

BASA Update

August 2024



Ohio's Superintendent Association

Your BASA Team



The Mission

*The mission of the **Buckeye Association of School Administrators** is to **inspire and support its members, develop exemplary school system leaders and advocate for public education.***

STRS Update

- **STRS remains fiscally solvent**
- **STRS members have elected “Reform” members who now hold a majority (support retirement at 30 years and COLA’s)**
- **2 board members have been sued by the AG’s office, which also represents the board itself**
- **1 reform member’s term expires in September, and that is the Governor’s appointee, who he will not reappoint**
- **CEO Bill Neville remains on paid leave after the investigation into a hostile working environment was completed and no evidence was found. Lynn Hoover is the interim CEO.**

Levy Guidance Reminder

Ohio law prohibits use of public funds or public time to influence a levy or bond campaign (ORC 9.03; ORC 3315.07)

November 2021 – unique legal action against a Superintendent and Board members

Provide only **FACTUAL information** about a levy or bond issue

Do NOT advocate for a levy or bond issue on public time

Advocacy can only occur on **personal time** (e.g., using a vacation day or other non-work time)

The burden is on YOU to show that you were using personal time

Do not allow vendors (architects, PR firms, research firms) to engage in conduct that influences the outcome of a levy or bond issue under a district contract

BASA Services



**Professional
Development**



**Legislative
Lobbying efforts**



**Immediate
Assistance daily**



**BASA
Committees**



**Legal Assistance
Fund**



**General
Questions**

**BASA
Professional
Learning**

New Superintendent's Transition program

OSLI (Ohio School Leadership Institute)

BASA Fall Conference

Women's Conference

OALSS Conference

Finance Workshops

Mentor Coaches

State and National conferences

And many more....





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SAVE THE DATES

2024 BASA FALL CONFERENCE

October 1-2, 2024 • Hilton Polaris, Columbus, Ohio

**Innovate, Elevate, Celebrate:
The Power of Positive Leadership**

Get Involved

BASA Committees

- **Career and Technology**
- **Communications**
- **Department of Higher Education**
- **Equity and Diversity**
- **ESC**
- **Exceptional Children**
- **Finance**
- **Legislative**
- **OHSAA**
- **Report Card**
- **STRS**
- **Department of Education and Workforce**
- **Technology**
- **Women's Outreach**

BASA Legal Assistance

- **Available when there are contract issues with you and your Board**
- **Funds are available as a benefit to members**

BASA
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Recently Signed Bills



HB 2 – The Capital Budget

*Reps. Cutrona (R)
and Upchurch (R)*

\$4.2 billion capital appropriations bill

\$600 million in OFCC funding

\$700 million in one-time project funding for public and private community projects

HB 47 – AED's

*Reps. Brown (R)
and Bird (R)*

Requires the placement of **automatic external defibrillators (AEDs)** each **public and chartered nonpublic school**; Each municipal sports and recreation location, except in townships and villages with populations of less than 5,000.

Requires each **public and chartered nonpublic school** and **youth sports organization**, before each athletic season, to hold an **informational meeting** regarding the symptoms and warning signs of **sudden cardiac arrest** for student and youth athletes.

HB 147 – Cash Payments

*Reps. Fowler
Arthur (R) and
Miller (D)*

Requires ticket prices at school events for students to be cheaper than the adult price

Prohibits different ticket prices based on the payment method (cash or credit)

Applies these provisions to OHSAA events

Permits students who have been victims of bullying or other specified crimes or offenses to participate in interscholastic athletics at a different school, subject to the approval of the receiving school's superintendent

Requires public schools to pay a pre-K teacher a \$1,200 stipend for completing the required Science of Reading professional development (this provision was an oversight in previous legislation and was added here to correct that oversight)

HB 214 – Policy on School Staff

Rep. Holmes (R)

Requires each district adopt a **policy** setting forth expectations and standards for all **professional staff members** related to **specific beliefs, affiliations, ideals or principles concerning political movements or ideology**

Requires all policies, guidance, and training materials on all matters regarding the above topics be made publicly available

And ... SB 49 was also added to this bill.

HB 214 – Policy on School Staff

Rep. Holmes (R)

From SB 49

Requires each school district, community school, STEM school, and college-preparatory boarding school to adopt a policy that reasonably accommodates the sincerely held religious beliefs and practices of students that includes permitting up to three excused absences for religious expression days.

