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**Featured News**

[**Ohio loses out on $20 million preschool grant, but Cleveland's plan gains $900,000 in local grants**](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2014/12/ohio_loses_out_on_20_million_p.html#incart_river) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

Cleveland lost out on $6 million to boost its preschool plans when federal officials selected other states, but not Ohio, in awarding $250 million in preschool development grants Wednesday. [PRE4CLE](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2014/03/cleveland_to_more_than_double.html), the partnership between the [Cleveland school district](http://www.clevelandmetroschools.org/site/default.aspx?PageID=1) and more than 30 community organizations, will instead use $900,000 in new local grants over the next three years to add more high-quality preschool seats for children in the city.

[**Ohio Board of Education backs ending ‘5 of 8’ staffing rule**](http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2014/12/09/state-board-education-vote.html) **Columbus Dispatch**

The Ohio Board of Education moved ahead yesterday with a plan to abolish school-staffing requirements that critics contend would allow districts to eliminate art teachers, librarians, counselors and other staff members. After more than two hours of debate, the board voted 14-5 to approve a resolution of intent to do away with a state requirement that schools have certain numbers of art, music and physical-education teachers, counselors, librarians, nurses, social workers and visiting teachers.

[**Kasich appointees dominated state school board vote to end requirements for school nurses, counselors and librarians**](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2014/12/kasich_appointees_dominated_st.html#incart_river) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

State school board members appointed by Gov. John Kasich dominated Tuesday's [vote to drop state requirements for school nurses, librarians and counselors](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2014/12/state_school_board_votes_against_requirements_for_schools_to_have_nurses_librarians_and_counselors.html) and leave staffing decisions to local school boards. The 11 members of the 19-person board that were appointed into their seats by Kasich voted 10-1 to kill the so-called "5 of 8" requirement the state has had for years.

[**'Invisible' Homeless Kids Challenge States**](http://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/blogs/stateline/2014/12/3/invisible-homeless-kids-challenge-states) **Pew Trusts**

Chances are you won’t see one of the nation’s fastest growing homeless populations camped out on a park bench or queuing up at a local shelter. One in 30 of American children is homeless—an all-time high of 2.5 million, according to a new report by the National Center on Family Homelessness (NCFH). But these kids are often invisible, crashing with their families on friends’ couches, sleeping in all-night diners or hopping from motel to motel from week to week.

**Federal, National and U.S. Department of Education**

[**Obama announces $1 billion investment for early childhood education**](http://www.pbs.org/newshour/rundown/obama-announcing-1-billion-investment-early-childhood-education/) **PBS**

Declaring early childhood education “one of the best investments we can make,” President Barack Obama on Wednesday followed up on a promise to expand early education opportunities for tens of thousands of children by announcing $1 billion in public-private spending on programs for young learners.

[**Spending Bill Would Fund Preschool Grants, But Not Race to Top**](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/campaign-k-12/2014/12/congress_funds_education_progr.html?cmp=ENL-EU-NEWS1)  **Education Week**

Congress unveiled its long-awaited spending bill Tuesday evening, which would fund most of the government, including the U.S. Department of Education and federally funded education programs, through September 2015. The measure, if adopted by both chambers and signed by President Barack Obama, would avert a government shutdown that could take place Dec. 11, when the current stopgap funding bill is set to expire. The House is tentatively scheduled to pass the bill Wednesday with the Senate following suit Thursday.

[**U.S. Supreme Court Weighs School Threats on Social Media**](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/school_law/2014/12/us_supreme_court_weighs_threat.html?utm_source=feedblitz&utm_medium=FeedBlitzRss&utm_campaign=theschoollawblog) **Education Week**

The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday wrestled with threats made on social media, with some justices worried about when school administrators might need to respond to such content, and others wondering whether the "reasonable teenager on the Internet" should be the standard for evaluating whether threats are serious.

[**Plan Aims to Improve Confined Juveniles' Education**](http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/wireStory/plan-aims-improve-confined-juveniles-education-27449966) **ABC News**

Attorney General [Eric Holder](http://abcnews.go.com/topics/news/whitehouse/eric-holder.htm) and Education Secretary [Arne Duncan](http://abcnews.go.com/topics/news/whitehouse/arne-duncan.htm) on Monday unveiled new guidance aimed at improving the quality of education for roughly 60,000 confined juveniles. The cabinet secretaries released a Correctional Education Guidance Package while touring a school for confined youth in Northern Virginia. Duncan and Holder said that improving quality education for all offenders ? but particularly younger ones ? has proven to be one of the best methods for preventing returns to prison.

**Ohio Legislation Update (recent bill action in red)**

**130th General Assembly**

***Introduced***

[**HB683**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_683)MEDICAID SCHOOL PROGRAM (Rep. Anne Gonzales) Regarding the Medicaid School Program **STATUS: Introduced**

***House***

[**HB 1**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_1)OHIO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT LAW (DERICKSON T, ROMANCHUK M) To require a local workforce investment area to use OhioMeansJobs as the local workforce investment area's job placement system, to rename county one-stop systems, and to make other changes to Ohio's Workforce Development Law **STATUS: Signed by Governor**

[**HB 4**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_4)LOCAL GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT GRANT PROGRAM (STAUTBERG P, BLESSING III L) To establish the Local Government Performance Measurement Grant Program **STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

[**HB 8**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_8)SCHOOL SAFETY LAWS (ROEGNER K, KUNZE S) To revise the school safety law **STATUS: (Passed by House) Referred to Senate Civil Justice Committee**

[**HB 10**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_10)FISCAL TOWNSHIPS-MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS FISCAL OFFICERS (HAGAN C) To establish education programs and continuing education requirements for the fiscal officers of townships and municipal corporations, to establish procedures for removing those fiscal officers, county treasurers, and county auditors from office **STATUS: (Passed by House) (Passed by Senate) House concurred with Senate amendments, Vote 52-36**

[**HB 14**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_14)SCHOOL RECORDS-ABUSED-NEGLECTED-DEPENDENT CHILD (PELANDA D) With respect to a school district's withholding or transfer to another district or school of the records of a child who is alleged or adjudicated an abused, neglected, or dependent child. **STATUS: Signed by Governor**

[**HB 16**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_16)HEAD INJURIES-YOUTH SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS (O'BRIEN S, HOTTINGER J) To correct a cross reference with regard to concussions and head injuries in athletic activities organized by youth sports organizations and to declare an emergency. **STATUS: (Passed by House) Referred to Senate Medicaid, Health & Human Services Committee**

[**HB 17**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_17)LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND (CERA J, GERBERRY R) To require that, for fiscal year 2014 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Local Government Fund must receive the same proportion of state tax revenue that the Fund received in fiscal year 2005. **STATUS: House Finance & Appropriations Committee**

[**HB 18**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_18)METAL DETECTORS-PUBLIC SCHOOLS (PATMON B) With respect to metal detectors in public schools **STATUS: House Education Committee**

[**HB 30**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_30)EDUCATORS LETTERS OF ADMONISHMENT (JOHNSON T) Regarding letters of admonishment to licensed educators **STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB 32**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_32)MINIMUM SCHOOL YEAR (HAYES B, PATMON B) To establish a minimum school year for school districts, STEM schools, and chartered nonpublic schools based on hours, rather than days, of instruction **STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB 50**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_50)CHILDREN'S' RIGHTS (HEARD T, MCGREGOR R) To protect the rights of children before and during custodial interrogations **STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House Judiciary Committee**

[**HB 58**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_58)STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERSHIP (GERBERRY R) To change the voting membership of the State Board of Education **STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB 59**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_59)BIENNIAL BUDGET (AMSTUTZ R) To make operating appropriations for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2015; to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs **STATUS: Signed by Governor**

[**HB 96**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_96)PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' COLLECTIVE BARGAINING LAW (STRAHORN F) To eliminate an exemption from the Public Employees' Collective Bargaining Law for specified educational employees **STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB 97**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_97)DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH (BRENNER A, LETSON T) To designate October as "Dyslexia Awareness Month” **STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee – Reported out; Passed by Senate**

