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[**Portman Discusses Potential Obamacare Repeal, International Issues**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=205203) **Hannah**

A day after he was named to the Foreign Relation Committee, U.S. Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH) shared his goals and views on several domestic and international subjects in a call with reporters Wednesday. The fate of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) was the primary topic, as Republican leaders in Congress and President-elect Donald Trump have been vocal about their plans to repeal the law, also known as Obamacare. While the law and potential repeal has often been viewed as a partisan issue, Portman said the legislation “hasn’t met its own expectations” and led to “skyrocketed” costs that have affected his constituents.

[**USDOE Disability Guidance Addresses Charter Schools, Restraint, Seclusion**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=205218) **Hannah**

The U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) announced new guidance recently on civil rights protections for students with disabilities. The department last week released a parent and educator resource guide, a "dear colleague" letter and accompanying question-and-answer brief on the use of restraint and seclusion; and another "dear colleague" letter and Q&A document on the rights of students with disabilities in charter schools. The parent and educator guide focuses on Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and describes schools' nondiscrimination responsibilities and obligations to provide services to students with disabilities.

[**Part 1: 13 Issues for States to Watch in 2017**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=205219) **Hannah**

The following is the first of two parts outlining the 13 biggest policies and problems legislatures will confront this year, as compiled by *Governing Magazine* and reprinted with permission by *Hannah News*.

[**Part 2: 13 Issues for States to Watch in 2017**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=205232) **Hannah**

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[**Beyond Vouchers: How Trump Could Boost Private School Choice**](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/campaign-k-12/2016/12/beyond_vouchers_trump_devos_school_choice.html?utm_source=feedblitz&utm_medium=FeedBlitzRss&utm_campaign=campaignk-12) **Education Week**

Since President-elect Donald Trump nominated Betsy DeVos to be his education secretary, there's been a lot of discussion about how a Trump administration could expand school choice. Could Trump and DeVos, for example, push to "voucherize" at least some federal education money? Trump has expressed support for the idea on the campaign trail through his $20 billion choice proposal, and DeVos has a long history of backing vouchers in Michigan and elsewhere.

[**Trump's Pick to Lead Budget Office Has Backed School Choice, Anti-NCLB Bills**](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/campaign-k-12/2016/12/mick_mulvaney_education_record.html?utm_source=feedblitz&utm_medium=FeedBlitzRss&utm_campaign=campaignk-12) **Education Week**

President-elect Donald Trump's nominee to lead the Office of Management and Budget, South Carolina GOP Rep. Mick Mulvaney, could have a significant impact on federal public school policy in a few ways. So what K-12 bills has he supported since his election to Congress in 2010?

[**New Guidance Outlines Civil Rights Protections for Students With Disabilities**](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/speced/2016/12/civil_rights_protections_for_s.html?utm_source=feedblitz&utm_medium=FeedBlitzRss&utm_campaign=onspecialeducation) **Education Week**

During the Obama administration, the U.S. Department of Education's office for civil rights has taken an activist stance on civil rights enforcement, especially when it comes to students with disabilities. And as the clock winds down on this presidency, the Education Department is continuing its efforts though the release Wednesday of three new guidance documents for schools.

[**Education Official to Lead the Civil Rights Commission**](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/campaign-k-12/2016/12/education_official_to_lead_to_.html?utm_source=feedblitz&utm_medium=FeedBlitzRss&utm_campaign=campaignk-12)  **Education Week**

Catherine E. Lhamon, the assistant secretary for civil rights at the U.S. Department of Education, has been selected as chairwoman of the U.S. Commission for Civil Rights. Lhamon, who has been assistant secretary since 2013, was appointed Dec. 15 for a six-year term to the commission; her unanimous selection as chairwoman was Dec. 28.

[**Donald Trump and K-12 Education: Five Things to Watch in 2017**](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/campaign-k-12/2017/01/trump_and_k-12_education_five_.html?utm_source=feedblitz&utm_medium=FeedBlitzRss&utm_campaign=campaignk-12) **Education Week**

The presidential transition means an especially busy start to the year. President-elect Donald Trump may not have talked much about education on the campaign trail, but the first part of the year will tell us a lot about the direction he wants to go and how much of a priority he places on the issue. What's more, we'll get a glimpse of how well he's able to work with Congress on K-12, not to mention early and higher education.

[**Quality Counts Offers All You Need to Know About ESSA at the One-Year Mark**](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/campaign-k-12/2017/01/everything_you_need_to_know_ab.html?utm_source=feedblitz&utm_medium=FeedBlitzRss&utm_campaign=campaignk-12) **Education Week**

It's been just over a year since President Barack Obama signed the Every Student Succeeds Act, the main federal K-12 law, which touches on testing, accountability, standards, teachers, school turnarounds, and more.

