

Testimony submitted by Robert A. Neidert in support of SB 311

- The ODH has overstepped its original mandate, established in 1886 as stated “the act (SB90 of the 67th General Assembly) of creating this board conferred little or no power: and it is perhaps legitimate to infer that the intention was that its works should be educational.” Note below.
- This and subsequent bills gave the ODH extremely broad powers, some of which should be with the Ohio General Assembly.
- The results of the actions issued in March, 2020 have caused much distress to the citizens of Ohio among those are loss of employment, closure of churches, closure of schools, ‘education via Zoom’ (which proved to be non-existent) and business bankruptcies to name a few.
- The citizens of Ohio were forced to take unemployment compensation (dollars from the Federal Government which were created ‘out of thin air’).
- Cities suffered with the loss of their tax revenues.
- As a result of the above and other issues, SB 311 was submitted to improve upon the section of the Ohio Revised Code pertaining to the ODH and its authority.
- As a final note, the General Assembly must be able to check any oversteps or overreaches of the legitimate authority of a department or the governor.