[**HB 107**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_107)CAREER EXPLORATION INTERNSHIPS-TAX CREDIT (BAKER N) To authorize a tax credit for businesses that employ high school students in career exploration internships **STATUS: Signed by Governor**

[**HB 111**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_111)STATE UNIVERSITIES-STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS (DUFFEY M, STINZIANO M) To grant student members of the boards of trustees of state universities and the Northeast Ohio Medical University voting power and the authority to attend executive sessions **STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee**

[**HB 113**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_113)HIGH SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATION (ANTONIO N, HENNE M) To specify that school districts and chartered nonpublic schools may excuse from high school physical education students who participate in a school-sponsored athletic club **STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee – Reported out**

[**HB 115**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_115)LOCAL GOVERNMENT BRIDGE FUND (SCHURING K) To create the Local Government Bridge Fund for the purpose of providing grants to local governments up to the reduced amount of funds the government received in fiscal years 2012 and 2013 from the Local Government Fund **STATUS: House Finance & Appropriations Committee**

[**HB 127**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_127)CAREER-TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLED WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT MONTH (ADAMS R) To designate the month of March as "Career-Technical Education and Skilled Workforce Development Month” **STATUS: (Passed by House) Passed by Senate, Vote 31-0**

[**HB 152**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_152)RIGHT TO WORK-PUBLIC EMPLOYEES (MAAG R) To remove any requirement under the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Law that public employees join or pay dues to any employee organization **STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee**

[**HB 154**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_154)LOTTERY PROFITS-EDUCATION (GERBERRY R) To require that a portion of lottery profits be distributed annually on a per pupil basis to public and chartered nonpublic schools

**STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House Finance & Appropriations Committee**

[**HB 158**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_158)NONREFUNDABLE TAX CREDITS-NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS (BRENNER A, PATMON B) To authorize nonrefundable tax credits for donations to nonprofit entities providing scholarships to low-income students enrolling in nonpublic schools

**STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB 167**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_167)COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (HEARD T, GROSSMAN C) To authorize school districts with an average daily membership greater than 60,000 and located in a city with a population greater than 700,000 to levy property taxes, the revenue from which may be shared with partnering community schools **STATUS: Signed by Governor**

[**HB 168**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_168)CERTIFIED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS (HAGAN C) To create a subprogram of the Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Program that permits students to participate in certified apprenticeship programs **STATUS: Introduced**

[**HB 171**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_171)RELEASED TIME COURSES-RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION (MCCLAIN J, PATMON B) To permit public school students to attend and receive credit for released time courses in religious instruction conducted off school property during regular school hours **STATUS: Signed by Governor**

[**HB 175**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_175)OHIO STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE DATABASE (DOVILLA M) To require the Treasurer of State to establish the Ohio State Government Expenditure Database **STATUS: (Passed by House) Referred to Senate State Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

[**HB 178**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_178)SCHOOL SAFETY DRILLS (PHILLIPS D) To amend with respect to school safety drills

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee – Reported out as amended; Passed by Senate as amended on floor, Vote 31-0**

[**HB 180**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_180)CARDIAC ARREST-YOUTH ACTIVITIES (PILLICH C) With regard to sudden cardiac arrest in youth athletic activities **STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House Health & Aging Committee**

[**HB 181**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_181)PERSONAL IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION-STUDENT (BRENNER A) To prohibit submission of a student's personal identifiable information to the federal government without direct authorization of the local school board **STATUS: (Passed by House) Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**HB 193**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_193)HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS (BRENNER A) To revise current high school diploma requirements including state-administered assessments **STATUS: (Passed by House) Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**HB 209**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_209)FINISH FUND (RAMOS D) To create the Finish Fund and the Finish Reserve Fund to provide grants to students who are nearing completion of their bachelor's degrees and display financial need or hardship and to make an appropriation **STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House Finance & Appropriations Committee**

[**HB 211**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_211)LOTTERY PROFITS EDUCATION FUND REPORT (WILLIAMS S) To require the Director of the State Lottery Commission to prepare a report related to the Lottery Profits Education Fund **STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB 215**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_215)SCHOOL SAFETY (DEVITIS A) To authorize a board of education or governing authority of a school to enter into an agreement with a volunteer who is a current or retired law enforcement officer to patrol school premises to prevent or respond to a mass casualty event **STATUS: (Passed by House) Referred to Senate Finance Committee**

[**HB 216**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_216)SCHOOL INDEBTEDNESS (PATTERSON J) To forgive a school district's indebtedness to the Solvency Assistance Fund upon its voluntary consolidation with another district if specified conditions are satisfied **STATUS: House Education Committee – Bill Amended; Reported out**

[**HB 228**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_228) SCHOOL FUNDING (BRENNER A) To reform the system of funding elementary and secondary education **STATUS: House Education Committee – Reported out; Passed by House as amended on floor, Vote 83-4**

[**HB 237**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_237)COMMON CORE INITIATIVE (THOMPSON A) With respect to the Common Core Initiative academic standards and the distribution of student information **STATUS: House Education Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

[**HB 240**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_240)SPECIAL ELECTIONS (ADAMS J, BECKER J) To eliminate the ability to conduct special elections in February and August **STATUS: House Policy & Legislative Oversight Committee**

[**HB 241**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_241)SCHOOL EMPLOYEES-SEXUAL CONDUCT (HAGAN C) To prohibit an employee of a public or nonpublic school or institution of higher education from engaging in sexual conduct with a minor who is enrolled in or attends that public or nonpublic school **STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Criminal Justice Committee**

[**HB 242**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_242)HIGHER EDUCATION-PAY FORWARD-PAY BACK PROGRAM (HAGAN R, FOLEY M) To require the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents to consider creating a pilot program called "Pay Forward, Pay Back" to replace the current tuition system at state institutions of higher education and to declare an emergency **STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB 245**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_245)PROPERTY TAX ROLLBACK (BARBORAK N) To extend the 10% and 2.5% partial property tax "rollback" exemptions to new and replacement levies approved at the 2013 general election and to declare an emergency **STATUS: Referred to House Finance & Appropriations Committee**

[**HB 246**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_246)TAX DEDUCTION-COLLEGE GRADUATES (ROGERS J, BLAIR T) To allow recent college graduates to claim an income tax deduction for qualified higher education expenses and allow employers of recent college graduates to deduct the employer's costs of employing the graduate from the employer's gross receipts **STATUS: Referred to House Ways & Means Committee**

[**HB 256**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_256)HEALTH EDUCATION STANDARDS (SYKES V, WACHTMANN L) To require the State Board of Education to adopt national health education standards or to develop its own health education standards based on the national standards for grades kindergarten through twelve. **STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB 264**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_264)DIABETES CARE-SCHOOLS (WACHTMANN L, BARNES, JR. J) Regarding care for students with diabetes in schools **STATUS: Signed by Governor**

[**HB 267**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_267)HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION ELIGIBILITY (BARBORAK N) To extend eligibility for the homestead exemption to elderly or disabled homeowners who did not receive the exemption for 2013 and have $30,000 or more in Ohio adjusted gross income **STATUS: Referred to House Finance & Appropriations Committee**

[**HB 285**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_285)PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PENSION (BECKER J, LYNCH M) To provide that an individual retiring on or after the effective date of this act from one of the state's public retirement systems who is re-employed as a public employee will not receive the pension portion of the retirement allowance for the period of employment **STATUS: House Health & Aging Committee**

[**HB 290**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_290)SCHOOL PREMISES LIABILITY (STEBELTON G) Regarding the use of school district premises by members of the public and immunity from civil liability for a school district and schools when permitting members of the public to use school premises **STATUS: (Passed by House) Passed by Senate, Vote 25-6**

[**HB 293**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_293)SCHOOL DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION CONSOLIDATION PILOT PROGRAM (BRENNER A) To establish the School District Transportation Consolidation Pilot Program and to make an appropriation **STATUS: House Education Committee**

[**HB 294**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_294)SUPPORT SCHOOL CHOICE LICENSE PLATE (BRENNER A) To create a "Support School Choice" license plate **STATUS: House Transportation, Public Safety & Homeland Security Committee**