[**Arne Duncan: Part of Federal K-12 Role Is Protecting Kids From 'Bad Things'**](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/campaign-k-12/2017/01/arne_duncan_part_of_the_federa.html?utm_source=feedblitz&utm_medium=FeedBlitzRss&utm_campaign=campaignk-12) **Education Week**

"It's no secret that bullying and harassment is up right now. [President-elect Donald] Trump has, I'm not blaming him, but Trump has unleashed a lot of bad things in our schools that I don't think we can afford to turn a blind eye to," Duncan said at a forum at the Brookings Institute on the future of the federal role in K-12 education.

[**A Review of Obama's Education Legacy on PBS NewsHour**](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/campaign-k-12/2017/01/obama_education_legacy_review_newshour.html?utm_source=feedblitz&utm_medium=FeedBlitzRss&utm_campaign=campaignk-12) **Education Week**

If you're reading this, you're probably anxiously awaiting what President-elect Donald Trump will do with education policy once he takes office later this month. But exactly how much will Trump shift course from President Barack Obama when it comes to schools?

**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: Signed by Governor – Effective 2/1/16**

[**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: Signed by Governor – Effective 9/14/16**

[**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: House Ways & Means Committee – Reported out as amended; Passed by House, Vote 65-22**

[**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: Signed by Governor – Effective 10/14/15**

[**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: Signed by Governor – Effective 2/1/16**

[**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**

[**HB50**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-50)FOSTER CARE-ADOPTION ASSISTANCE AGE (Rep. Dorothy Pelanda, Rep. Cheryl Grossman) - To extend the age for which a person is eligible for federal foster care and adoption assistance payments under Title IV-E to age twenty-one, to provide a ward's bill of rights, to require that a guardian receive the Ohio Guardianship Guide, and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective 9/13/16**

[**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: Signed by Governor – Effective 3/23/16**

[**HB63**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-63)CHILD ABUSE-NEGLECT REPORTING (Rep. Dorothy Pelanda, Rep. Cheryl Grossman) To require mandatory reporters of child abuse or neglect to notify the county public children services agency when an attorney in fact under a document that purports to grant parental rights requests services from them

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Civil Justice 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: Signed by Governor – Effective 10/14/15**

[**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: Referred to the Senate Education Committee**

[**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: Signed by Governor**

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

[**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: Signed by Governor – Effective 9/14/16**

[**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: Passed by House, Vote 90-0**

[**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: House Education Committee – Reported out**

[**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: Passed by House, Vote 74-15; Referred to Senate Finance Committee**

[**HB153**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-153)PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY DATE (Rep. Mike Dovilla) - To change the date on which presidential primary elections are held

**STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective 9/10/15**

[**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: Signed by Governor – Effective 10/12/16**

[**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: Signed by Governor – Effective 9/8/16**

[**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: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee – Reported out as amended**

[**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: Signed by Governor – Effective 9/8/16**

[**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: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB287**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-287)YOUTH SUMMER EMPLOYMENT (Rep. John Barnes, Jr.) To require the Director of Development Services to establish a youth summer jobs pledging initiative to increase access to summer employment opportunities for high school and college youth

**STATUS: Referred to House Economic & Workforce Development Committee**

[**HB299**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-299)CUSTODIAN-AUTISM SCHOLARSHIP (Rep. Louis Blessing III, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To permit the temporary, legal, or permanent custodian of a qualified child to apply for an Autism Scholarship

**STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective 8/31/16**

[**HB308**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-308)TEXTBOOKS-TAX EXEMPTION (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Michael Stinziano) To exempt from sales and use tax textbooks purchased by post-secondary students

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

[**HB311**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-311)PENSION-SALARY PERCENTAGE (Rep. Kirk Schuring) To base the percentage of an employee's salary that must be contributed to the State Teachers Retirement System to mitigate the effect of the employee's participation in an alternative retirement program on the average percentage used to amortize the Retirement System's unfunded actuarial accrued pension liabilities

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

[**HB323**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-323)SCHOOL DISTRICTS-LICENSE PLATES (Rep. Marlene Anielski, Rep. Bill Patmon) To provide for the issuance of public school district license plates and private school license plates

**STATUS: Referred to House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee**

[**HB340**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-340)LOCAL GOVERNMENT INNOVATION COUNCIL (Rep. Ron Amstutz) To extend the operation of the Local Government Innovation Council until December 31, 2019, and to declare an emergency

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

[**HB346**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-346)PER-PUPIL STATE FUNDING (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To require that each city, local, and exempted village school district receive a per-pupil amount of state funding that is at least as much as the statewide per pupil amount paid for chartered nonpublic schools in Auxiliary Services funds and for administrative cost reimbursement

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

[**HB350**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-350)AUTISM TREATMENT-COVERAGE (Rep. Cheryl Grossman, Rep. Louis Terhar) To mandate coverage of autism treatment