SB 29 – Student Technology Records

Sen. S. Huffman (R)

Prohibits technology providers from selling, sharing, or disseminating student educational records that were created, received, maintained, or disseminated by a technology provider

Prohibits technology providers from using those records for any commercial purpose

Requires districts to annually notify parents and students by August 1 of the technology providers (curriculum, testing, etc.) with access to educational records and to identify the affected records

SB 29 – Student Technology Records

Sen. S. Huffman (R)

Requires that, when a school elects to **monitor a school-issued device** for an allowable purpose, the school must provide **annual notice** of that fact to its students' parent and provide notice to parents within **72 hours** if schools detect their **child/guardian accessing any questionable material**.

SB 112 – Protective Door Assemblies

Sen. Rulli (R)

Requires protective door assemblies in certain school buildings to comply with the standards of the 2015 National Life Safety Code or similar standards in effect at the time the protective door assembly was installed.

Each door must be inspected annually (most likely by the fire marshal)

Schools must correct any issues or could be subject to fines

Have your maintenance department inspect door hardware before these inspections and address any issues.

SB 168 – Education Deregulation and Flexibility

Sen. Reynolds (R)

Allows schools to develop new, alternative teacher and principal evaluation frameworks in lieu of OTES and OPES

Modifies the upper-level grade band from 6-12 to 7-12

Increases the competitive bidding threshold to \$75,000

Prohibits a district from being eligible for state transportation fines if it provides supervised academic services to affected students promptly after school for no more than 60 minutes after the end of the school day

SB 168 – Education Deregulation and Flexibility

Sen. Reynolds (R)

Requires the issuance of an alternative resident educator license to an individual who

- (1) holds at least a master’s degree in and has successfully completed an exam prescribed by the State Board for the subject area in which the individual will teach, and**
- (2) completes a pedagogical training institute to renew that license**

**135th
General
Assembly
*Current
Legislation***



Current Legislation

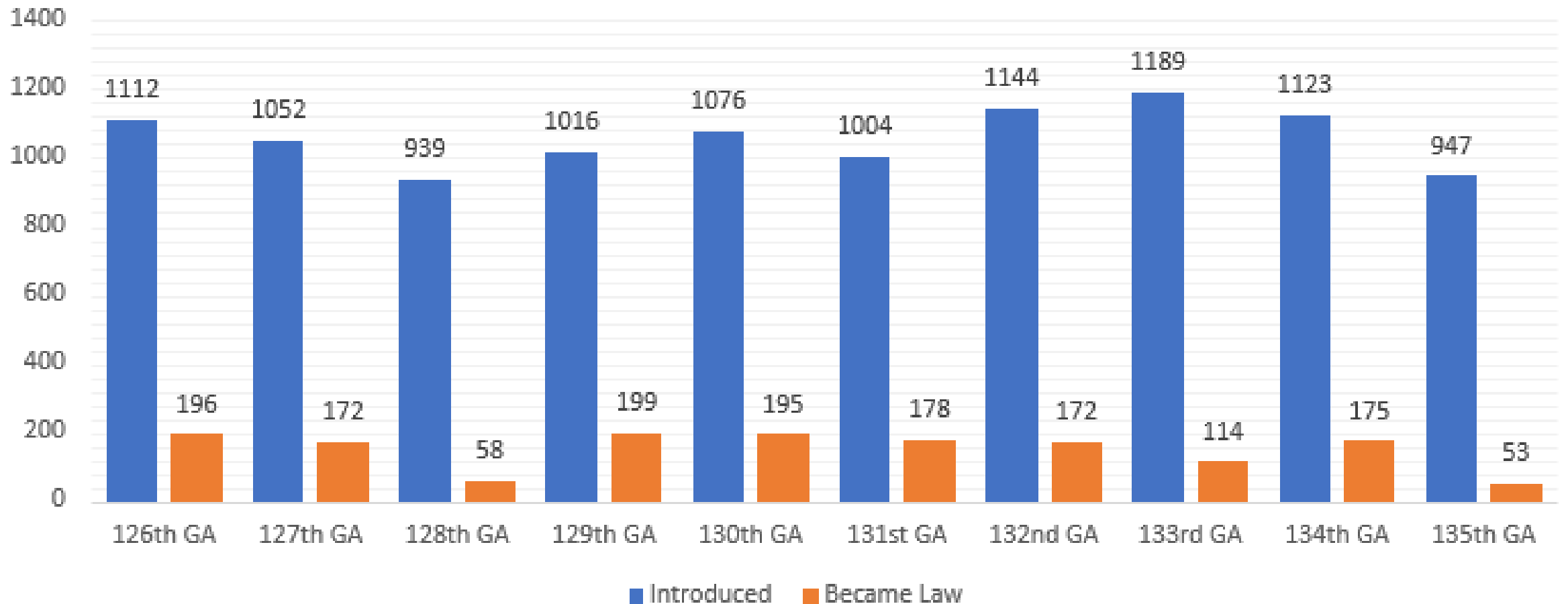
[Link to Ohio General Assembly legislative search engine](#)

