

## OHIO PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST

6/17/2021

Ohio Representative Sarah Fowler Arthur (R – 99)  
77 South High Street  
12th Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215

### Re: HB 322 & HB 327

To Whom It May Concern,

Pursuant to the Ohio Open Records Law (O.R.C. 149.43) I am writing to request copies of the following public records from your office:

- 1) Any records relating to House Bill 327 in the 134<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (HB 327 'Prohibit teaching, advocating, or promoting divisive concepts') sponsored by Ohio Rep. Diane V. Grendell and Ohio Rep. Sarah Fowler Arthur.
- 2) Any records relating to House Bill 322 in the 134<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (HB 322 'Regards the teaching of certain current events, race, and sex') sponsored by Ohio Rep. Don Jones.
- 3) Any records relating to the origins of draft, sample, or pre-written (i.e., boilerplate or template) texts that were included in HB 322 and HB 327 as introduced or amended.
- 4) Any records relating to co-sponsors, supporters, proponents, or advocates requesting the drafting and/or introduction of HB 322 and HB 327.
- 5) Any records relating to meetings, conferences, workshops, symposia, luncheons, or similar meetings where HB 322 and/or HB 327 was the subject of discussion.
- 6) Any records relating to the creation, drafting, or revision of documents which were used to write HB 322 and HB 327, including any records which informed the drafting of either bill prior to their official introduction as HB 322 and HB 327.
- 7) Any records which include references to “Critical Race Theory” and/or “CRT”.
- 8) A copy of the retention schedule for your office.

This request covers from July 1, 2019, to the present.

I request that copies be made on paper or provided as electronic documents, whichever is easier for your office. I would like to receive the copies by U.S. mail or e-mail attachment to the address listed at the bottom of this request.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request if the cost exceeds \$20. I respectfully request that you waive those costs in this case as this disclosure will significantly contribute to the public's understanding of debates around educational issues in Ohio. This information is not being sought for commercial purposes and will be made available to the general public.

If you believe any of the above requests are ambiguous, overly broad, or insufficiently specific for you to identify the records requested, please contact me to explain how you organize and access that category of record so that I can try to revise the request with more specificity. I would like to respect your time and resources by making this request as understandable and easy to comply with as possible. If any records are withheld or redacted, please make clear the explanation, including legal authority, that is being asserted for each.

I request all responsive documents be delivered by July 9, 2021. If you expect a significant delay in fulfilling this request, please contact me with information about when I might expect copies of the requested records.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request, and please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or updates.

Sincerely,

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