**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee – Reported out**

[**HB355**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-documents?id=GA131-HB-355)EMPLOYEE DEFINITION (Rep. Wes Retherford) To create a generally uniform definition of employee for specified labor laws and to prohibit employee misclassification under those laws

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

[**HB372**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-372)EDUCATIONAL SERVICE PERSONNEL (Rep. Debbie Phillips) To require city, exempted village, and local school districts to employ, for each 1,000 students, at least five full-time equivalent educational service personnel in specified areas

**STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB379**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-379)ACADEMIC DISTRESS COMMISSIONS (Rep. Michele Lepore-Hagan) With regard to the operation of academic distress commissions and to modify the earmarked funding for the establishment of academic distress commissions

**STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB382**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-382)OHIO PRINCIPALS MONTH (Rep. David Leland) To designate the month of October as "Ohio Principals Month”

**STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB383**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-383)INFORMED STUDENT DOCUMENT (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Robert McColley) To require one-half unit of economic and financial literacy in the high school social studies curriculum, to require the Chancellor of Higher Education to prepare an informed student document for each state institution of higher education, to require the State Board of Education to include information on the informed student document in the standards and model curricula it creates for financial literacy and entrepreneurship

**STATUS: Referred to the Senate Education Committee**

[**HB384**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-384)HIGHER EDUCATION AUDITS (Rep. Tim Schaffer, Rep. Mike Duffey) To specify that state institutions of higher education may be subject to performance audits conducted by the Auditor of State

**STATUS: Signed by Governor**

[**HB391**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-391)FINANCE LITERACY PROGRAM (Rep. Louis Terhar) To require the Chancellor of Higher Education to create the SmartOhio Financial Literacy Pilot Program at the University of Cincinnati to operate for the 2016-2017 school year and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective 9/28/16**

[**HB399**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-399)COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS-HOME INSTRUCTION (Rep. Kyle Koehler) To increase the earmarked funding for the College Credit Plus Program for home instructed students

**STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB410**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-410)TRUANCY (Rep. Jeff Rezabek, Rep. Bill Hayes) - With regard to habitual and chronic truancy and compulsory school attendance

**STATUS: Passed by Governor**

[**HB420**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-420)OPT-OUTS-STATE ASSESSMENTS (Rep. Kristina Roegner) To prohibit the Department of Education from including students who "opt-out" of state assessments in calculations of certain grades in the state report card and to declare an emergency

**STATUS: House Education Committee – Bill amended**

[**HB425**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-425)RELIGIOUS EXPRESSION-STUDENTS (Rep. Bill Hayes) Regarding student religious expression

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

[**HB426**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-426)CAREER COLLEGES-JOB PLACEMENT (Rep. Niraj Antani) To require the State Board of Career Colleges and Schools to report and post job placement information

**STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB438**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-438)WEEK DESIGNATION (Rep. John Patterson) To designate the week prior to the week of Thanksgiving Day as "Ohio Public Education Appreciation Week”

**STATUS: Signed by Governor**

[**HB445**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-445)COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS-EXTRACURRICULARS (Rep. Mike Dovilla, Rep. Marlene Anielski) To make changes to the College Credit Plus program and to specify that students participating in the program shall not be denied the opportunity to participate in extracurricular activities based solely upon participation in the CCP program

**STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB454**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-454)SALES TAX HOLIDAY-PERMANENT (Rep. John Patterson) To provide for a permanent three-day sales tax "holiday" each August during which sales of back-to-school clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

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

[**HB455**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-455)BOARDING SCHOOL ZONE (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Kristina Roegner) To authorize a municipal corporation or township to establish a boarding school zone and a special speed limit within that zone

**STATUS: Signed by Governor**

[**HB458**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-458)FOSTER CARE-KINSHIP CAREGIVER (Rep. Janine Boyd, Rep. Jeffery Rezabek) - To provide foster care maintenance payments for children in the care of a kinship caregiver without requiring the caregiver to be certified to provide foster care and to require, rather than permit, the creation of the statewide program of kinship care navigators

**STATUS: House Community & Family Advancement Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

[**HB459**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-459)EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER-AUDIT (Rep. Kirk Schuring) - To authorize the Auditor of State to conduct a performance audit of an educational service center and to require a comprehensive performance audit of all educational service centers

**STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB474**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-474)HIGHER EDUCATION-COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS (Rep. Tim Brown) With respect to the coordination and administration of higher education programs and the College Credit Plus program

**STATUS: Referred to House Finance Committee**

[**HB481**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-481)STUDENT ENROLLMENT REPORTING (Rep. Andrew Thompson, Rep. Kyle Koehler) To revise the requirements regarding student enrollment reporting for public schools, mandatory student withdrawal policies, and scholarship program eligibility relative to students who choose not to take state assessments during the 2015-2016 school year and to declare an emergency

