

Ohio House Votes, 112-0, For Toledo Medical School

Measure Sent To Senate; Hearings Set

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COLUMBUS, Nov. 12—The Ohio House of Representatives yesterday unanimously passed a bill creating a Toledo state college of medicine. The vote was 112 to 0, and the measure now goes to the Senate.

The bill was passed as an emergency measure, which required a two-thirds majority to avoid the customary 90-day delay in putting the bill into effect. If the measure clears the Senate by the required majority, Governor Rhodes can get the medical school under way at once by appointing a board of trustees.

Sen. Ross Pepple (R., Lima), chairman of the Senate Education Committee, said he does not expect trouble in the Senate. He added that he supports the medical school.

The medical school bill is now before the Senate State Government Committee, headed by Sen. Theodore M. Gray (R., Piqua). A hearing will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday.

No Trouble Expected

Senator Gray said he is not familiar with the medical school bill and does not know how his committee will react to it. But he said that since the measure has the support of the governor it should have little difficulty in his committee.

The Cleveland state university bill and the Toledo measure were separated after leaving the House, in order not to overload Senate committees with House business. Senator Pepple's committee got the Cleveland bill.

Rep. Ray Hildebrand (R., Toledo) introduced the Toledo medical college bill as its sponsor and emphasized that the need for such a facility in Toledo is widely recognized. He said that the college would be of great value to northwestern Ohio and added that speedy passage is required so that application can be made for federal financial help.

Following passage of the bill, the name of Rep. Mari-gene Valiquette (D., Toledo) was added as co-sponsor to give the measure bipartisan backing.

Need Is Great

Rep. Harold Oyster (R., Marietta), chairman of the Ohio Board of Regents, told the House the need for a fourth medical school in Ohio is so great that the regents could not wait for completion of the master plan for higher education in the state, and commissioned a special report from Dr. Kenneth Penrod, vice president for medical affairs of West Virginia University.

Dr. Oyster said the Penrod report stated that "there is unquestioned community interest in Toledo" in a medical school. The report, from which Dr. Oyster read at length, said that "Toledo has all the necessary attributes for the successful beginning of a new state medical school."

The Penrod report pointed out that a 500-bed teaching hospital would be a necessary adjunct to the medical school, and used this factor as a clinching argument for the selection of Toledo.

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On the basis of need for hospital beds, Toledo ranks 13th among the cities of the state, and ahead of the other five biggest cities. The report eliminated Akron and Dayton, the two chief competitors of Toledo, because they rank 46th and 52nd in hospital needs.

Rep. James D. Hapner (R., Hillsboro), voted against the emergency provision but for the measure on the final roll call.

Mr. Hapner, the only other House member to comment on the bill, remarked that Toledo apparently is being rewarded for its failure to provide itself with hospital space.

Dr. Oyster said that construction costs will be met in part by matching federal funds. He noted that the proposed \$275 million bond issue contains \$7.5 million earmarked for a start on medical school construction.

Dr. Oyster said the administration budget for the 1965-67 biennium will include operating money for the medical school. Initial operating expenses are not expected to be high since it will be four years before the first medical students are admitted.

The House apparently has named the medical facility. In recommending the school the regents avoided giving it a name, but throughout House Bill No. 7 it is specifically designated the "Toledo State College of Medicine."

Cleveland University Gets Quick Approval

A Cleveland state university—perhaps the most ambitious Ohio educational venture proposed in this century—passed both the House Education Committee and the House itself yesterday.

The vote in the committee after the hearing was unanimous, and the vote in the House was 109 to 2. The Cleveland measure also is on emergency bill.

Mayor Ralph Locher led a long list of Cleveland political, business, education, and labor leaders who urged support for the state university. Their testimony stated that Cuyahoga County will have 187,000 young people of college age by 1970.

Enrollment Rises

Despite the fact that Cuyahoga Community College opened last year, the number of Cuyahoga County students attending state universities increased from about 11,000 to more than 12,000—indicating that a Cleveland state university need not mean a damaging loss in enrollment to other universities.

The Cleveland state university is to take over Fenn College and begin operations next September.

The new university would have four colleges—liberal arts, education, business, and engineering. An initial enrollment of 8,000, with 11,000 to 12,000 in the second year, is expected. Tuition is to be less than that of the municipal universities, and well below that of the state's private colleges.

4 Sponsoring Representatives

In the House, the bill was backed by four sponsoring Cleveland representatives—two from each party—by Dr. Oyster and by Rep. Robert Longworth (R., Carrollton). Mr. Longworth said that some persons supposed he would oppose the bill because he is a teacher at Kent State University. He explained that he backed the Cleveland proposal because it will not reduce financial support of the other state universities. He said support for existing state universities is being increased, not decreased.

Rep. Myrl Shoemaker (D., Bourneville) said he supported the Cleveland school but predicted that its cost would result in higher state taxes. He added that he hopes "to see as many green lights (yes votes) then (when the time comes to raise taxes) as we are going to see now."

Mr. Hapner attacked the bill on grounds that the state is being asked to found a municipal university for Cleveland, while other cities had

done that job for themselves.

The two negative votes were cast by Mr. Hapner and Rep. Joseph Kainrad (D., Ravenna). Mr. Kainrad is from Portage County, the home of Kent State. Kent is said to be apprehensive about the establishment of another state university as near as Cleveland.