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**Featured News**

[**Ohio will pay $23.6 million to AIR for Common Core tests next year**](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2015/07/ohio_will_pay_236_million_to_air_for_common_core_tests_next_year.html#incart_river) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

The [American Institutes for Research](http://www.air.org/) will receive $23.6 million to create and run Ohio's new math and English Common Core tests next year, maybe more. The [Ohio Department of Education](http://education.ohio.gov/) did not have contract details available when it [announced Wednesday that it has hired AIR to provide those exams](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2015/07/ohio_picks_air_to_replace_just-ousted_parcc_for_common_core_tests.html). But a 2013 contract already in place with AIR offers some clues.

[**Education Insider: State budget made many schools changes**](http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2015/07/08/state-budget-made-many-schools-changes.html) **Columbus Dispatch**

The biggest education news that came out of the two-year budget that Gov. John Kasich signed on June 30 was undoubtedly school funding and state testing. But there are other items worth noting.

[**Rally against schools plan draws hundreds**](http://www.vindy.com/news/2015/jul/08/group-rallies-against-schools-plan/) **Youngstown Vindicator**

They came with signs, chants and songs – all voicing their opposition to a plan that would allow appointment of a chief executive officer to manage and operate the city schools. Both houses of the state Legislature passed the Youngstown Plan last month. But opponents object to the way the legislation was devised behind closed doors and involved no involvement from school board members, teachers or community leaders.

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

[**Federal Education Secretary Sets Goals for Families' Educational Rights**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=200160) **Hannah**

U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) Secretary Arne Duncan released a list of educational rights Friday that he says every family should be able to expect for their children's education. The three hoped-for rights Duncan outlined are the following: Free, quality preschool; high, challenging standards and engaging teaching and leadership in a safe, supportive, well-resourced school; an affordable, quality college degree.

[**U.S. Senate Accepts Amendments to ESEA Reauthorization Bill from Portman, Brown**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=200248) **Hannah**

Two amendments co-sponsored by Ohio's U.S. Sen. Rob Portman (R) to legislation reauthorizing the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), the Every Child Achieves Act, were accepted by the full Senate Thursday afternoon. They include an amendment, co-sponsored by Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), to provide recovery support services to students in schools and communities working to overcome addiction.

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

**131st General Assembly**

***House***

[**HB1**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-1)WORKFORCE GRANT PROGRAM (Rep. Kirk Schuring, Rep. Nathan Manning) 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: Re-Referred to House Finance Committee**

[**HB2**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-2)CHARTER SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP (Rep. Mike Dovilla, Rep. Kristina Roegner) With regard to sponsorship and management of community schools

**STATUS: Passed by Senate 30-0 (Earlier REPORTED-AMENDED SUBSTITUTE)**

[**HB5**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-5)PUBLIC OFFICE-STATE AGENCY EFFICIENCY STUDIES (Rep. Stephanie Kunze, Rep. Kyle Koehler) To allow the Auditor of State to conduct business case studies regarding the efficiency of local public offices and state agencies

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Referred to Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

[**HB7**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-7)ASSESSMENT SCORE DETERMINATIONS (Rep. Jim Buchy) To prohibit individual student scores from certain elementary and secondary achievement assessments administered for the 2014-2015 school year from being used to determine promotion or retention or to grant course credit

**STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately**

[**HB12**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-12)TIF-INCENTIVE DISTRICTS (Rep. James Butler, Jr., Rep. Tony Burkley) To establish a procedure by which political subdivisions proposing a tax increment financing (TIF) incentive district are required to provide notice to the record owner of each parcel within the proposed incentive district before creating the district

**STATUS: Referred to House Ways & Means Committee**

[**HB15**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-15)STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERSHIP (Rep. Ron Gerberry) To change the voting membership of the State Board of Education to consist of a member from each of several electoral districts with boundaries coinciding with the state's Congressional districts and a president to be appointed by the Governor if there is an even number of such electoral districts

**STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB20**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-20)CONCEALED CARRY-SCHOOL SAFETY ZONE (Rep. Anne Gonzales, Rep. Kyle Koehler) To expand and clarify the authority of a concealed handgun licensee to possess a handgun in a school safety zone

**STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House State Government Committee**

[**HB25**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-25)FOOD-DRINK SCHOOL SALES (Rep. Stephanie Kunze) To require the State Board of Education to adopt rules regarding the sale of beverages and food during the regular school day in connection with a school-sponsored fundraiser

**STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB27**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-27)FINANCIAL AID-FINISH FUND (Rep. Dan Ramos) To create the Finish Fund and the Finish Reserve Fund to provide grants to students who are nearing completion of their associate or bachelor's degrees and display financial need or hardship

**STATUS: Referred to House Finance Committee**

[**HB28**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-28)SUICIDE PREVENTION-HIGHER EDUCATION (Rep. Marlene Anielski) With regard to suicide prevention programs at state institutions of higher education

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Passed by Senate, Vote 31-0**

[**HB39**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-39)SCHOOL-CAMP INHALER PERMIT (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Anthony DeVitis) To permit schools and camps to procure and use a metered dose inhaler or dry powdered inhaler used to alleviate asthmatic symptoms in accordance with prescribed policies and to exempt them from licensing requirements related to the possession of these inhalers

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Referred to Senate Health & Human Services Committee**

[**HB42**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-42)LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND (Rep. Ron Gerberry, Rep. Jack Cera) To require that, for fiscal year 2016 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: Introduced; Referred to House Finance Committee**

[**HB43**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-43)CLASSROOM FACILITIES-PROPERTY TAX ROLLBACKS (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: Introduced; Referred to House Ways & Means Committee**

[**HB44**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-44)LOTTERY PROFITS-SCHOOLS (Rep. Ron Gerberry) 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 Ways & Means Committee**

[**HB46**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-46)GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE DATABASE (Rep. Mike Dovilla, Rep. Jonathan Dever) To require the Treasurer of State to establish the Ohio State Government Expenditure Database

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Referred to Senate Finance Committee**

[**HB52**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-52)WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW (Rep. Robert Hackett) To make changes to the Workers' Compensation Law, to make appropriations for the Bureau of Workers' Compensation for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of the Bureau's programs

**STATUS: Passed House 96-0**

[**HB54**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-54)VOCATIONAL SCHOOL BOARDS-OFFICE TERMS (Rep. Marlene Anielski) To revise the law regarding terms of office of members of certain joint vocational school district boards of education

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

[**HB55**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-55)THIRD-GRADE READING GUARANTEE (Rep. Robert Sprague) To specify deadlines for the administration of reading skills assessments for purposes of the Third Grade Reading Guarantee

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

[**HB56**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-56)PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT-CRIMINAL RECORDS (Rep. Kirk Schuring, Rep. Stephen Slesnick) To limit the use of criminal records in the hiring and employment practices of public employers

**STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House Commerce & Labor Committee**

[**HB64**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-64)OPERATING BUDGET (Rep. Ryan Smith) To make operating appropriations for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs

**STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately**

[**HB70**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-70)SCHOOL RESTRUCTURING (Rep. Denise Driehaus, Rep. Andrew Brenner) To authorize school districts and community schools to initiate a community learning center process to assist and guide school restructuring

**STATUS: House Concurs with Senate Amendments; 55-40**

[**HB74**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-74)PRIMARY-SECONDARY ASSESSMENTS (Rep. Andrew Brenner) With regard to the administration of state primary and secondary education assessments

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**HB81**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-81)SPECIAL ELECTIONS (Rep. Steve Hambley) To eliminate the ability to conduct special elections in February and to require a political subdivision to prepay sixty-five per cent of the estimated cost of a special election

**STATUS: Referred to House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee**

[**HB85**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-85)CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION (Rep. Dan Ramos, Rep. Christina Hagan) 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: House Judiciary Committee – Reported out**

[**HB89**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-89)MEDICAID SCHOOL PROGRAM (Rep. Anthony DeVitis) Regarding the Medicaid School Program

**STATUS: House Health & Aging Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

[**HB92**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-92)SCHOOLS EMPLOYEES-SEXUAL CONDUCT (Rep. Christina Hagan) To prohibit an employee of a public or nonpublic school or institution of higher education who is not in a position of authority from engaging in sexual conduct with a minor at least four years younger than the employee who is enrolled in or attends that public or nonpublic school or who is enrolled in or attends that institution of higher education