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

[**HB482**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-482)EXEMPT PROPERTY-VALUE CALCULATION (Rep. Jonathan Dever) To change the calculation of the exempt value of improved property subject to a community reinvestment area exemption, to clarify the calculation of the exempt value of property subject to a brownfield remediation exemption, and to authorize the filing of a complaint with the county auditor challenging the assessed value of fully or partially exempt property

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

[**HB483**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-483)DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES-MBR (Rep. Ron Amstutz) To modify programs administered by the Department of Developmental Disabilities and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Signed by Governor**

[**HB485**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-485)INCOME TAX DEDUCTION-TUITION (Rep. Dan Ramos) To reinstate the state income tax deduction for qualified higher education tuition and fee payments that expired December 31, 2005

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

[**HB487**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-487)STATE SEAL-BILITERACY (Rep. Sarah LaTourette, Rep. Kristina Roegner) To require the State Board of Education to establish the state Seal of Biliteracy to be attached or affixed to the high school transcripts of qualifying students

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

[**HB493**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-493)CHILD ABUSE-NEGLECT REPORTING (Rep. Barbara Sears, Rep. Scott Ryan) To make changes in the child abuse and neglect reporting law

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Passed by Senate as amended on Floor, Vote 21-10; House concurs, Vote 56-39**

[**HB496**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-496)STUDENTS-UNIFORMED SERVICES (Rep. John Boccieri) To enact the "Student to Soldiers Support Act (S3A)" regarding the participation of students who are serving in the uniformed services in extracurricular activities at public and nonpublic schools and public and private colleges

**STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB498**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-498)EXPULSION-THREAT OF VIOLENCE (Rep. Stephanie Kunze) With respect to the expulsion of a student from a school district, community school, or STEM school for communicating a threat of violence to occur on school grounds

**STATUS: House Education Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

[**HB501**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-501)YOUTH STEM PROGRAM (Rep. Mike Dovilla, Rep. Marlene Anielski) To support the Youth STEM Commercialization and Entrepreneurship Program and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Referred to House Finance Committee**

[**HB504**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-504)HIGHER EDUCATION-PUBLIC RECORDS (Rep. Kirk Schuring) To generally protect a private, nonprofit institution of higher education from liability for a breach of confidentiality or other claim that arises from the institution's disclosure of public records

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

[**HB508**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-508)FISCAL DISTRESS-LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING (Rep. Kent Smith, Rep. Kristin Boggs) To make supplemental appropriations to the Auditor of State for purposes of distributing these funds to political subdivisions in fiscal caution, watch, or emergency

**STATUS: Referred to House Finance Committee**

[**HB520**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-520)PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (Rep. Kirk Schuring, Rep. Dan Ramos) To revise the law governing the state's public retirement systems

**STATUS: Signed by Governor**

[**HB524**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-524)STATE REPORT CARD MEASURE (Rep. Bob Cupp, Rep. Ryan Smith) To review the value-added progress dimension measure used for purposes of state report card ratings for school districts and schools

**STATUS: Introduced**

[**HB530**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-530)SICK-CHILD CENTER-LICENSURE (Rep. Wes Retherford) To provide for the licensure of sick-child care centers

**STATUS: Referred to House Commerce and Labor Committee**

[**HB544**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-544)HIGH SCHOOL CIVICS ASSESSMENT (Rep. Kyle Koehler, Rep. Al Landis) To permit high school students to take a civics assessment instead of the American government end of-course examination

**STATUS: Introduced**

[**HB547**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-547)OBM-MBR (Rep. Ryan Smith) To provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs and to make appropriations

**STATUS: House Finance Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

[**HB549**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-549)STEM DEGREE LOAN REPAYMENT (Rep. John Patterson) To create the STEM Degree Loan Repayment Program and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Introduced**

[**HB550**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-550)SCHOOL FACILITIES-TECHNOLOGY PURCHASING (Rep. Steve Arndt) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

**STATUS: Introduced**

[**HB556**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-556)SCHOOL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Heather Bishoff) To make boundaries of certain school districts that are parties to an annexation agreement permanent under state law

**STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB560**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-560)COMMUNITY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT (Rep. Steve Hambley) Regarding verification of community school enrollments

**STATUS: Introduced**

[**HB563**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-563)INCOME TAX-LAYOFFS (Rep. Dan Ramos) To provide for payments to municipalities or school districts for their lost income tax revenue after a business lays off 50 or more employees within their jurisdiction

**STATUS: Introduced**

[**HB564**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-564)STUDENT IMMUNIZATION (Rep. Dan Ramos) To make changes to the law governing immunizations for pupils

**STATUS: Introduced**

[**HB565**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-565)TAX CREDIT-STUDENT LOANS (Rep. Dan Ramos) To allow a credit against the income tax or commercial activity tax for graduates or employers who make payments on student loans obtained by the graduate to earn a degree from an Ohio college or university

