



### **Statement Regarding Amended Substitute House Bill 1 as Passed by the Ohio House**

Approved by the OAGC Governing Board on May 27, 2009.

The Ohio Association for Gifted Children (OAGC) is both pleased and gratified that the members of both parties in the Ohio House listened to our concerns about the grave consequences of using the funding method proposed in the introduced version of House Bill 1. The overall method of funding for gifted education in the House passed version of House Bill 1 (HB 1) is a significant improvement over the introduced bill and reflects best-practice and cost based evidence. OAGC believes that the multi-part gifted education component in HB 1, if fully funded and if accompanied by appropriate service and funding accountability measures, will result in a system that could provide adequate levels of funding and services to every Ohio gifted student regardless of where they live. This is the first time in the twenty-five years since the Ohio General Assembly mandated the identification of gifted students, that a legislative body has acknowledged the full cost of appropriately serving gifted students in Ohio. OAGC supports the gifted funding plan in the House version of HB 1 over the gifted funding plan in the introduced version of HB1. The OAGC governing board looks forward to working with state policy makers to ensure this plan is implemented in a manner that best supports a fully-funded service mandate for Ohio's gifted students.

Please see the OAGC full statement regarding Amended Substitute House Bill 1 for a full list of OAGC positions. This statement is available at [www.oagc.com](http://www.oagc.com).

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