

Special Resolution
Opposition to Senate Bill 1

Whereas, [Senate Bill 1 in the 135th Ohio General Assembly](#) proposes “to rename the Department of Education as the Department of Education and Workforce; to create the position of Director of Education and Workforce; and to reform the functions and responsibilities of the State Board of Education (SBOE) and the Superintendent of Public Instruction.”;

Whereas, the proposed reorganization would effectively eliminate the public’s voice through the elected State Board of Education and would dilute the voice of Ohio educators in state-wide curricular and education decisions;

Whereas the control of the new agency would be under the power of the Governor and the Executive Branch of the State of Ohio;

Whereas, the Executive Branch already has considerable influence on the SBOE by appointing eight Board members;

Be it resolved, the Ohio Federation of Teachers (OFT) moves to oppose Senate Bill 1 reorganizing the State Board of Education and transferring responsibilities to the Governor and the Executive Branch of the State of Ohio.