

S.B. 6

Partnership for Continued Learning

126th General Assembly Bill Summary

Sponsor: Senator Joy Padgett (R – Coshocton)

Status: Enacted

Background:

- The Governor’s Commission on Higher Education and the Economy recommended that the Governor reconstitute the Joint Council of the State Board of Education and the Ohio Board of Regents and to designate it as the state’s primary P-16 advisory body.
- Senate Bill 6 is the response to this CHEE recommendation. The main provision of the bill is the creation of The Partnership for Continued Learning. This new collaborative partnership will replace the Joint Council which was formed in 1997 in response to recommendations from the Secondary and Higher Education Remediation Advisory Commission.
- Senate Bill 6 has been designated as a priority bill for the 126th General Assembly. A companion bill, House Bill 6 has also been introduced by Rep. Jimmy Stewart.

What This Bill Does:

- The Partnership for Continued Learning, established in Senate Bill 6, will make recommendations for ways to better prepare Ohio's future workforce by developing improved coordination between the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Board of Regents.
- The advisory council would consist of the following members:
 - the Governor
 - the Superintendent of Public Instruction
 - the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents
 - the Director of the Department of Development
 - three representatives from the private sector, appointed by the Governor
 - two representatives of organizations that have formed regional partnerships to foster collaboration among providers of preschool through postsecondary education, appointed by the Governor
 - one member of the Student Access and Success Coordinating council of Ohio, appointed by the Governor
 - one member of the State Board of Education, appointed by the Governor
 - one member of the Ohio Board of Regents, appointed by the Governor

- one member of the state Workforce Policy Board, appointed by the Governor
- the chairpersons and ranking minority members of the House and Senate Education committees
- The Partnership for Continued Learning will focus on crafting recommendations in areas including:
 - increasing opportunities for students to earn credit toward a degree during high school
 - expanding access to workforce development programs through school districts and colleges and universities
 - expanding access to programs to overcome financial, cultural and organizational barriers preventing students from obtaining a post-secondary education
 - strategies for retaining graduates of Ohio's colleges and universities and workers from outside of Ohio
 - expansion of access to early learning opportunities for children under five years of age
 - alignment of high school academic content standards, assessments and graduation requirements with expectations of colleges and employers (ACT, SAT, and American Diploma Project efforts)
 - alignment of teacher education programs at Ohio's colleges and universities with the needs and expectations of school districts
 - continuous learning as a component of a productive work life in Ohio

Additional information about this bill:

To access the bill in its entirety, click on or visit the following link:

http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/BillText126/126_SB_6_I_Y.pdf

Bill Analysis:

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