[**HB 296**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_296)SCHOOLS-EPINEPHRINE AUTOINJECTORS (JOHNSON T, DUFFEY M) To permit public schools to procure epinephrine autoinjectors in accordance with prescribed procedures and to exempt them from licensing requirements related to the possession of epinephrine autoinjectors **STATUS: Signed by Governor**

[**HB 299**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_299)PROPERTY VALUATION COMPLAINTS (GROSSMAN C) To require counties, municipal corporations, townships, and school boards that file complaints against the valuation of property they do not own to pass a resolution approving the complaint **STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House State & Local Government Committee**

[**HB 303**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_303)STUDENT RELIGIOUS EXPRESSION (HAYES B) Regarding student religious expression **STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB 304**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_304)PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES ACCESS (HAYES B) Regarding student access to public school facilities **STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB 321**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_321)DATAOHIO BOARD (DUFFEY M, HAGAN C) To create the DataOhio Board, and to specify requirements for posting public records online. **STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out**

[**HB 322**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_322)UNIFORM ACCOUNTING SYSTEM (DUFFEY M, HAGAN C) To require the Auditor of State to adopt rules regarding a uniform accounting system for public offices. **STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out**

[**HB 323**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_323)ONLINE PUBLIC DATA CATALOG (DUFFEY M, HAGAN C) To establish an online catalog of public data at data.Ohio.gov. **STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out**

[**HB 324**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_324)LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION EXCHANGE GRANT PROGRAM (DUFFEY M, HAGAN C) To establish the Local Government Information Exchange Grant Program and to make an appropriation. **STATUS: House Finance & Appropriations Committee – Substitute bill accepted & reported out; Passed by House, Vote 89-0**

[**HB 334**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_334)STUDENT EXPULSION (HAYES B, HOTTINGER J) With respect to the expulsion of a student from a school district, community school, or STEM school for actions that endanger the health and safety of other students or school employees and to declare an emergency. **STATUS: Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**HB 337**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_337)LOCAL GOVERNMENTS BUDGETING REQUIREMENTS (TERHAR L) To revise budgeting requirements that apply to local governments, mandate that certain actuarial standards be applied in political subdivisions that have independent retirement systems, and authorize the Auditor of State to impose sanctions **STATUS: Referred to House State & Local Government Committee**

[**HB 342**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_342)STRAIGHT A PROGRAM (BRENNER A, DRIEHAUS D) To permit an educational service center to be a partner or the lead applicant of an education consortia seeking a grant under the Straight A Program and to modify the goals of projects supported by the program. **STATUS: Signed by Governor**

[**HB 343**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_343)EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS-NON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES (STEBELTON G) Regarding educational programs for certain students and individuals who have not received a high school diploma. **STATUS: House Education Committee – Reported out**

[**HB 348**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_348)HIGHER EDUCATION-STUDENT HEALTH CARE PLAN REQUIREMENT (HENNE M, HAGAN C) To prohibit state institutions of higher education from requiring students to be covered by a health insurance policy or a health care benefits plan as a condition of enrollment or from automatically enrolling students in such policies or plans **STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB 362**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_362)STEM SCHOOLS (SCHERER G, DERICKSON T) To authorize the STEM Committee to grant a designation of STEM school equivalent to a community school or chartered nonpublic school and to make other revisions to the law regarding STEM schools **STATUS: Signed by Governor**

[**HB 367**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_367)OPIOID ABUSE PREVENTION INSTRUCTION-SCHOOLS (DRIEHAUS D, SPRAGUE R) To require the health curriculum of each school district to include instruction in prescription opioid abuse prevention **STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee – Reported out as amended; Passed by Senate, Vote 31-0**

[**HB 370**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_370)BOARDS OF EDUCATION-PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS (PHILLIPS D) To make a board of education of a school district or the governing board of an educational service center subject to the Prevailing Wage Law for public improvement contracts **STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB 374**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_374)STRAIGHT A PROGRAM (PATTERSON J, ROGERS J) To make an appropriation for additional funding for the Straight A Program **STATUS: Referred to House Finance & Appropriations Committee**

[**HB 376**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_376)OHIO RELIGIOUS FREEDOM RESTORATION ACT (DERICKSON T, PATMON B) To enact the Ohio Religious Freedom Restoration Act **STATUS: Referred to House Judiciary Committee**

[**HB 380**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_380)GENERAL REVENUE FUND-CASH TRANSFER (BOOSE T, GERBERRY R) To require the Director of Budget and Management to transfer cash from the General Revenue Fund to the Local Government Fund and to make an appropriation **STATUS: Referred to House Finance & Appropriations Committee**

[**HB 393**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_393)CAREER DECISION GUIDE PUBLICATION (BAKER N, LANDIS A) To require public high schools to publish annually a career decision guide in its newsletter or on its website **STATUS: Signed by Governor**

[**HB 403**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_403)CONCEALED CARRY HANDGUN LICENSE (BECKER J) To generally authorize a person who has a valid concealed handgun license to carry a handgun concealed into any publicly owned facility that is not a secure facility, to limit this general access with respect to a nonsecure school building so that it applies only if the person is a government official **STATUS: Referred to House State & Local Government Committee**

[**HB 405**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_405)INCOME TAX CREDIT-CERTAIN DEGREES (BUDISH A, HOTTINGER J) To grant an income tax credit to individuals who earn degrees in science, technology, engineering, or math-based fields of study **STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee**

[**HB 413**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_413)PARTNERSHIP FOR ASSESSMENT OF READINESS FOR COLLEGE AND CAREERS (STAUTBERG P, BRENNER A) To prohibit the administration of the assessments developed by the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers for the 2014-2015 school year, to prohibit the renewal of the state's memorandum of understanding with the Partnership, and to declare an emergency **STATUS: House Education Committee**

[**HB 416**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_416)CALAMITY DAYS INCREASE (BURKLEY T, HILL B) To permit payment in fiscal year 2015 to school districts and STEM schools that exceed, by up to four days, the number of permitted "calamity" days in fiscal year 2014 and to declare an emergency **STATUS: (Passed by House) (Passed by Senate) Conference Committee – Reported out; Senate approved, Vote 32-0; House approved, Vote 87-5**

[**HB 424**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_424)SOCIAL MEDIA PRIVACY LAWS-STUDENTS-SCHOOL DISTRICTS (BISHOFF H, HACKETT R) To prohibit employers and educational institutions from requiring an employee, applicant, student, or prospective student to provide access to any personal Internet account of the employee, applicant, student, or prospective student **STATUS: Referred to House Commerce, Labor & Technology Committee**

[**HB 426**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_426)PUBLIC EMPLOYEE WHISTLE-BLOWER (BARBORAK N, PILLICH C) To prohibit an appointing authority from taking disciplinary action against public employees who report a noncriminal law violation or misuse of public resources to the Inspector General **STATUS: Referred to House State & Local Government Committee**

[**HB 428**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_428)JVS BOARDS OF EDUCATION-TERMS OF OFFICE (ANIELSKI M) To revise the law regarding terms of office of members of certain joint vocational school district boards of education **STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB 437**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_437)CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION INSTRUCTION (HAGAN C, RAMOS D) With respect to age-appropriate student instruction in child sexual abuse and sexual violence prevention and in-service staff training in child sexual abuse prevention **STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB 439**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_439)WHISTLE-BLOWER PROTECTION-PUBLIC EMPLOYEES (DOVILLA M, HAYES B) To prohibit an appointing authority from taking disciplinary action against certain public employees who report a noncriminal law violation or misuse of public resources to the Inspector General **STATUS: Referred to House State & Local Government Committee**