**STATUS: House Judiciary Committee – Reported out as amended**

[**HB99**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-99)INCOME TAX-SCHOOL FUNDING (Rep. Mike Curtin) To require that an amount equal to state income tax collections, less amounts contributed to the Ohio political party fund via the income tax checkoff, be distributed for the support of elementary, secondary, vocational, and special education programs

**STATUS: Referred to House Ways & Means Committee**

[**HB113**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-113)CPR-GRADUATION REQUIREMENT (Rep. Cheryl Grossman, Rep. Nathan Manning) To require instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator as a requirement for high school graduation

**STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB114**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-114)SCHOOL DOOR-BARRICADE (Rep. Kristina Roegner, Rep. Heather Bishoff) To require the Board of Building Standards to adopt rules for the use of a barricade device on a school door in an emergency situation and to prohibit the State Fire Code from prohibiting the use of the device in such a situation

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee**

[**HB118**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-documents?id=GA131-HB-118) **TUITION FEES** (DeVitis, T., Patmon, B.) With respect to tuition overload fees at state institutions of higher education.

**STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB120**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-documents?id=GA131-HB-120) **HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS** (Schuring, K.) To create the Ohio Higher Education Innovation Grant Program and to make an appropriation.

**STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB130**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-130)PUBLIC RECORDS-DATA BOARD (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Mike Duffey) To create the DataOhio Board, to specify requirements for posting public records online, to require the Auditor of State to adopt rules regarding a uniform accounting system for public offices, to establish an online catalog of public data at data.Ohio.gov, to establish the Local Government Information Exchange Grant Program, and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: House State Government Committee – Bill amended**

[**HB132**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-132)CONTRACEPTION COVERAGE-EDUCATION (Rep. Michele Lepore-Hagan, Rep. Heather Bishoff) Regarding coverage for prescription contraceptive drugs and devices, the provision of certain hospital and pregnancy prevention services for victims of sexual assault, and comprehensive sexual health and sexually transmitted infection education in schools

**STATUS: Referred to House Health & Aging Committee**

[**HB133**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-133)NONPROFIT DEGREE-TAX CREDIT (Rep. Tim Schaffer, Rep. Michael Ashford) To authorize an income tax credit for individuals that earn a nonprofit management degree or certain professional designations and to allow a sales tax exemption for out-of-state nonprofit corporations that relocate jobs to Ohio

**STATUS: Referred to House Ways & Means Committee**

[**HB136**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-136)STEM PROGRAM-LAKE COUNTY (Rep. Ron Young, Rep. John Rogers) To fund the Lake County Educational Service Center pilot project to support STEM initiatives for middle school students and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Referred to House Finance Committee**

[**HB137**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-137)ORGAN DONATION-HEALTH CURRICULUM (Rep. Cheryl Grossman, 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**

[**HB138**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-138)STATE TESTING WAIVER (Rep. Paul Zeltwanger, Rep. Kyle Koehler) To revise the requirements regarding the administration of the state achievement assessments, to require the Department of Education to request a waiver from federal testing requirements, and to declare an emergency

**STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB145**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-145)STEM PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (Rep. Robert McColley, Rep. Stephanie Howse) To establish the STEM Public-Private Partnership Pilot Program to provide high school students the opportunity to receive education in a targeted industry while simultaneously earning high school and college credit and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Referred to House Finance Committee**

[**HB146**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-146)CURSIVE HANDWRITING (Rep. Cheryl Grossman, Rep. Andrew Brenner) To require instruction in cursive handwriting

**STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB148**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-148)CLASSROOM FACILITIES ASSISTANCE (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to provide classroom facilities assistance to a school district resulting from the consolidation of two or more school districts or from the voluntary transfer of the entire territory of a school district if specified conditions are satisfied

**STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB156**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-156)CHARTER SCHOOL OVERSIGHT (Rep. Kristina Roegner, Rep. John Patterson) To make changes to the law regarding governance, operation, and management of community schools, and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB158**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-158)INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY TERM (Rep. Jonathan Dever, Rep. Stephanie Howse) To change the variations of the term "mentally retarded person" to "person with an intellectual disability”