**STATUS: Introduced**

[**HB568**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-568)EMPLOYEE DEFINITION-LABOR LAWS (Rep. Debbie Phillips, Rep. John Rogers) To create a generally uniform definition of employee for specified labor laws, to create a uniform standard to determine whether an individual performing services for an employer is an employee of that employer, and to regulate the payment of wages via payroll card

**STATUS: Introduced**

[**HB570**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-570)INTERDISTRICT-OPEN ENROLLMENT (Rep. Brian Hill) Regarding funding for students enrolled in community schools, STEM schools, and other districts through interdistrict open enrollment

**STATUS: Introduced**

[**HB571**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-571)CAREER INFORMATION-STUDENTS (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Kristin Boggs) Regarding the presentation of career information to students

**STATUS: Introduced**

[**HB583**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-583)PUBLIC EMPLOYEES-REQUIRED DUES (Rep. John Becker) To remove any requirement under the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Law that public employees join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit public employers from requiring public employees to join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit an employee organization from being required to represent public employees who are not members of the employee organization, and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Re-Referred to House Commerce & Labor Committee**

[**HB594**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-594)COMMUNITY SCHOOL AUDIT-PUBLIC MONEY (Rep. Kristina Roegner) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding of recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school

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

[**HB628**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-628)SCHOOL FUNDING (Rep. Andrew Brenner) All subject to the approval of the electors of this state, to replace locally levied school district property taxes with a statewide property tax and require recipients of certain tax exemptions to reimburse the state for such levy revenue lost due to those exemptions; to repeal school district income taxes; to require the Treasurer of State to issue general obligation bonds to refund certain school district debt obligations

**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: Signed by Governor**

[**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**

[**SB42**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-42)MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT-MINORS (Beagle B) Regarding minors and outpatient mental health treatment

**STATUS: Senate Health & Human Services Committee – Reported out**

[**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: Signed by Governor – Effective 10/14/15**

[**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) House Education Committee – Reported out as amended**

[**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**

[**SB217**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-217)LOCAL OFFICIAL-CONTINUING EDUCATION EXEMPTION (Sen. John Eklund) To permit exemptions for local officials from continuing education requirements of the office for an illness or disability or for out-of-state military service

**STATUS: Introduced; Referred to Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee**

[**SB220**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-220)OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEE-ROTH FEATURES (Sen. Jay Hottinger) To authorize the Ohio Public Employees Deferred Compensation Board and local governments to establish designated Roth account features and other tax-deferred or non-tax deferred features permitted for government deferred compensation plans

**STATUS: Introduced**

[**SB230**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-230)ACADEMIC DISTRESS COMMISSION (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) With regard to the operation of academic distress commissions and to modify the earmarked funding for the establishment of academic distress commissions

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Finance Committee**

[**SB234**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-234)STUDENT ENROLLMENT-CHILDREN SERVICES (Sen. Capri Cafaro) To require specified public and nonpublic school officials to search the Uniform Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**SB235**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-235)INCREASED VALUE-PROPERTY TAX (Sen. Bill Beagle, Sen. William Coley) To exempt from property tax the increased value of property on which industrial or commercial development is planned until construction of new commercial or industrial facilities at the property commences

**STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House Finance Committee – Substitute bill accepted & bill amended; Reported out; Passed by House, Vote 81-9; Senate concurs, Vote 29-2**

[**SB238**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-238)MONTH NAME DESIGNATION (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To designate the month of October as "Ohio Principals Month”

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**SB240**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-240)FEDERAL FOSTER CARE (Sen. John Eklund) To extend the age for which a person is eligible for federal foster care and adoption assistance payments under Title IV-E to age twenty-one; and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Introduced**

[**SB241**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-241)EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS-EMPLOYMENT (Sen. Frank LaRose) With regard to the employment of specified education professionals by city, exempted village, and local school districts

**STATUS: Introduced**

[**SB246**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-246)CAUV COMPUTATION-CAPITALIZATION RATE (Sen. Cliff Hite) To require that the computation of the capitalization rate for the purposes of determining CAUV of agricultural land be computed using a method that excludes appreciation and equity buildup

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

[**SB247**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-247)SCHOOL DISTRICT-SUMMER MEALS (Sen. Edna Brown, Sen. Peggy Lehner) 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: Senate Finance Committee – Reported out as amended; Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0**

[**SB250**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-250)CHARTER SCHOOLS-STATE MONEY (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To prohibit community schools from using state moneys to pay for advertising, recruiting, or promotional materials

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**SB252**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-252)CARDIAC ARREST-YOUTH ACTIVITY (Sen. Cliff Hite, Sen. Tom Patton) With regard to sudden cardiac arrest in youth athletic activities

**STATUS: Signed by Governor**

[**SB264**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-264)SALES TAX HOLIDAY-PERMANENT (Sen. Kevin Bacon) To provide for a permanent three-day sales tax "holiday" each August during which sales of back-to-school clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

**STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective 8/5/16 until 8/10/16**

[**SB274**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-274)SMARTOHIO FINANCIAL LITERACY PILOT PROGRAM (Sen. Bill Seitz) To require the Chancellor of Higher Education to create the SmartOhio Financial Literacy Pilot Program at the University of Cincinnati to operate for the 2016-2017 school year and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Finance Committee**

[**SB309**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-309)SCHOOL BUS OPERATOR-REPORT (Sen. Frank LaRose) To require a school bus operator who files a report alleging that a vehicle passed the school bus while stopped to include in the report a description of the operator of the vehicle if possible, rather than requiring a description of the operator in all circumstances

**STATUS: Introduced**

[**SB310**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-310)CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS (Sen. Scott Oelslager) To make capital appropriations and changes to the law governing capital projects for the biennium ending June 30, 2018

**STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective 8/16/16; certain provisions effective 7/1/2016**

[**SB321**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-321)PUBLIC RECORDS (Sen. Keith Faber) To create a procedure within the Court of Claims to hear complaints alleging a denial of access to public records and to modify the circumstances under which a person who files a mandamus action seeking the release of public records may be awarded court costs and attorney's fees

**STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective 9/28/16**

[**SB323**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-323)CHILD ABUSE-NEGLECT REPORTING (Sen. Shannon Jones) To make changes in the child abuse and neglect reporting law

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

[**SB326**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-326)SCHOOL DISTRICTS-TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENT (Sen. Randy Gardner) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Finance Committee**

[**SB328**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-328)HOST FAMILY AFFIDAVITS (Sen. William Coley) Regarding host family affidavits for the care of children

**STATUS: Senate Civil Justice Committee – Bill amended**

[**SB354**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-354)SCHOOL FACILITIES COMMISSION-FUNDING (Sen. John Eklund, Sen. Capri Cafaro) To require the School Facilities Commission to give priority for project funding to school districts that resulted from certain types of transfers, mergers, or consolidations and demonstrate an efficient use of facility space as determined by the Commission

**STATUS: Introduced**

[**SB367**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-367)WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEMS (Sen. Bill Beagle) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, and certificates of qualification for employment

**STATUS: Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee**

[**SB376**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-376)OHIO BROADBAND GRANTS PROGRAM (Sen. Lou Gentile) To create the Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Introduced**

**Ohio Budget and Politics**

[**Obhof Takes Over as Senate Opens for 132nd General Assembly**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=205188) **Hannah**

Sen. Larry Obhof (R-Medina) officially took the reins Tuesday as president of the Ohio Senate, as fellow senators elected him unanimously and outgoing President and Rep.-elect Keith Faber (R-Celina) relinquished the gavel at the opening session of the 132nd General Assembly. Joining Obhof in leadership are Sen. Bob Peterson (R-Sabina) as president pro tempore; Sen. Randy Gardner (R-Bowling Green) as majority floor leader; and Sen. Gayle Manning (R-North Ridgeville) as majority whip.

[**House Opens 132nd General Assembly; Dating Violence Bill to Be HB1**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=205198) **Hannah**

Rep. Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville) again took the reins of the Ohio House when he was unanimously re-elected speaker Tuesday, announcing that HB1 will be a Democratic bill. Rosenberger outlined his priorities for this session in his speech after he was elected, saying that a bill brought by Rep. Emilia Sykes (D-Akron) and former Rep. Christie Kuhns (D-Cincinnati) that seeks to extend protection orders to victims of dating violence will be HB1. Rosenberger said it is the right thing to do and that it is about putting aside partisanship.

[**Kasich Wields Veto Pen over Holidays; Lawmakers, Groups React**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=205189) **Hannah**

Gov. John Kasich blocked several measures sent to his desk before the end of the year, drawing criticism from Republican legislators who vowed to prioritize similar policy proposals in the 132ndGeneral Assembly. The governor vetoed two bills outright, including energy standards legislation 131-HB554 (Amstutz) and state agency review bill 131-SB329 (Jordan). Kasich employed his line-item veto on "Christmas tree" 131-SB235 (Beagle-Coley), nixing an appropriation carryover for sporting events, an expanded sales tax exemption for the oil and gas industry and a sales tax exemption for digital jukeboxes.

[**Ohio legislators will tackle state budget, energy standards, more in 2017**](http://www.cleveland.com/politics/index.ssf/2017/01/ohio_legislators_will_tackle_s.html#incart_river_index) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

The Ohio General Assembly is back in session Tuesday, and lawmakers already have a lot planned for the first half of 2017. The governor's two-year budget, which funds education, Medicaid and other services at more than $60 billion a year, will consume much of the legislature's time. But legislators have a few other issues -- leftover from last session and new ones -- they want to tackle sooner than later.