[**HB 441**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_441)SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICIES-VIOLENT BEHAVIOR (WINBURN R, FEDOR T) With respect to school district policies and reports on violent, disruptive, or inappropriate behavior **STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB 443**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_443)SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICIES-VIOLENT BEHAVIOR (STRAHORN F) With respect to school district policies for violent, disruptive, or inappropriate behavior **STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB 446**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_446)STUDENT SAFETY ACT (ROGERS J) To require the State Board of Education to adopt rules prescribing standards for safety enhancements to new public and nonpublic school facilities and to require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to revise its construction and design standards to comply with the State Board's standards **STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB 447**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_447)CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICTS-LOANS (LYNCH M) To permit a school district resulting from the consolidation of two or more school districts that meet specified conditions to receive a loan from the Ohio school facilities commission for the construction of a new facility to support the consolidated district **STATUS: House Education Committee – Substitute bill accepted & reported out**

[**HB 449**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_449)HIGHER EDUCATION-RESIDENCY STATUS (GONZALES A) With respect to residency status for certain veterans, spouses, and dependents at state institutions of higher education **STATUS: Passed by House, Vote 90-0**

[**HB 450**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_450)SALES TAX HOLIDAY (PATTERSON J) To provide a three-day sales tax "holiday" each August during which sales of back-to-school clothing, school supplies, personal computers, and personal computer accessories are exempt from sales and use taxes **STATUS: Referred to House Ways & Means Committee**

[**HB 454**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_454)CONCEALED CARRY-SCHOOL SAFETY ZONE (GONZALES A) To expand and clarify the authority of a concealed handgun licensee to possess a handgun in a school safety zone **STATUS: (Passed by House) Referred to Senate Civil Justice Committee**

[**HB 460**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_460)SCHOOL RESTRUCTURING (BRENNER A, DRIEHAUS D) To authorize school districts and community schools to initiate a community learning process to assist and guide school restructuring **STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee – Reported out as amended**

[**HB 470**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_470)SCHOOL BULLYING PREVENTION AWARENESS ACT (BARNES, JR. J) To enact the "School Bullying Prevention Awareness Act" to designate September as School Bullying Prevention Awareness Month and to declare an emergency **STATUS: House Education Committee – Reported out**

[**HB 472**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_472) MID-BIENNIUM BUDGET REVIEW (MCCLAIN J) To make operating and other appropriations and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs **STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House Ways & Means Committee**

[**HB 473**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_473)EDUCATION-STUDENT EXPRESSION FORUM (HAYES B) To require school districts, community schools, STEM schools, and college-preparatory boarding schools to establish a limited public forum for student expression **STATUS: House Education Committee**

[**HB 479**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_479)ENTERPRISE ACADEMY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (BUTLER, JR. J) To authorize the establishment of enterprise academy community schools that operate on an extended-day, year-round schedule and to give such schools priority for grants awarded under the Straight A Program **STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB 483**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_483)MBR-OPERATION OF STATE PROGRAMS (AMSTUTZ R) To make operating and other appropriations and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs **STATUS: Signed by Governor**

[**HB 484**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_484)MBR-HIGHER EDUCATION (ROSENBERGER C, BROWN T) With respect to the coordination and administration of higher education programs **STATUS: Signed by Governor**

[**HB 486**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_486)MBR-WORKFORCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS (BAKER N, STEBELTON G) Regarding various workforce development and economic development programs **STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House Economic Development & Regulatory Reform Committee**

[**HB 487**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_487)MBR-K-12 EDUCATION PROGRAMS (BRENNER A) With regard to education provisions for students in grades kindergarten through twelve **STATUS: Signed by Governor**

[**HB 488**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_488)MBR-HIGHER EDUCATION-MILITARY VETERANS (DOVILLA M, LANDIS A) To require state institutions of higher education to award credit for military training, and **STATUS: Signed by Governor**

[**HB 496**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_496)EDUCATION MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (PILLICH C) To require the assignment of an additional identifier in the statewide Education Management Information System to each student who has a parent or guardian Who is a member of the Aimed Services of the United States, a reserve unit, or the Ohio National Guard **STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House Military & Veteran Affairs Committee**

[**HB 497**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_497)CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS (AMSTUTZ R) To make capital appropriations and changes to the law governing capital projects and to make reappropriations for the biennium ending June 30, 2016 **STATUS: (Passed by House) Referred to Senate Finance Committee – Reported out; Passed by Senate, Vote 30-1; Signed by Governor**

[**HB 498**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_498)SCHOOL DISTRICT MERGERS (YOUNG R) With regard to the merger of city, local, or exempted village school districts **STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB 503**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_503)BUSINESS PLAN DEVELOPMENT-HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENTS (BUDISH A) To require the Chancellor of the Board of Regents to establish a competition for the development of successful business plans for students enrolled at state institutions of higher education and to make an appropriation **STATUS: Referred to House Finance & Appropriations Committee**

[**HB 507**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_507)OHIO LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE DATABASE (BUTLER, JR. J) To establish the Ohio Local Government Expenditure Database **STATUS: Referred to House State & Local Government Committee**

[**HB 512**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_512)HIGHER EDUCATION EMPLOYEES-AGENTS GUIDELINES (HACKETT R) To require the Department of Commerce to establish guidelines for solicitation, access, and other requirements for agents and brokers providing annuity contracts and custodial accounts for employees of state institutions of higher education **STATUS: Referred to House Insurance Committee**

[**HB 520**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_520)COMMUNITY SCHOOLS-AUDITING REQUIREMENTS (CARNEY J, PATTERSON J) Regarding audit and record-keeping requirements for community school sponsors and operators **STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB 521**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_521)STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM MEMBERSHIP (CERA J) To include in the membership of the State Teachers Retirement System certain teachers performing services entities providing computer-based instruction to students by contract with a school **STATUS: Referred to House Health & Aging Committee**

[**HB 536**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_536)CHILDREN VACCINATION (SMITH R, ANTONIO N) To require that children enrolled in licensed child care facilities be immunized on the schedule recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention **STATUS: (Passed by House) Referred to Senate Medicaid, Health & Human Services Committee**

[**HB 547**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_547)COMMUNITY SCHOOL TEACHER EVALUATION (Fedor T, Patterson J) With regard to the evaluation of community school teachers **STATUS: House Education Committee**

[**HB 548**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_548)COMMUNITY SCHOOL STUDY COMMITTEE (Fedor T) To establish a committee to study the effectiveness of community schools and community school regulations **STATUS: House Education Committee**

[**HB 549**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_549)THIRD GRADE READING GUARANTEE-DELAY (Fedor T) To delay until the 2015-2016 school year retention of third grade students and requirements for teachers who provide instruction to third grade students under the Third Grade Reading Guarantee **STATUS: House Finance & Appropriations Committee**

[**HB 556**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_556)PROPERTY TAX ROLLBACKS RESTORATION (Rep. John Rogers) To restore the application of the 10% and 2.5% property tax rollbacks to tax levies approved on or after the effective date of Am. Sub. H.B. 59of the 130th General Assembly **STATUS: Referred to House Ways & Means Committee**

[**HB 577**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_577)SCHOOL DISTRICTS' HEALTH CARE CURRICULUM (Rep. Debbie Phillips) To require the health curriculum of each school district to include instruction on the positive effects of organ and tissue donation **STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB 578**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_578)SCHOOL BUS SEAT BELTS (Rep. Tom Letson, Rep. Roland Winburn) To require all school buses purchased, leased, or rented after January 1, 2016, to transport students to and from school to be equipped with a seat belt assembly for all passengers **STATUS: Referred to House Transportation, Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee**

[**HB 579**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_579)PROPERTY TAX VALUATION DISPUTE HEARING (Rep. Cheryl Grossman) To prohibit any party to a property tax valuation dispute, other than the original complainant, from appearing at a county board of revision hearing **STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee**

[**HB 580**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_580)CARDIOPULMONARY-DEFIBRILLATOR EDUCATION (Rep. Cheryl Grossman, Rep. Tom Letson) To require instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator as a requirement for high school graduation **STATUS: House Education Committee**

[**HB 593**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_593)HIGHER ED OVERLOAD FEES (DeVitis, A.) To prohibit state institutions of higher education from charging overload fees to students enrolled in not more than eighteen credit hours of courses per semester **STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB 597**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_597)COMMON CORE REPEAL-REPLACE (Rep. Andrew Thompson, Rep. Matt Huffman) To repeal and replace the Common Core Initiative academic standards and related assessment system **STATUS: House Rules & Reference Committee – Reported out**