**135th
General
Assembly**
What's next....



The 135th General Assembly

Bills Introduced and Enacted



State Legislative Campaigns

All 99 House districts are up for election

16 of the 33 Senate districts are up for election

No legislative action is expected until after the election on November 5

Race for Speaker and Senate President

Speaker Stephens' control of House campaign funds in jeopardy, subject to lawsuit

Speaker Stephens and President Huffman are courting House incumbents and candidates for support

Private, informal speaker vote to occur after November general election

Sen. Rob McColley likely to be next Senate President; Sen. Jerry Cirino likely to be Finance Chairman

Lame Duck Agenda

Five Senate session dates remain, beginning on Nov. 13

House has yet to announce its second half of the year's schedule

Remaining legislative items with potential for enactment:

HB 8 – Parents Bill of Rights

SB 104 – CCP and the Bathroom Bill

HB 432 – CTE Educator License Flexibility

Property tax reform as more counties undergo update/reappraisal this year

The Biennial Budget

FY 26 and FY 27



FY 24 Bottom Line

Plus \$644 Million*

Tax revenues fell **\$485 million** short of projections

“Other revenues” were **\$349 million** ahead of projections

Federal grant revenues were **\$ 808 million** below projections for the fiscal year

Total GRF revenues were **\$943.5 million** below estimates for the fiscal year

GRF expenditures were **\$1.588 billion** below estimates for the fiscal year

*Source – *On the Money* (Hannah News) by Dr. Howard Fleeter

Biennial Budget

Final budget for Gov. DeWine and Lt. Gov. Husted amid declining tax revenues (nearly half a billion in FY24)

Administration to focus on continuation of Science of Reading and new commitment to “Science of Math;” deepened approach at career planning for students, and possibly computer science education

Legislature to likely further expand vouchers and possibly provide state support to private schools for facility renovation or construction

Potential push from legislature to address property tax reform amid consistently increasing property values

Fair School Funding Plan

BASA Priorities for Budget Process

Implement final two years of Fair School Funding Plan (years 5 and 6)

Update inputs to reflect most recent available data (FY 24)

Update funding model for ESC's

Review reports on special education and DPIA funding

Stay “*In the Know*”

BASA Weekly Resources

*Visit the [Legislative Tab](#) on the **BASA Website***

***Week In Review** – a weekly update (posted on Monday) that recaps news from the previous week that impacts schools, our staff, and our students*

***House and Senate Legislation** – BASA tracks many bills on a weekly basis. This tab on our website is updated each Monday and provides the latest information on each bill that impacts education in Ohio.*

***Use these resources** – These resources are for the use of members and are a great way to keep your BOE, leadership team, and staff “in the know” on everything happening at the Statehouse.*



*Practice the
Fundamentals
important reminders*



It's an election year...

Back to School Reminders

It's a good idea to remind staff about your BOE policies and administrative guidelines surrounding elections and controversial topics.

The newly enacted SB 214 prohibits districts from: soliciting or requiring employees, students, and others to affirmatively ascribe to specific beliefs, affiliations, ideals, or principles concerning political movements or ideology

All staff need to be very careful sharing any personal beliefs or affiliations

Loyalty Matters

Back to School Reminders



Crisis management

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Crisis management is an important part of leadership

Remind staff to ask before making decisions, especially in times of crisis or controversy

Ask you supervisor, call BASA, consult with an attorney

Remember – an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure

Don't make a difficult decision worse

Public Records

Back to School Reminders

Review

Review public records law with your team

Remember

Remember – almost everything is a public record, including many text messages

Be

Be careful and think before you hit “send”

Practical Tips

Back to School Reminders



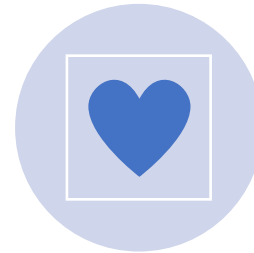
Speak the truth – even when it is difficult



Do not avoid difficult situations



Do not respond to angry emails with an email – emails are permanent – pick up the phone!



Practice Empathy

Public Speaking Matters

*Always be
ready*

*The power
of threes*

Practice

*The power
of story*

Taking Care of You

Back to School Reminders



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Mental Wellness

Financial Wellness

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