

If Ohioans Permit the Legislature to Move the Powers, Responsibilities, and Authority of the State Board of Education to the Governor's Office, the Next Target of Power-Hungry Legislators Could Be the Local Boards of Education.

The Ohio Senate, the upper chamber of the veto-proof legislature, voted to transfer the state education agency to the governor's office; that way the legislature, contrary to the 1953 amendment to the Ohio Constitution, can have absolute control of state education policy. Due to the boundaries of legislative districts, current legislators are almost guaranteed re-election, regardless of what public policies they enact contrary to the Constitution.

This might not seem to be a major concern to local boards of education and school communities; but if state officials can neuter the State Board of Education, they can neuter local boards of education.