[**HB 609**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_609)SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAMS (Rep. Marlene Anielski, Rep. Stephanie Kunze) With regard to suicide prevention programs at state institutions of higher education **STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB 616**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_616)HIGHER ED TEXTBOOKS (Rep. Anthony DeVitis) With regard to the selection, availability, and purchase of textbooks that are required for a course offered by any state institution of higher education **STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB 626**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_626)RESPECT YOUR DATE ACT (Rep. John Barnes, Jr.) To enact the "Respect Your Date Act" to require each state institution of higher education to adopt a policy regarding dating violence and rape on campus **STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB 627**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_627)COMMUNITY SCHOOLS LOBBYING FUNDS (Rep. Mike Foley, Rep. Robert Hagan) To prohibit community schools from using state funds to hire a lobbyist or for public relations services **STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB 629**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_629)PRIMARY-SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSESSMENTS (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Anne Gonzales) With regard to the administration of state primary and secondary education assessments **STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB 631**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_631)OHIO TEACHER EVALUATION SYSTEM EXEMPTION (Rep. Michael Henne) To exclude evaluations conducted pursuant to the Ohio Teacher Evaluation System from the Public Records Law and to exempt teachers participating in the Ohio Teacher Residency Program from those evaluations **STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB 642**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_642)SCHOOL DISTRICT-TEACHER EVALUATION SAFE HARBORS (Rep. Teresa Fedor) To provide a three-year performance rating safe harbor for school districts and schools and to provide a three-year student academic growth rating safe harbor for teacher evaluations **STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB 645**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_645)PRE-K THROUGH 5 LANGUAGE-LITERACY PROGRAM FUNDS (Rep. Stephanie Kunze) To earmark funds for a pre-K through 5 Language and Literacy Program and to establish the program guidelines **STATUS: Referred to House Finance & Appropriations Committee**

[**HB 650**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_650)PROPERTY TAX ROLLBACK RESTORATION (Rep. Ron Gerberry) To revise the law governing classroom facilities assistance programs and to restore the application of the 10% and 2.5% property tax rollbacks to school district tax levies approved on or after the effective date of Am. Sub. H.B. 59 of the 130th General Assembly **STATUS: Referred to House Ways & Means Committee**

[**HB 658**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_658)CHILDHOOD OBESITY AWARENESS MONTH DESIGNATION (Rep. Anne Gonzales) To designate September as “Childhood Obesity Awareness Month.” **STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House Health & Aging Committee**

[**HB 664**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_664)STUDENT LOAN-INCOME TAX CREDIT (Rep. Kirk Schuring) To establish the Workforce Grant Program, to authorize an income tax credit equal to 25% of the student loan payments a grant recipient makes per year, and to make an appropriation **STATUS: Referred to House Finance & Appropriations Committee**

[**HB678**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_678)OHIO HIGHER EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM (Rep. Kirk Schuring) To create the Ohio Higher Education Innovation Grant Program and to make an appropriation **STATUS: Referred to House Finance & Appropriations Committee**

[**HB683**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_683)MEDICAID SCHOOL PROGRAM (Rep. Anne Gonzales) Regarding the Medicaid School Program **STATUS: Introduced**

***Senate***

[**SB 1**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_1)OHIOMEANSJOBS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN FUND (BEAGLE B, BALDERSON T) To create the OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development Revolving Loan Fund, to create the OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development Revolving Loan Program, to allocate a portion of casino license fees to finance the loan program, and to make an appropriation. **STATUS: Signed by Governor**

[**SB 2**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_2)OHIO'S WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT LAW (LEHNER P, BEAGLE B) To require a local workforce investment area to use OhioMeansJobs as the local workforce investment area's job placement system, to rename county one-stop systems, and to make other changes to Ohio's Workforce Development Law **STATUS: (Passed by Senate) Referred to House Manufacturing and Workforce Development Committee**

[**SB 11**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_11)SUMMER MEAL PROGRAMS (BROWN E) To require school districts to allow alternative summer meal sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions. **STATUS: Introduced; Referred to Senate Medicaid, Health & Human Services Committee**

[**SB 13**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_13)VETERANS-ACADEMIC CREDIT (GENTILE L) To enhance support and services for veterans at state institutions of higher education and to require each institution to develop a policy for awarding academic credit to veterans for training received while in the military **STATUS: Introduced; Referred to Senate Public Safety, Local Government & Veterans Affairs Committee**

[**SB 15**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_15)EDUCATION FUNDING (SAWYER T) To prescribe a system and timeline for the General Assembly to deliberate and determine the components and cost of a high quality public primary and secondary education **STATUS: Introduced; Referred to Senate Finance Committee**

[**SB 21**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_21)THIRD-GRADE READING GUARANTEE (LEHNER P) To revise the requirements for reading teachers under the Third-Grade Reading Guarantee **STATUS: Signed by Governor**

[**SB 26**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_26)HEAD INJURIES-YOUTH SPORTS (SCHAFFER T) To correct a cross reference with regard to concussions and head injuries in athletic activities organized by youth sports organizations and to declare an emergency **STATUS: Signed by Governor**

[**SB 31**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_31)INCOME TAX CREDIT-TEACHERS (SCHAFFER T) To allow a credit against the personal income tax for amounts spent by teachers for instructional materials **STATUS: Introduced; Referred to Senate Ways & Means Committee**

[**SB 35**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_35)SPECIAL ELECTIONS (JORDAN K) To eliminate the ability to conduct special elections in February and August **STATUS: Introduced; Referred to Senate State Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

[**SB 42**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_42)PROPERTY TAXES-SCHOOL SECURITY (MANNING G, GARDNER R) To authorize school districts to levy a property tax exclusively for school safety and security purposes **STATUS: (Passed by Senate) Passed by House as amended on Floor, Vote 92-1; Senate concurred with House amendments, Vote 30-0**

[**SB 59**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_59)EDUCATION ENERGY COUNCIL (BEAGLE B) To authorize an eligible regional council of governments to establish itself as an education energy council for the purpose of issuing debt to pay for school district energy purchases **STATUS: Introduced; Referred to Senate Public Utilities Committee**

[**SB 65**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_65)PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' COLLECTIVE BARGAINING LAW (TURNER N) To eliminate an exemption from the Public Employees' Collective Bargaining Law for specific educational employees **STATUS: Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee**

[**SB 67**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_67)AUDIT PROCEDURE-POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS (PETERSON B) To create an agreed-upon procedure audit for certain eligible political subdivisions and to eliminate the Auditor of State's exemption from filing a rule summary and fiscal analysis with proposed rules. **STATUS: (Passed by Senate) Referred to House State and Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended; Passed by House, Vote 61-34; Senate concurred**

[**SB 69**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_69)COURSE AND PROGRAM SHARING NETWORK (BEAGLE B) To establish the Course and Program Sharing Network and to make an appropriation **STATUS: (Passed by Senate) Referred to House Education Committee**

[**SB 72**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_72)TRIO PROGRAMS (TAVARES C) To make an appropriation for the provision of state matching funds for federal TRIO programs at Ohio institutions of higher education for FY 2014 and FY 2015 **STATUS: Introduced; Referred to Senate Finance Committee**

[**SB 74**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_74)AGENCY STANDARDS-CHILDRENS FACILITIES (TAVARES C) To require that any privately run non-Ohio agency, home, school, camp, institution, or other entity or residential facility to which Ohio abused, neglected, dependent, unruly, or delinquent children are committed comply with the same standards that are applicable to in-state agencies **STATUS: Introduced; Referred to Senate Criminal Justice Committee**

[**SB 93**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_93)OPEN MEETINGS ACT (JONES S) To require that further information be stated in motions to hold executive sessions under the Open Meetings Act, to expand the fees and expenses that may be recovered for violations of the Act, and to make other changes to the Act **STATUS: Referred to Senate State Government Oversight and Reform Committee**