**STATUS: Referred to House Health & Aging Committee**

[**HB160**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-160)TEXTBOOKS-HIGHER EDUCATION (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**

[**HB166**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-documents?id=GA131-HB-166)LOCAL TAX-FISCAL REVISIONS (Rep. Doug Green) To extend the deadline for filing an application for the homestead exemption or 2 1/2% property tax rollback to the end of the tax year, to require that auditors certify Local Government Fund allocations to subdivisions by regular or electronic, rather than certified mail, and to repeal laws requiring county auditors to issue permits for traveling shows, issue licenses for new merchandise public auctions, certify the annual state tax interest rate to local courts, and provide certain certifications related to the repealed personal property tax

**STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB174**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-174)GRADUATE DEGREE-ENTREPRENEURIAL SKILLS (Rep. John Barnes, Jr.) With regard to entrepreneurial skills education requirements for professional graduate degree programs at state institutions of higher education

**STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB181**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-181)ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION-AUTO UPDATE (Rep. Kathleen Clyde) To require that eligible persons in certain government and school databases be automatically registered to vote or have their registrations updated automatically unless those persons decline to do so and to create an online voter registration system

**STATUS: Referred to House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee**

[**HB183**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-183)STUDENT TRUSTEE-VOTING AUTHORITY (Rep. Niraj Antani, Rep. Michael Stinziano) 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: Referred to House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee**

[**HB192**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-192)SAFETY ENHANCEMENT STANDARDS (Rep. John Rogers, Rep. Rick Perales) 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**

[**HB200**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-200)EPINEPHRINE AUTOINJECTORS (Rep. Christina Hagan) To permit epinephrine autoinjectors for which no prescriptions have been written to be stored and accessed for use in case of emergency

**STATUS: Referred to House Health & Aging Committee**

[**HB212**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-212)ACADEMIC STANDARDS-CURRICULA (Rep. Andrew Thompson) With regard to state achievement assessments, statewide academic content standards and model curricula, and teacher and administrator evaluations

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

[**HB221**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-221)TOBACCO USE-PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Rep. Margaret Ann Ruhl, Rep. Michael Ashford) To revise the law regarding tobacco and nicotine use in public schools and at public school-sponsored functions

**STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House Health & Aging Committee**

[**HB223**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-223)YOUTH ATHLETICS-MINOR EMPLOYMENT (Rep. Michael Stinziano) To allow minors to be employed by a youth athletic program if certain conditions are satisfied

**STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee**

[**HB231**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-231)PROPERTY VALUATION COMPLAINTS (Rep. Cheryl Grossman, Rep. Jeffrey McClain) 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 and specifying the compensation paid to any person retained to represent the county, municipal corporation, township, or school board in the matter of the complaint

**STATUS: Introduced**

[**HB274**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-documents?id=GA131-HB-274) **APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS** (Hagan, C.) To create a subprogram of the College Credit Plus Program that permits students to participate in certified apprenticeship programs. Am. 3365.16

**STATUS: Introduced**

***Senate***

[**SB3**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-3)HIGH PERFORMING SCHOOL DISTRICT EXEMPTION (Sen. Cliff Hite, Sen. Keith Faber) To exempt high-performing school districts from certain laws

**STATUS: (Passed by Senate) Referred to House Education Committee**

[**SB4**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-4)IN-STATE TUITION REDUCTION (Sen. Keith Faber) To require each state institution of higher education to develop a plan to reduce in-state student cost of attendance by five per cent for the 2016-2017 academic year

**STATUS: Introduced; Referred to Senate Finance Committee**

[**SB6**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-6)JOINT COMMITTEE ON OHIO COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY (Sen. Shannon Jones, Sen. John Eklund) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for college savings contributions to $10,000 annually for each beneficiary

**STATUS: (Passed by Senate) Referred to House Ways & Means Committee**

[**SB12**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-12)INCOME TAX CREDIT-SCIENCE RELATED DEGREE (Sen. Jay Hottinger) To grant an income tax credit to individuals who earn degrees in science, technology, engineering, or math-based fields of study

