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## State Budget Includes Teacher “Externships” Requirement for Licensure Renewal

There’s a provision in the Governor’s proposed budget for FY 2018-2019 (HB) 49 that would require teachers to complete an on-site work experience with a local business or chamber of commerce as a condition of licensure renewal beginning September 1, 2018. This work would count toward the continuing education requirement. Local professional development committees would be responsible for identifying work experience opportunities to fulfill this provision.

This proposal is one of many recommendations from the Governor’s Executive Workforce Board that were included in the budget bill.

OEA is strongly opposed to requiring teachers to complete an on-site work experience with local businesses as a condition for licensure renewal. To make your voice heard, [take action today](#) by contacting your legislators!

## HB 53: Public Sector Right to Work IS WRONG

A public sector right to work IS WRONG bill has been introduced in the Ohio House. HB 53 (R-Becker) has been assigned to the House Finance Committee, but is not expected to get traction. A similar bill was introduced in the last Ohio General Assembly but did not receive a hearing.

In response to press inquiries this week, House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger stated that HB 53 is not a focus of leadership. Further, the speaker said many in the legislature remember what happened with the last attempt at similar legislation (SB 5, 129th General Assembly), which was repealed by voters.

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