[**SB 96**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_96) HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM (LAROSE F) To require one unit of world history in the high school social studies curriculum **S STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House Education Committee – Reported out as amended; Passed by House as amended on Floor, Vote 81-8**

[**SB 122**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_122)OFFICE OF REGIONAL SERVICES AND ACCOUNTABILITY (SAWYER T) To create the Office of Regional Services and Accountability in the Department of Education **STATUS: Introduced; Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**SB 123**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_123)INTERDISTRICT OPEN ENROLLMENT (SAWYER T) To terminate interdistrict open enrollment on that date with the possibility of renewal following the General Assembly's examination of the study's findings **STATUS: Introduced; Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**SB126**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_126)SCHOOL SAFETY FUNDS (SCHIAVONI J) To require the State Board of Education to establish criteria and procedures for the awarding of school safety funds to school districts and to make an appropriation **STATUS: Introduced; Referred to Senate Finance Committee**

[**SB127**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_127)PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION-HOME SCHOOLED CHILDREN (JORDAN K) To create a property tax and a manufactured home tax reduction for parents of home schooled children equal to the taxes levied by the school district on the homestead of the parent **STATUS: Introduced; Referred to Senate Ways & Means Committee**

[**SB 142**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_142)LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND DISTRIBUTION (SEITZ B) To establish a new default formula for determining the share allocated to each subdivision from the Local Government Fund distribution of each county in which the largest city or township has a population of more than 13,435 and to require minimum annual distributions **STATUS: Referred to Senate Finance Committee**

[**SB 158**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_158)SCHOOL CLOSURE EXEMPTION (TAVARES C) To exempt from closure certain community schools that enroll students receiving behavioral health services **STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

[**SB 159**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_159)PROPERTY TAX ROLLBACK EXEMPTIONS (SCHIAVONI J) To extend the 10% and 2.5% partial property tax "rollback" exemptions to new and replacement levies approved at the 2013 general election and to declare an emergency **STATUS: Referred to Senate Ways & Means Committee**

[**SB 162**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_162)SCHOOLS-CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS (HUGHES J) To require the State Fire Marshal and the Board of Building Standards to include in the State Fire Code and Ohio Building Code, a requirement that a public or private school must install carbon monoxide detectors **STATUS: Referred to Public Safety, Local Government & Veterans Affairs Committee**

[**SB 167**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_167)SCHOOL POLICIES-INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR (TAVARES C) With respect to school district policies for violent, disruptive, or inappropriate behavior **STATUS: Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**SB 169**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_169)CHARTER SCHOOLS-EDUCATIONAL CHOICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (SAWYER T) To require the Department of Education to conduct a performance review of each chartered nonpublic school participating in the Educational Choice Scholarship Program **STATUS: Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**SB 174**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_174)STATE UNIVERSITIES-STUDENT VOTING POWER (SAWYER T) To require the boards of trustees of state universities and the Northeast Ohio Medical University to adopt a resolution to grant or not grant to student members voting power and the authority to attend executive sessions **STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

[**SB 180**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_180) HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION ELIGIBILITY (GENTILE L) To extend eligibility for the homestead exemption to elderly or disabled homeowners who did not receive the exemption for 2013 and have $30,000 or more in Ohio adjusted gross income. **STATUS: Referred to Senate Ways & Means Committee**

[**SB 190**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_190)COMMUNITY SCHOOLS OPERATION (SCHIAVONI J) To revise the laws regarding the operation of community schools and, for each of fiscal years 2014 and 2015, to limit a community school’s or a STEM school’s gain in aggregate state funding over the previous fiscal year **STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

[**SB 195**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_195)SCHOOL ENROLLMENT-ADJUDICATED CHILD (TAVARES C) With respect to enrollment in a school district of a child who is alleged or adjudicated an abused, neglected, or dependent child **STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

[**SB 220**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_220)POST-SECONDARY ENROLLMENT OPTIONS PROGRAM (GARDNER R) To remove the prohibition on charging students fees for participating in dual enrollment programs or in alternative funding arrangements under the Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Program. **STATUS: Introduced; Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**SB 223**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_223)INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS (GARDNER R) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to develop a procedure for awarding information technology infrastructure grants to public primary and secondary schools and school districts. **STATUS: Introduced**

[**SB 229**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_229)TEACHER PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS (GARDNER R) Regarding teacher performance evaluations. **STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House Education Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

[**SB 231**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_231)SCHOOL PROPERTY SALES PROCEEDS (GARDNER R, HITE C) With respect to the distribution of proceeds from the sale of school district real property **STATUS: (Passed by Senate) Referred to House State & Local Government Committee**

[**SB 237**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_237)COMMON CORE INITIATIVE ACADEMIC STANDARDS (JORDAN K) With respect to the Common Core Initiative academic standards, powers of the State Board of Education, and the distribution of student information **STATUS: Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**SB 239**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_239)STUDENT EXPULSION (SCHAFFER T) With respect to the expulsion of a student from a school district, community school, or STEM school for actions that endanger the health and safety of other students or school employees and to declare an emergency **STATUS: Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**SB 241**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_241)STRAIGHT A PROGRAM GOVERNING BOARD (SAWYER T) To modify the membership structure of the Straight A Program Governing Board **STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0**

[**SB 242**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_242)BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERSHIP (SAWYER T) To revise the membership composition of the State Board of Education **STATUS: Introduced**

[**SB 243**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_243)SALES TAX HOLIDAY (BACON K) To provide a three-day sales tax "holiday" each August during which sales of back-to-school clothing, school supplies, personal computers, and personal computer accessories are exempt from sales and use taxes **STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House Finance & Appropriations Committee – Reported out as amended; Passed by House as amended on Floor, Vote 79-9; Senate concurred with House amendments, Vote 29-1**

[**SB 244**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_244)INCOME TAX DEDUCTION-COLLEGE SAVINGS CONTRIBUTIONS (JONES S, GARDNER R) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for college savings contributions to $10,000 annually for each beneficiary, to create the Joint Committee on Ohio College Affordability, and to declare an emergency **STATUS: Introduced**

[**SB 264**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_264)SCHOOLS- OCCUPATIONAL-PHYSICAL THERAPISTS WORKLOADS (SCHAFFER T) To require the Department of Education to solicit from school districts and educational service centers regular studies of the time spent by occupational and physical therapists on certain activities and to use the studies to determine appropriate workloads **STATUS: Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**SB 266**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_266)PUBLIC SCHOOLS-BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION (SKINDELL M, LEHNER P) With respect to the use of seclusion and physical restraint on students and positive behavior intervention supports in public schools **STATUS: (Passed by Senate) Referred to House Education Committee**

[**SB 269**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_269)CALAMITY DAYS INCREASE (BROWN E) To permit state payments to school districts, STEM schools, and community schools that exceed, by up to three days, the number of permitted "calamity" days in the 2013-2014 school year and to declare an emergency **STATUS: Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**SB 273**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_273)GRADUATING SENIORS-MAKE-UP DAYS (GARDNER R) To excuse graduating twelfth-grade students from attending school on make-up days that occur after the scheduled high school graduation ceremonies and to declare an emergency **STATUS: Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**SB 284**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_284)SCHOOLS-CALAMITY DAYS (COLEY W) To provide additional calamity day relief for schools and to declare an emergency **STATUS: Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**SB 306**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_306) ODJFS-CHILD PLACEMENT STUDY (KEARNEY E) To require the Department of Job and Family Services to conduct a feasibility study of current trends in the placement of children by public children services agencies into relative caregiver homes. **STATUS: Referred to Senate State Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

[**SB 312**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_312)SCHOOL SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (JONES S, LAROSE F) To require the Facilities Construction Commission to establish a school security grant program for nonpublic schools and certain local law enforcement agencies and to make an appropriation. **STATUS: Introduced; Referred to Senate Finance Committee**

[**SB 329**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_329)COMMUNITY SCHOOLS-AUDITING REQUIREMENTS (SCHIAVONI J) Regarding audit and record-keeping requirements for community school sponsors and operators **STATUS: Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**SB 353**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_353)STUDENT VIOLENT BEHAVIOR (Sen. Frank LaRose) To require the Education Management Information System to include information regarding persons at whom a student’s violent behavior that resulted in discipline was directed **STATUS: Introduced**