**STATUS: Introduced; Referred to Senate Ways & Means Committee**

[**SB19**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-19)OHIO COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY GRANT (Sen. Tom Sawyer) To make changes to the Ohio College Opportunity Grant, to limit state university over load fees, and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Introduced; Referred to Senate Finance Committee**

[**SB20**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-20)CHARTER SCHOOLS-RECORD KEEPING (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding audit and record-keeping requirements for community school sponsors and operators

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

[**SB22**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-22)LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND-ALLOCATION INCREASE (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To increase monthly allocations to the Local Government Fund from 1.66% to 3.68% of the total tax revenue credited to the GRF each month

**STATUS: Introduced; Referred to Senate Finance Committee**

[**SB24**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-24)OHIO COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY GRANT QUALIFICATION (Sen. Sandra Williams) To qualify students in noncredit community college programs for Ohio College Opportunity Grants and to require the awarding of academic credit for community colleges’ career certification programs

**STATUS: Introduced; Referred to Senate Finance Committee**

[**SB34**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-34)SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY-DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR (Sen. Charleta Tavares) With respect to school district policies for violent, disruptive, or inappropriate behavior

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

[**SB39**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-39)PEDESTRIAN RIGHT OF WAY-SCHOOL ZONE (Sen. Bill Beagle) To increase the penalties for failing to yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian who is crossing a roadway within a crosswalk when the crosswalk is located within a school zone

**STATUS: Introduced; Referred to Senate Criminal Justice Committee**

[**SB43**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-43)COLUMBUS STATE LOGISTICS PROGRAM (Sen. Jim Hughes) To establish the Columbus State Logistics Program and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Finance Committee**

[**SB59**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-59)COMMUNITY SCHOOLS-STATE APPROPRIATED FUNDS (Sen. Michael Skindell) With respect to the use of state-appropriated funds by operators of community schools

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**SB71**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-71)TRIO-PROGRAM APPROPRIATION (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To make an appropriation for the provision of state matching funds for federal TRIO programs at Ohio institutions of higher education for FY 2016 and FY 2017

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Finance Committee**

[**SB73**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-73)MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require community colleges, state community colleges, technical colleges, and university branches to comply with minority business enterprise set-aside requirements, and to require the Director of Administrative Services to establish guidelines for these entities, and the Northeast Ohio Medical University, to establish procurement goals for contracting with EDGE business enterprises

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Finance Committee**

[**SB78**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-78)GED GRANT PROGRAM (Sen. Sandra Williams) To create the GED Grant Program for undergraduate students who have earned high school equivalence diplomas and are enrolled in two-year state institutions of higher education and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Finance Committee**

[**SB82**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-82)GED-TEST COST (Sen. Sandra Williams) With regard to the administration and cost of the tests of general educational development required to earn a high school equivalence diploma

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Finance Committee**

[**SB85**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-85)PROPERTY-TAX COMPLAINTS (Sen. William Coley) To limit the right to initiate most types of property tax complaints to the property owner and the county recorder of the county in which the property is located

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Ways & Means Committee**

[**SB92**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-92)SCHOOL SAFETY FUNDS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) 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: Referred to Senate Finance Committee**

[**SB93**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-93)BULLYING PREVENTION FUNDS (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: Referred to Senate Finance Committee**

[**SB94**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-94)MEDICAID SCHOOL PROGRAM (Sen. Kevin Bacon, Sen. Peggy Lehner) Regarding the Medicaid School Program

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Medicaid Committee**

[**SB101**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-101)CONTRACEPTION EDUCATION (Sen. Capri Cafaro) Regarding coverage for prescription contraceptive drugs and devices, the provision of certain hospital and pregnancy prevention services for victims of sexual assault, and comprehensive sexual health and sexually transmitted infection education in schools

**STATUS: Introduced; Referred to Senate Health & Human Services Committee**

[**SB121**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-documents?id=GA131-SB-121) **IMMUNIZATIONS** (Hite, C.) To require pupils to be immunized against meningococcal disease at an age recommended by the Department of Health.

**STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House Health & Aging Committee – Reported out**

[**SB122**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-documents?id=GA131-SB-122) **HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION** (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: Introduced**

[**SB125**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-documents?id=GA131-SB-125) **SCHOOL BARRICADES** (LaRose, F., Hottinger, J.) To require the Board of Building Standards to adopt rules for the use of a barricade device on a school door in an emergency situation and to prohibit the State Fire Code from prohibiting the use of the device in such a situation.

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Transportation, Commerce & Labor Committee**

[**SB126**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-documents?id=GA131-SB-126) **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 : Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**SB136**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-136)SCHOOL SECLUSION ROOMS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To prohibit the use of seclusion on students in public schools

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**SB144**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-144)STEM PROGRAM-LAKE COUNTY (Sen. John Eklund) To fund the Lake County Educational Service Center pilot project to support STEM initiatives for middle school students and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Finance Committee**

[**SB148**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-148)CHARTER SCHOOL OVERSIGHT (Sen. Peggy Lehner, Sen. Tom Sawyer) To make changes to the law regarding governance, operation, and management of community schools, and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Finance – Education Subcommittee**

[**SB158**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-158)AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION (Sen. Kenny Yuko) To require that eligible persons in certain government and school databases be automatically registered to vote

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

[**SB163**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-documents?id=GA131-SB-163)COMMON CORE STANDARDS (Sen. Kris Jordan) With respect to the Common Core State Standards academic standards, powers of the State Board of Education, and the distribution of student information

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**SB168**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-168)STUDENT VIOLENT BEHAVIOR INFORMATION (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: Passed by Senate, Vote 32-0**

[**SB173**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-173)SPECIAL ELECTIONS (Sen. Kris Jordan) To eliminate the ability to conduct special elections in February and August

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**Ohio Budget/Politics**

[**Kasich Signs Budget with 44 Vetoes**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=200173) **Hannah**

Gov. John Kasich signed the FY16-17 biennial budget Tuesday night, issuing 44 line-item vetoes to excise checks on his ability to set Medicaid eligibility, supplemental appropriations to offset schools' loses of tangible personal property tax reimbursements, and limits on authority of the Controlling Board, among other deletions.

[**A Closer Look at Governor's Vetoes**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=200182) **Hannah**

The following summarizes the governor's 44 line item vetoes in the FY16-17 budget. The complete veto message together with the actual "boxed text" of the vetoes can be found on the *Hannah News* homepage at Breaking News.

[**Gov. John Kasich's vetoes cut $33 million from Cuyahoga County school districts; find details for each Ohio district (database)**](http://www.cleveland.com/datacentral/index.ssf/2015/07/gov_john_kasichs_vetoes_cut_33.html#incart_river) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

Line-item vetoes issued by [Gov. John Kasich to the budget bill](http://www.cleveland.com/open/index.ssf/2015/06/john_kasich_strikes_44_items_w.html) will cost Cuyahoga County school districts an estimated $32.9 million in 2016-17, representing a third of veto-related cuts in education spending for the entire state. Nineteen of the 31 Cuyahoga County public school districts will receive less money than they would have received under the budget approved by the House and Senate, the Northeast Ohio Media Group found in analyzing data released Thursday by the Ohio House of Representatives.

[**How Gov. John Kasich's budget deal -- and his 44 vetoes -- will play on the 2016 campaign trail**](http://www.cleveland.com/open/index.ssf/2015/07/how_gov_john_kasichs_budget_de.html#incart_river) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

Gov. John Kasich didn't get [the 23 percent income-tax cut](http://www.cleveland.com/open/index.ssf/2015/02/gov_john_kasich_seeks_23-perce.html) he wanted. But as he prepares to make his White House campaign official, you can be sure he will point to the budget he signed Tuesday as a sign of sensible compromise. That plan features a 6.3 percent, across-the-board reduction and inches Ohio closer toward [Kasich's goal of eliminating the state's personal income tax](http://www.cleveland.com/open/index.ssf/2014/10/the_pros_and_cons_of_the_incom.html).