[**Kasich Signs Opioid MBR, Says Communities Must Use Prevention Tools**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=205211) **Hannah**

Gov. John Kasich Wednesday signed SB319 (Eklund), the opioid portion of his administration’s mid-biennium review, but said solving the problem of drug addiction in Ohio will succeed through efforts from the community up, not from the government down. The governor held a lengthy signing ceremony, outlining all the things his administration has done to fight the drug problem in the state, starting with an effort to take down pill mills. The problem has been exacerbated as many addicted Ohioans have turned to cheaper heroin as the state has made it harder to obtain opioid pills.

[**5 higher education issues lawmakers could address in 2017**](http://www.springfieldnewssun.com/news/higher-education-issues-lawmakers-could-address-2017/K47uWIKpW9M0j29b2tof7H/) **Springfield News Sun**

Lawmakers in Columbus and Washington, D.C. have several items on their agenda as they head back to work this month and some could be problems in higher education. With newly elected leaders being sworn in, some longstanding issues in higher education could pop up again and some new ones may get some attention in 2017. Here’s a list of five issues affecting colleges that legislators in Ohio or Washington or both might address in the New Year.

[**Kasich Administration Begins Search for Data Analytics Contractor**](Kasich%20Administration%20Begins%20Search%20for%20Data%20Analytics%20Contractorhttp:/www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=205217) **Hannah**

The Kasich administration Thursday put out a request for a contractor to help it with data analytics as the governor seeks to mine data to help come up with policy solutions on topics ranging from infant mortality and opiate addiction to school dropouts and unemployment. The request for proposal released Thursday seeks data analytics platforms and data analytics experts to help the state to conduct very large data analysis. Gov. John Kasich discussed the project Thursday at an event in Cleveland.

[**Obhof Talks Priorities, Redistricting**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=205213) **Hannah**

While Gov. John Kasich said this week that he plans to include congressional redistricting reform in his budget proposal, Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina) reiterated his belief Thursday that it is the job of the Legislature to draw congressional map lines. Kasich told reporters this week that he plans to include a proposal in his budget to make the state’s process for drawing congressional lines similar to the process adopted for the General Assembly as part of Issue 1 in 2015. When asked about Kasich’s remarks, Obhof said substantive changes would have to be done through a resolution and not as part of a budget bill. He said he has not seen what Kasich is proposing and would hold his remarks until he reviews the language.

[**Ohio public colleges now open to performance audits**](http://www.bizjournals.com/columbus/news/2017/01/05/ohio-public-colleges-now-open-to-performance.html) **Biz Journal**

Ohio public colleges and universities are now open to performance audits. Gov. [John Kasich](http://www.bizjournals.com/columbus/search/results?q=John%20Kasich) signed a bill on Wednesday allowing the state auditor's office to do what it has done on Ohio government agencies since 2011. It was part of a package of 28 bills signed by the governor.

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

[**State seeks comments on some learning standards**](http://www.toledoblade.com/Education/2017/01/02/State-seeks-comments-on-standards-Ohio-education-department-survey-now-available-online.html)  **Toledo Blade**

Ohioans interested in what students learn in social studies and science classes can now tell the state how to improve learning standards that cover topics ranging from the Constitution to chemical reactions. The Ohio Department of Education is accepting online comments through Jan. 9 about the standards — the state’s list of expectations describing what students should learn in subjects and at specific grade levels. The department conducted similar surveys earlier this year as it reviewed math and English standards and received more than 3,600 responses during two public comment periods.

[**Ohio Garners 'C' in Annual School Ratings**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=205202) **Hannah**

Ohio is in the middle of the pack in the latest Quality Counts ratings of the states from *Education Week*, earning an grade of C and matching the national average performance at 74.2 out of 100 points.

[**Leadership, Graduation on School Board Agenda: Kasich Makes Appointments**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=205228) **Hannah**

The State Board of Education will vote on a successor to President Tom Gunlock when it meets Monday. Meanwhile, Gov. John Kasich made four appointments to the board, including a replacement for former member A.J. Wagner, who resigned because of plans to relocate. Gunlock said at December's meeting he would not seek a leadership position again, following two years as president and four years before that as vice president under then-President Debe Terhar. Gubernatorial appointee Tess Elshoff has been serving as vice president under Gunlock.  
  
[**State school board shifts more Republican as opposition voice lessens**](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2017/01/state_school_board_shifts_more.html) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

The state school board has moved further to the political right as it starts 2017 with key decisions on charter schools, testing and graduation requirements on the horizon.