[**SB 373**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_373)BULLYING PREVENTION-EDUCATION (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To require the State Board of Education to establish criteria and procedures for the awarding of bullying prevention and education funds to school districts and to make an appropriation **STATUS: Introduced**

[**SB 376**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_376)PROPERTY TAX ROLLBACK RESTORATION (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To revise the law governing classroom facilities assistance programs and to restore the application of the 10% and 2.5% property tax rollbacks to school district tax levies **STATUS: Introduced**

[**SB 377**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_377)SCHOOL-YEAR DAY INCREASE (Sen. Eric Kearney) To increase the school year to two hundred twenty days **STATUS: Introduced**

[**SB 381**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_381)CHILD-CARE IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENT (Sen. Shannon Jones) To require children enrolled in licensed child care facilities to be immunized against specified diseases, subject to certain exceptions **STATUS: Introduced**

**Ohio Budget/Politics**

[**Proposed law would require preschoolers to be immunized**](http://www.cantonrep.com/article/20141128/NEWS/141129244) **Canton Repository**

Now, proposed legislation would go a longer way in helping to stop the spread of some illnesses including chickenpox and rotavirus, two potentially dangerous diseases for young children. Senate Bill 381 — introduced Oct. 29 — would require children attending licensed child care facilities to be vaccinated. The bill requires a parent or guardian who enrolls a child in an Ohio Department of Job and Family Services licensed child care facility to provide written evidence that the child has been immunized against specified diseases such as chickenpox, measles and mumps.

[**Bills aim to assure Ohio students’ religious expression at school**](http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2014/12/02/bills-aim-to-ensure-rights-of-students-on-religion.html)  **Columbus Dispatch**

A pair of bills designed to ensure that students have freedom to express religious views while in school passed a House committee yesterday despite concerns by Democrats that they accomplish little but could have unintended consequences.[**House Seats New Member, Passes Education Bill without Salary Schedule Change**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=198171) **Hannah**

House Republicans Tuesday undid a controversial change to education omnibus bill HB343 (Stebelton) Tuesday and passed it with a near unanimous vote. The House Education Committee had amended the bill to eliminate state salary schedules for teachers, which teachers’ unions had opposed. The bill with changes was expected to go before the full House on Tuesday, but the Rules and Reference Committee amended it to restore the current salary schedule to law before sending it on to the floor. There, it received little debate before passing 84-2.   
  
[**Teacher pay rules are off the chopping block for the Ohio House**](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2014/12/teacher_pay_rules_are_off_the.html#incart_river) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

House leaders have dropped a plan to kill the minimum pay scale for teachers across Ohio. Provisions in House Bill 343 would have eliminated a state requirement that teachers be paid a minimum amount based on their education level and years of experience. But House leaders this morning removed those provisions, sending HB 343 to the full House without any reference to the pay schedule. The adjusted bill - described on the House floor as a "clean-up bill" that makes many small changes to previous laws - passed, with nobody raising any objections.

[**Cleveland Sen. Shirley Smith resigns Senate seat**](http://www.cleveland.com/open/index.ssf/2014/12/cleveland_sen_shirley_smith_re.html#incart_river) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

Cleveland Sen. Shirley Smith resigned her Senate seat effective Nov. 30, with only a few weeks remaining in her final term in the Ohio legislature. Smith, a Democrat, has represented the 21st Senate district since 2007 and previously represented the 10th House District from 1999 to 2006. Smith could not run for re-election this year due to term limits. Rep. Sandra Williams, a Cleveland Democrat, [won election to Smith's seat in November](http://www.cleveland.com/open/index.ssf/2014/11/sandra_williams_cruises_to_eas.html).

[**Proposal could trim specialist teachers**](http://www.toledoblade.com/Education/2014/12/04/Proposal-could-trim-specialist-teachers.html)  **Toledo Blade**

A proposed change to state education rules has galvanized opposition among some local and statewide education officials, who say the change could weaken emphasis on art, music, and other courses.. The Ohio Board of Education will consider on Tuesday the elimination of the so-called “five of eight” rule, which mandates that school districts have five educational service personnel for every 1,000 students. There are eight educational service personnel positions — counselor, library media specialist, school nurse, visiting teacher, social worker, and elementary art, music, and physical education teachers — thus the colloquial “five of eight” term.

[**Common Core repeal maneuver fails in Ohio House**](http://www.mansfieldnewsjournal.com/story/news/local/2014/12/10/legislators-may-shoot-lame-duck-common-core-repeal/20214559/) **Mansfield News Journal**

A state lawmaker's last-ditch effort to insert a repeal of Common Core education standards into another bill has failed. State Rep. John Adams, a Republican from Sidney in western Ohio, attempted during an Ohio House floor session on Wednesday to add the repeal language into legislation dealing with high school world history courses.

[**Schools need a religious partner if they want any of Gov. Kasich's student mentorship money**](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2014/12/schools_need_a_religious_partn.html#incart_river) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

Gov. John Kasich's $10 million plan to bring mentors into Ohio's schools for students now has a surprise religious requirement – one that goes beyond what is spelled out in the legislation authorizing it. Any school district that wants a piece of that state money must partner with both a church and a business – or a faith-based organization and a non-profit set up by a business to do community service. No business and no faith-based partner means no state dollars.

**Ohio Department of Education/State Board of Education**

[**ODE Opens Applications for Mentorship Grants**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=198161) **Hannah**

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) put out a call Monday for mentorship projects in search of funding from the new Community Connectors program. The grant application period opened Monday and runs through Feb. 20 for the new $10 million program, a proposal from Gov. John Kasich to get business and community groups into the schools and to encourage students to start thinking about their futures. Faith-based and civic nonprofits are eligible to apply as project leads, and they must form a partnership with a business and an eligible public school district or building.

[**Common Core tests have started - for real - in Ohio**](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2014/12/common_core_tests_have_started.html#incart_river) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

The [Common Core](http://www.corestandards.org/) became very real for some Ohio students today as they sat to take [the first-ever state tests based on the new standards.](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2014/04/take_a_sneak_peek_at_the_new_c.html) About 12,000 Ohio students -- mostly high-school freshmen -- are taking new exams in English and algebra that are based entirely on the [new multi-state expectations of what students need to learn.](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2013/11/new_education_standards_known.html)

[**Operating Standards Re-Write Set for Center Stage at School Board**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=198214)

**Hannah**

The State Board of Education is scheduled to file formal rules next week that would substantially re-write the operating standards it sets for Ohio schools, capping a year-long process that has recently sparked tensions over staffing mandates. Last month's board meeting saw a short walkout by some members and lengthy public testimony in reaction to proposed elimination of the so-called "five of eight" rule.

[**Will Ohio’s change hurt art education?**](http://www.marionstar.com/story/news/local/2014/12/07/will-ohios-change-hurt-art-education/20047279/) **Marion Star**

A proposed state rule change will be the beginning of the end for school music and art — or a simple bureaucratic update with no real consequences — depending on which side of the debate to believe. The Ohio State Board of Education is slated to debate and vote Tuesday on a change to a rule that governs how many music teachers, art teachers, school nurses and other similar support staff a district must employ.

[**School Board Wants Better Outreach from Ross; Jacobs Urges Return to Secret Ballots**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=198231) **Hannah**

The State Board of Education on Monday reviewed its formal evaluation of Superintendent Richard Ross, who drew praise for his focus on literacy and his leadership of the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) but mixed messages about communication with board members and local educators. The board also discussed upcoming leadership elections in January, with one member urging a return to secret-ballot procedures that sparked tumultuous 2011 elections. Board members voiced their opinions of Ross or submitted written comments Monday on his evaluation, which spanned five areas: leadership and supervision of elementary and secondary education; supervision and management of the Ohio Department of Education; supporting the work of the board; managing relationships with key stakeholders; and personal and professional attributes.