[**It's in the Budget: More Private Schools Get Testing Flexibility**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=200212) **Hannah**

State lawmakers used the new budget to settle a running debate on what graduation testing requirements Ohio can put on private schools, preserving an opt-out for schools with a certain accreditation and allowing alternative assessments for others. Under HB64 (R. Smith), high schools accredited by the Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS) -- about two dozen are in Ohio -- remain exempt from administering end-of-course exams, as they were in the previous budget. Other private schools with a state charter will be able to choose from a list of alternative assessments approved by the Ohio Department of Education, which they can use for all students, including those attending on state scholarships.

[**What should have been for schools**](http://www.ohio.com/editorial/editorials/what-should-have-been-for-schools-1.605900) **Akron Beacon Journal**

When John Kasich signed into law the new, two-year $71 billion state budget, he didn’t just use his veto pen to reduce school funding by $100 million. The governor, and all Ohioans, missed a rare opportunity to repair the way the state pays for public schools.

[**Ohio Sen. Sherrod Brown introduces national charter school reforms**](http://www.ohio.com/news/local/ohio-sen-sherrod-brown-introduces-national-charter-school-reforms-1.606549?cache=18961415304345%25252525252525252525252525252fnews%25252525252525252525252525252fohio%25252525252525252525252525252fcss%25252525252525252525252525252fresults%252525252525252525252525252525%252525252525252525252525252527%20and%201%25252525252525252525252525253d1%20and%20%25252525252525252525252525) **Akron Beacon Journal**

A U.S. Senator has introduced a bill to curb “fraud, abuse, waste, mismanagement and misconduct” in charter schools, especially those in his home state of Ohio where lawmakers have stalled on similar reforms.

[**Allocation of Ohio’s education budget**](http://portsmouth-dailytimes.com/news/696/allocation-of-ohios-education-budget) **Portsmouth Daily Times**

Ohio Governor John Kasich implemented the final touches on the Ohio Department of Education’s (ODE) public education budget allocation of $71 billion for the 2016-17 fiscal years through his budget bill signed into law last week. The 2016-17 budget bill puts a greater emphasis on areas such as elementary school education, higher education, and preschool classrooms.

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

[**School Board to Discuss Testing Changes, Job Skills Cut Score**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=200259) **Hannah**

The State Board of Education will meet next week for the first time since passage of the state budget, which forced Ohio to leave the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) and prompted Superintendent Richard Ross to expand the state's testing contract with American Institutes for Research (AIR). The board's Achievement and Graduation Committee will hear how the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) will handle the switch Monday, when Office of Curriculum and Assessment Director Jim Wright will review "developing plans for the 2015-2016 school year." The committee meets Monday morning, at the conclusion of an 8:30 a.m. public hearing on administrative rules.

**College and Career Readiness**

[**Fewer Ohioans try for GEDs after price of test triples**](http://www.cantonrep.com/article/20150704/NEWS/150709735/10971/NEWS) **Canton Repository**

The number of Ohioans receiving their GED plummeted after the testing service tripled the price of taking the test, changed its format and made it more difficult. The Ohio Department of Education said the state awarded an average of nearly 17,000 GEDs each year between 2000 and 2013, but that the state is on track to award less than 4,000 high-school equivalency degrees this year, The Columbus Dispatch reported Saturday.

[**Despite Hurdles, Students Keep Switching Colleges**](http://chronicle.com/article/Despite-Hurdles-Students-Keep/231397/) **Chronicle of Higher Education**

Some 3.6 million students entered college for the first time in the fall of 2008, at the height of the Great Recession. Over the next six years, they transferred 2.4 million times, ricocheting between two- and four-year public and private colleges, often across state lines, according to a report being released Tuesday by the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center.

