) – education deregulation and flexibilities;
- [House Bill \(HB\) 2](#) – the \$4.2 billion capital appropriations bill, which contains \$600 million in OFCC funding;
- [SB 29](#) – student technology records and access to information on school-issued devices;
- [HB 147](#) – cash payments at school events and athletic transfer eligibility;
- [HB 214](#) – political speech protections for school staff and three religious expression days;
- [SB 112](#) – required update of protective door assemblies;
- [HB 47](#) – required AED placement in schools and at school events and required AED training; and
- [SB 98](#) – property tax abatements and exemptions.

Senate sets remainder of schedule for 2024

The Ohio Senate recently announced its legislative schedule for the second half of 2024, resulting in lame duck meetings only. The upper chamber will meet on Nov. 13 and 20 and Dec. 4, 11, and 18. The House, meanwhile, has yet to announce its schedule for the remainder of the year.

Heard around the Statehouse

“I believe wholeheartedly Donald Trump and Butler County’s JD Vance are the last chance to save our country politically. I’m afraid if we lose this one, it’s going to take a civil war to save the country, and it will be saved.” - Ohio State Sen. **George Lang**, speaking at a rally for Vice Presidential nominee and current U.S. Senator JD Vance. Lang later issued an apology for his remarks.