**Early Childhood**

[**More Than 600 Head Start Programs to Lengthen Hours Under New Funding**](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/early_years/2017/01/more_than_600_head_start_programs_to_lenghten_hours_under_new_congressional_funding.html?utm_source=feedblitz&utm_medium=FeedBlitzRss&utm_campaign=earlyyears) **Education Week**

The Office of Head Start announced Tuesday that it will distribute $290 million to 665 Head Start and Early Head Start programs around the country that they can use to expand their full school day and year offerings. Congress appropriated the supplemental funding in a fiscal 2016 budget bill for the federal preschool program for children from low-income families, and the money is now part of Head Start's base funding, subject to congressional approval.

**Special Education**

[**Study: Students With ADHD Not Helped by Common Test Accommodations**](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/speced/2016/12/test_accommodations_for_adhd.html?utm_source=feedblitz&utm_medium=FeedBlitzRss&utm_campaign=onspecialeducation) **Education Week**

Offering students with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder extended testing time or frequent breaks does not appear to help them perform better on a standardized test than other students with ADHD who do not get such accommodations, says a new study published in Learning Disabilities, a Multidisciplinary Journal.

**College and Career Readiness**

[**Ohio State seeks design help on Framework 2.0 campus plan**](http://www.bizjournals.com/columbus/news/2017/01/04/ohio-state-seeks-design-help-on-framework-2-0.html) **Biz Journals**

[Ohio State University](http://companies.bizjournals.com/profile/ohio-state-university/145247/?mkt=columbus) is seeking companies to help plan a large-scale shifting of the school’s physical campus. The university wants help on designing specifics within its broad Framework 2.0 plan for the central core of campus and the western portion that the school calls the “western lands.”

[**Baldwin Wallace to offer Ohio's first master's degree in management for non-business majors**](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2017/01/baldwin_wallace_university_to.html#incart_river_index) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

[Baldwin Wallace University](https://www.bw.edu/) will offer Ohio's first master's degree in management for non-business majors beginning this year. Graduates in a range of liberal arts disciplines, like English, biology and history, will have the opportunity to learn organizational leadership fundamentals in the   one-year program. The program was approved by the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

**Northeast Ohio Schools**

***Cuyahoga County***

[**Cleveland Heights-University Heights Student-Athletes Improve Collective GPAs**](http://patch.com/ohio/clevelandheights/cleveland-heights-university-heights-athletes-improve-collective-gpas) **Cleveland Heights Patch**

[**Euclid City Council, Euclid School Board initiate planning for Phase II ‘Finish the Job’**](http://www.news-herald.com/general-news/20170106/euclid-city-council-euclid-school-board-initiate-planning-for-phase-ii-finish-the-job) **Willoughby News-Herald**

[**Lakewood High School opens new academic wing**](http://www.cleveland.com/lakewood/index.ssf/2017/01/lakewood_high_school_opens_new.html#incart_river_index) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

[**Lakewood High School Says Goodbye to 'The Mods'; New Academic Wing Opens**](http://patch.com/ohio/lakewood-oh/lakewood-city-schools-says-goodbye-mods-new-academic-wing-opens) **Lakewood Patch**

[**Richmond Heights plans April computer science event to spur technology citywide**](http://www.cleveland.com/hillcrest/index.ssf/2017/01/richmond_heights_20.html) **Cleveland.Com**

[**Shaker Heights Schools Hosting Panel Session on Historically Black Colleges and Universities**](http://patch.com/ohio/shakerheights/shaker-heights-schools-hosting-panel-session-historically-black-colleges) **Shaker Heights Patch**

***Lake County***

[**Perry High School philanthropy program poised to award area nonprofits $2,000 in grants**](http://www.news-herald.com/general-news/20170107/perry-high-school-philanthropy-program-poised-to-award-area-nonprofits-2000-in-grants) **Willoughby News-Herald**

[**Community involvement essential to success of Wickliffe School District’s strategic plan**](http://www.news-herald.com/general-news/20170105/community-involvement-essential-to-success-of-wickliffe-school-districts-strategic-plan) **Willoughby News-Herald**

[**State schools superintendent visits Mentor Schools**](http://www.news-herald.com/general-news/20170105/state-schools-superintendent-visits-mentor-schools) **Willoughby News-Herald**

***Lorain County***

[**Lorain athletic director talks of stadium needs, attempts**](http://www.morningjournal.com/general-news/20170101/lorain-athletic-director-talks-of-stadium-needs-attempts) **Lorain Morning Journal**

[**Lorain Schools officials respond to state superintendent comments**](http://www.morningjournal.com/general-news/20170105/lorain-schools-officials-respond-to-state-superintendent-comments) **Lorain Morning Journal**

[**State official talks about Lorain City Schools and academic distress**](http://www.morningjournal.com/general-news/20170101/state-official-talks-about-lorain-city-schools-and-academic-distress?source=most_viewed) **Lorain Morning Journal**

***Summit County***

[**Barberton City Schools Superintendent Patricia Cleary to retire**](http://www.ohio.com/news/education/barberton-city-schools-superintendent-patricia-cleary-to-retire-1.737962)  **Akon Beacon Journal**

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