

February 2022 Legislative Report

“Short Month, Short Report” OR “This guy is really phoning it in.”

Senate Bill 168 passed the Senate on Wednesday, February 9th. [The bill](#) would create a new position of school safety designee, permitted to carry firearms in a school safety zone. It also eliminates the 700 hour training requirement for teachers and other staff.

An update on House Bill 327: The bill that would prohibit the teaching of “divisive concepts,” those that might make students uncomfortable, is still in committee. This means it still needs a vote there, before going before the full House, then Senate, and finally the Governor.

STRS COLA: State Senator Teresa Fedor (D), who is also a [candidate for Lieutenant Governor](#) on the primary ballot with John Cranley, has proposed legislation that would [return transparency to the State Teacher Retirement System](#), and return cost of living increases for retired teachers.

Ohio Supreme Court once again rejects Republicans redistricting maps. Siding with Ohio voters, [the Court proves they’re not cool with gerrymandering](#). The Redistricting Commission has until the 17th to deliver equitable maps.

[OEA](#) has been very vocal regarding the need for fair redistricting.

“The Ohio Education Association celebrates the courage of the four State Supreme Court justices who have demonstrated their steadfast commitment to upholding the law and defending the will of the people.”

Posting Curriculum Online: While the bill has yet to be heard, the [Ohio House Education Committee](#) lists House Bill 529, which would require district curriculum to be made public. Similar bills have been proposed in other states.

2 Year School Board Terms: Republican Rep Mike Loychik (R) is targeting what he believes are “reckless” school board members who need more accountability. In the interest of this pursuit he is proposing a bill that would [decrease the terms served by local school board members from 4 years to 2 years](#). The bill has yet to be assigned to committee and does not yet have a number.