

## **March 2021 Legislative Report**

*“Yes. You are preaching to the choir. Teaching to a test underestimates and discounts the things that are most important for students to know.”*

- Joe Biden in 2019 when asked if he'd commit to ending standardized testing.

[States Still Must Give Standardized Tests This Year, Biden Administration Announces](#)

[Contact President Biden](#), and tell him about himself.

**House Bill 1, the Fair School Funding Plan:** OEA has thrown its support behind this bill, and says, “the Fair School Funding Plan seeks to base decision making on identifiable student needs and the actual cost of providing a high-quality education. The funding plan would provide an additional \$1.99 billion more in state aid annually when fully phased in and provides about 70% of the increased funds to the poorest urban, small town, and rural districts in the state. Additionally, the bill direct funds charters and vouchers, rather than the current pass-through funding system.”

**House Bill 67:** Revised since the Biden administration refused to cancel testing, this bill would eliminate the high school American History test, allow students to use course grades for test scores for all high school tests, and extend the testing window, [among other things](#).

HB67 passed out of committee on Wednesday March 3rd, and passed the House the next day. However, House Democrats failed to support an “Emergency Clause” so the bill would not take effect until the end of June, which creates significant problems. This could happen in the Senate. [HB67 will have its first hearing in the Senate Education Committee on Tuesday](#).

Contact Senate Education Committee Chair [Andrew Brenner](#) to voice your support.

**The former House Bill 529:** Still awaiting a bill number, Representatives Joe Miller and Michelle Lepore-Hagan have [reintroduced legislation](#) to audit Academic Distress Commissions. These organizations, product of HB70 style state takeovers, currently operate with absolutely no oversight by the community.

**ECOT:** The Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow refuses to go quietly. The negligent E-school has [appealed its repayment](#) of \$80 million dollars for services not rendered in the Ohio Supreme Court.