[**New rules proposed in ‘5 of 8’ debate in Ohio schools**](http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2014/12/09/new-rules-proposed-in-5-of-8-debate.html) **Columbus Dispatch**

The State Board of Education is expected to vote today on a compromise to a new rule regarding art teachers, librarians and other school employees. But the proposal has not satisfied critics who urged the school board yesterday to retain requirements that schools have minimum numbers of art, music and physical-education teachers, counselors, librarians, nurses, social workers and visiting teachers.

[**Parents and educators plead with state board to keep requiring school nurses, librarians, counselors and arts teachers**](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2014/12/parents_and_educators_plead_to.html#incart_river) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

Parents and educators made pleas to the state school board this afternoon to continue requiring a minimum ratio of student support staff to students in all schools. Arts teachers, special education parents, a Cleveland Heights principal and retired teachers all told the board they wanted the board to drop [plans to kill the so-called "5 of 8" rule](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2014/11/is_the_state_school_board_kill.html) that requires a mix of librarians, counselors, nurses and arts teachers in schools.

[**State Board Passes Operating Standards**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=198247) **Hannah**

The State Board of Education passed a resolution to adopt new operating standards for schools Tuesday, including the controversial rewrite of the "five of eight" rule. The proposal drew significant feedback at the board's public participation session Monday, as it did at the November meeting, and Operating Standards Committee Chairman Ron Rudduck introduced an amended version Tuesday meant to address concerns. Rudduck and Board Member Michael Collins said they held several meetings and met with interested parties and stakeholders to flesh out a compromise.

[**State board eliminates minimum staffing rule**](http://www.mydaytondailynews.com/news/news/local-education/ohio-schools-can-cut-number-of-nurses-art-teachers/njPbc/) **Dayton Daily News**

The state school board voted 14-5 Tuesday to eliminate state minimum staffing requirements for “educational service personnel,” putting those decisions in the hands of each local school board.

[**State school board votes against requirements for schools to have nurses, librarians and counselors**](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2014/12/state_school_board_votes_against_requirements_for_schools_to_have_nurses_librarians_and_counselors.html#incart_river) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

Schools won't likely have to have a nurse anymore. Guidance counselors? They soon may not be required. Librarians? They're on their way to being just an option.While schools still have to provide an arts, music and physical education curriculum, the state is on its way to wiping out requirements of how many of those teachers a school needs.

**Early Learning**

[**White House Kicks Off Summit on Early-Childhood Education**](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/campaign-k-12/2014/12/white_house_kicks_off_early_ch.html?utm_source=feedblitz&utm_medium=FeedBlitzRss&utm_campaign=campaignk-12) **Education Week**

Early childhood education may be a bipartisan issue across the country, but the federal government can't seem to match that momentum, U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan said Wednesday.

[**Study: Higher Birth Weight Correlates to Better School Performance**](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/early_years/2014/12/study_higher_birth_weight_correlates_to_better_school_performance.html?utm_source=feedblitz&utm_medium=FeedBlitzRss&utm_campaign=earlyyears) **Education Week**

An analysis of matched birth and school records of 1.6 million children in Florida born between 1992 and 2002 shows that the higher the children's weight at birth, the better that child's later performance on reading and math tests. The findings were published in the December issue of the American Economic Review and conducted by professors at the University of Florida in Gainesville, and Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. The birthweight-to-performance connection held true among children with similar family backgrounds, such as family wealth and mother's education.

**College and Career Readiness**

[**College success is linked to success in middle school, study says: Higher Education Roundup**](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2014/12/college_success_is_tied_to_suc.html#incart_river) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

Doing well in middle school is one of the best indicators of whether a student will succeed in college, [according to a new study.](http://ccsr.uchicago.edu/sites/default/files/publications/Middle%20Grades%20Report.pdf) Students who have at least a 3.0 grade point average in middle school have a moderate chance of earning those grades in high school, according to the report by the University of Chicago Consortium on Chicago School Research. And a 3.0 grade point average or higher in high school generally means a student will succeed in college.

[**College leaders focus on keeping low income students in school**](http://www.mydaytondailynews.com/news/news/local-education/college-leaders-focus-on-keeping-low-income-studen/njLtc/) **My Dayton Daily News**

Representatives of nine Ohio colleges and universities were in Washington Thursday vowing to work to increase keep low-income students in college, work to improve college readiness and beef up the number of college graduates studying science, math, technology and engineering. Among those present at the White House’s “College Opportunity Day of Action” were the University of Dayton, Wright State University and Sinclair Community College.

[**Cleveland State University receives $2.3 million gift to create program for youths in foster care**](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2014/12/cleveland_state_university_rec_4.html#incart_river) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

Youths who "age out" of foster care when they turn 18 will receive help to attend college from an innovative $2.3 million gift to [Cleveland State University.](http://www.csuohio.edu/) The combined gift from Frank and Barbara Sullivan and Jenniffer and Daryl Deckard will provide scholarships and support to attend CSU. CSU will become one of only a few universities identified nationally that offer such support to foster youth, who at 18 "emancipate" or "age out" of the system and must fend for themselves.

[**Colleges Vary on Credit for AP, IB, Dual Classes**](http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2014/12/10/colleges-vary-on-credit-for-ap-ib.html?cmp=ENL-EU-NEWS1) **Education Week**

At Minnetonka High School, students take advanced courses to bolster their chances of getting into a selective college or because they hope to get credit for a college class. Others sign up because of a must-have teacher or to be with high-achieving students. These may be the reasons that students are increasingly taking Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate classes, according to Phil Trout, a school counselor at the suburban Minneapolis school, but parents increasingly hope the practice will save them money, too. "There is an antsiness to get going, and the undercurrent is largely financial," he said.

[**Task Force Outlines Strategies to Improve Career Education Programs**](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/college_bound/2014/12/task_force_outlines_strategies_to_improve_career_education_programs.html) **Education Week**

State leaders should expect more from career technical education programs, hold schools accountable for their success, and bring employers in as partners for advice, according to a new report from the Council of Chief State School Officers. A task force appointed by the CCSSO, a national organization of public officials who head state departments of elementary and secondary education, recently reviewed various strategies to improve career education programs.

**Northeast Ohio Schools**

***Cuyahoga County***

[**Berea leases school site, wants to build a playground there**](http://www.cleveland.com/berea/index.ssf/2014/12/post_104.html) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

[**Chagrin Falls schools shares design concept for new campus**](http://www.cleveland.com/chagrin-falls/index.ssf/2014/12/chagrin_falls_schools_shares_d.html) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

[**North Royalton schools may pass resolution to sell land on Edgerton Road**](http://www.cleveland.com/north-royalton/index.ssf/2014/12/north_royalton_schools_may_pas.html) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

***Geauga County***

[**Consolidated Geauga County high school at KSU Geauga to be proposed**](http://www.news-herald.com/general-news/20141204/consolidated-geauga-county-high-school-at-ksu-geauga-to-be-proposed) **Willoughby News-Herald**

[**Kenston students first in Geauga County to take Common Core tests**](http://www.news-herald.com/general-news/20141205/kenston-students-first-in-geauga-county-to-take-common-core-tests) **Willoughby News-Herald**

***Lake County***

[**Mentor Schools breaks ground on ‘Paradigm'**](http://www.news-herald.com/general-news/20141205/mentor-schools-breaks-ground-on-paradigm) **Willoughby News-Herald**

[**W-E Schools reveals application process for School of Innovation**](http://www.news-herald.com/general-news/20141210/w-e-schools-reveals-application-process-for-school-of-innovation) **Willoughby News-Herald**

***Lorain County***

[**Elyria schools, teachers reach tentative agreement**](http://chronicle.northcoastnow.com/2014/12/03/elyria-schools-teachers-reach-tentative-agreement/) **Chronicle Telegram**

***Portage County***

[**James A. Garfield Teacher is One of Twenty-Five Chosen to Participate in ‘Auschwitz: The Past is Present’ Program**](http://weeklyvillager.com/2014/12/03/james-garfield-teacher-one-twenty-five-chosen-participate-auschwitz-past-present-program/) **The Weekly Villager**

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