

## **BILLS BEING MONITORED:**

### **HB 322:**

Full Title: "To amend sections 3301.079, 3314.03, and 3326.11 and to enact sections 3313.6027, 3313.6028, and 3313.6029 of the Revised Code regarding the teaching of certain current events and certain concepts regarding race and sex in public schools."

- Short Title: Regards the teaching of certain current events, race, and sex
- Full Text: [HB 322 Full Text](#)
- Summary/Analysis: [HB 322 Summary/Analysis](#)
- Hearings: [June 2021, September 2021](#)
- Current Status: [Refer to Committee \(State and Local Government\)](#)
- Response: [OSPA testimony \(opponent\)](#)

### **HB 327:**

Full Title: "To amend sections 3314.03 and 3326.11 and to enact sections 3313.6027 and 4113.35 of the Revised Code to prohibit school districts, community schools, STEM schools, and state agencies from teaching, advocating, or promoting divisive concepts."

- Short Title: Prohibit teaching, advocating, or promoting divisive concepts
- Full Text: [HB 327 Full Text](#)
- Summary: [HB 327 Summary/Analysis](#) [HB 327 Substitute Version Comparison](#)
- Hearings: [June 2021, September 2021, October 2021, February 2022](#)
- Current status: [Refer to Committee \(State and Local Government\)](#)
- Response: [OSPA Testimony \(opponent\)](#)

### **HB 454**

Full Title: To enact sections 3129.01, 3129.02, 3129.03, 3129.04, 3129.05, 3129.06, 3129.07, and 3129.08 of the Revised Code to prohibit certain procedures to alter a minor child's sex and to designate this act as the Save Adolescents from Experimentation (SAFE) Act.

- Short Title: Enact the Save Adolescents from Experimentation (SAFE) Act
- Full Text: [HB 454 Full Text](#)
- Summary: [HB 454 Summary/Analysis](#)
- Hearings: [February 2022](#)
- Current Status: [Refer to Committee \(Families, Aging, and Human Services\)](#)
- Response: OSPA Testimony (opponent)

### **HB 497:**

Full Title: "To amend sections 3301.0711, 3301.163, and 3313.608 of the Revised Code to eliminate retention under the Third Grade Reading Guarantee."

- Short Title: Eliminate retention under the Third Grade Reading Guarantee
- Full Text: [HB 497 Full Text](#)
- Summary: [HB 497 Summary/Analysis](#)
- Hearings: [March 2022](#)
- Current Status: [Referred to Committee \(Primary and Secondary Education\)](#)
- Response: OSPA Testimony is in development for next hearings (proponent)

### **HB 509:**

Full Title: "To amend sections 1716.05, 1716.08, 1716.99, 4717.05, 4723.01, 4723.08, 4723.091, 4723.092, 4723.72, 4723.73, 4723.75, 4723.79, 4723.88, 4725.16, 4725.17, 4725.171, 4725.19, 4725.34, 4725.48, 4725.51, 4725.52, 4725.53, 4729.12, 4732.14, 4732.141, 4732.142, 4757.02, 4757.22, 4757.27,

4757.301, 4765.55, 4779.03, 5126.22, and 5126.25; to enact sections 4725.231, 4725.541, and 4798.05; and to repeal sections 4723.76 and 4779.18 of the Revised Code to revise and streamline the state's occupational regulations.”

- Short Title: Revise and streamline occupational regulations
- Full Text: [HB 509 Text \(as passed by House\)](#)
- Summary: [HB 509 Summary/Analysis \(as passed by House\)](#)
- Hearings: [March 2022](#)
- Current Status: [Passed House on 3.22.22, Refer to Senate Committee \(Workforce and Higher Education\)](#)
- Response: OSPA opposes these changes. Formal testimony was not submitted, as it moved very quickly through the house. We are meeting, in collaboration with OPA, to discuss concerns with the Senate.

#### [HB 616:](#)

Full Title: To amend sections 3313.21, 3314.03, and 3326.11 and to enact section 3313.6029 of the Revised Code regarding the promotion and teaching of divisive or inherently racist concepts in public schools.

- Short Title: Regards promotion, teaching-divisive, inherently racist concepts
- Full Text: [Full HB 616 Text](#)
- Summary: [HB 616 Summary/Analysis](#)
- Hearings: [None](#)
- Current Status: [Introduced](#)
- Response: [OSPA Testimony \(opponent\)](#)

#### [HB 619:](#)

Full Title: To enact section 3321.042 of the Revised Code to allow school districts to permit students to take up to three mental health days away from school each school year.

- Short Title: Allows school districts to permit student mental health days
- Full Text: [HB 619 Full Text](#)
- Summary: Summary/Analysis document unavailable. Provides up to three days of excused absence without documentation or penalty under 410, with some blackout dates, and a district may refer students using these days for mental health supports.
- Hearings: [None](#)
- Current Status: [Introduced](#)
- Response: Forthcoming

#### **ADDITIONAL:**

Have been reviewing mailings and advocacy from [Honesty for Ohio Education](#) (<https://www.honestyforohioeducation.org/>), a nonpartisan coalition that aligns with many of our ideals and advocacy efforts. After being on the mailing list for over a month, they appear to be a solid organization with a broad outreach and actionable advocacy suggestions. I would recommend OSPA consider joining the coalition.