**Northeast Ohio Schools**

***Cuyahoga County***

[**Beachwood schools may seek tax hike sooner due to state cuts; Cleveland Heights-University Heights comes out even, Shaker Heights sees increase**](http://www.cleveland.com/beachwood/index.ssf/2015/07/beachwood_schools_may_return_t.html) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

[**Independence, Brooklyn schools to lose state funding; Parma to get more**](http://www.cleveland.com/parma/index.ssf/2015/07/independence_brooklyn_schools.html) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

[**Westlake schools to lose $1.2 million in state funding, Rocky River to lose $400,000**](http://www.cleveland.com/westlake/index.ssf/2015/07/westlake_city_schools_to_lose.html) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

[**Normandy Elementary School gets $20,000 from Kiwanis, PTA for new playground**](http://www.cleveland.com/bay-village/index.ssf/2015/07/normandy_elementary_school_get.html) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

[**Chagrin Falls principal leaves for Beachwood schools**](http://www.cleveland.com/chagrin-falls/index.ssf/2015/07/chagrin_falls_schools_searchin.html) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

[**Cleveland Heights-University Heights assistant superintendent takes top job at Bedford schools**](http://www.cleveland.com/cleveland-heights/index.ssf/2015/07/cleveland_heights-university_h_79.html) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

[**Mayor shifts focus of Cleveland Plan: Good schools for most kids is now great schools for some**](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2015/07/new_focus_of_cleveland_plan_great_schools_for_some_kids_instead_of_good_schools_for_most.html#incart_river) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

[**Cleveland Heights-University Heights schools using Warrensville Heights pool during renovation**](http://www.cleveland.com/cleveland-heights/index.ssf/2015/07/cleveland_heights-university_h_81.html) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

[**Fairview Park schools survey residents as district plans for future**](http://www.cleveland.com/fairview-park/index.ssf/2015/06/fairview_park_schools_survey_r.html) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

[**Gov. John Kasich vetoes cost Mayfield schools $2.6 million**](http://www.cleveland.com/hillcrest/index.ssf/2015/07/gov_john_kasichs_budget_vetoes.html) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

[**State cuts North Olmsted school funding under biennial budget**](http://www.cleveland.com/north-olmsted/index.ssf/2015/07/state_cuts_north_olmsted_schoo.html) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

[**North Royalton schools considering new lawyers**](http://www.cleveland.com/north-royalton/index.ssf/2015/07/north_royalton_school_asking_f.html) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

[**Richmond Heights hires Timken High School principal to lead secondary school**](http://www.cleveland.com/hillcrest/index.ssf/2015/07/richmond_heights_hires_timken.html) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

[**Brush High School no longer housing Excel TECC cosmetology, auto mechanics programs**](http://www.cleveland.com/lyndhurst-south-euclid/index.ssf/2015/07/brush_high_school_will_no_long.html#incart_river) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

[**Strongsville Schools to see $2.7 million cuts in state money**](http://www.cleveland.com/strongsville/index.ssf/2015/07/strongsville_schools_to_see_28.html#incart_river) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

[**Westlake city, school officials consider property swap**](http://www.cleveland.com/westlake/index.ssf/2015/07/westlake_city_school_officials.html) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

***Geauga County***

[**Chardon School Board extends in-house bus service**](http://www.news-herald.com/general-news/20150710/chardon-school-board-extends-in-house-bus-service) **Willoughby News-Herald**

***Lorain County***

[**Lorain City Schools attorney, board member disagree over legality of action at meeting**](http://www.morningjournal.com/general-news/20150707/lorain-city-schools-attorney-board-member-disagree-over-legality-of-action-at-meeting) **Lorain Morning Journal**

[**New Avon Middle School nears completion**](http://www.morningjournal.com/general-news/20150708/new-avon-middle-school-nears-completion) **Lorain Morning Journal**

***Portage County***

[**Kasich's line-item budget vetoes mean Aurora schools could lose $500,000-plus**](http://www.auroraadvocate.com/news%20local/2015/07/08/kasich-s-line-item-budget-vetoes-mean-aurora-schools-could-lose-500-000-plus) **Aurora Advocate**

***Summit County***

[**Change orders for the Akron Public Schools**](http://www.ohio.com/editorial/editorials/change-orders-for-the-akron-public-schools-1.606470) **Akron Beacon Journal**

[**Revere to hire architect ahead of possible bond issue**](http://www.ohio.com/news/local/revere-to-hire-architect-ahead-of-possible-bond-issue-1.604254) **Akron Beacon Journal**

[**Revere board takes step to place renewal levy on ballot**](http://www.akron.com/akron-ohio-education-news.asp?aID=27027) **West Side Leader**

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