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**Featured News**

[**Armond Budish, Cuyahoga County executive-elect, names leaders of transition staff**](http://www.cleveland.com/cuyahoga-county/index.ssf/2014/11/armond_budish_cuyahoga_county_executive-elect_names_leaders_of_transition_staff.html#incart_river) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

Cuyahoga County Executive-elect Armond Budish has announced the leadership team behind his transition into office. According to a press release, Budish has named Keary McCarthy, who served as Budish's communications director and chief of staff while Budish led the Ohio House Democrats, as the director of his transition staff. McCarthy also worked for outgoing County Executive Ed FitzGerald's transition staff in late 2010.

[**2 Cuyahoga County Council members vying to become next council president**](http://www.cleveland.com/cuyahoga-county/index.ssf/2014/11/2_cuyahoga_county_council_members_vying_to_become_next_council_president.html#incart_river) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

The behind-the-scenes race to become the next leader of Cuyahoga County Council has come down to two Democratic council members from Cleveland. [**Councilman Dan Brady**](http://council.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/District-3.aspx), council's current vice-president, is considered the favorite. He is viewed by some colleagues as the natural successor to outgoing Council President C. Ellen Connally, who is retiring from public office. He is a former Cleveland city councilman and state legislator, and lives on Cleveland's West Side in the Edgewater neighborhood.

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

**130th General Assembly**

***Introduced***

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

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

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

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

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

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

***House***

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Education Committee**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[**HB 228**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_228) SCHOOL FUNDING (BRENNER A) To reform the system of funding elementary and secondary education **STATUS: House Education Committee – Bill amended**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[**HB 324**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_324)LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION EXCHANGE GRANT PROGRAM (DUFFEY M, HAGAN C) To establish the Local Government Information Exchange Grant Program and to make an appropriation. **STATUS: Referred to House Finance & Appropriations Committee**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

***Senate***

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[**SB 42**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_42)PROPERTY TAXES-SCHOOL SECURITY (MANNING G, GARDNER R) To authorize school districts to levy a property tax exclusively for school safety and security purposes **STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 31-2; Referred to House Way & Means Committee**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[**SB 96**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_96) HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM (LAROSE F) To require one unit of world history in the high school social studies curriculum **STATUS: (Passed by Senate) Referred to House Education Committee**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Ohio Budget/Politics**

[**Butler Says Speaker’s Race ‘Neck and Neck’**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=197989) **Hannah**

Rep. Jim Butler (R-Dayton) said Tuesday he is “optimistic” he will receive enough votes to become the next speaker of the House during Wednesday morning’s caucus vote. Rep. Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville) is considered the favorite to win the position after rival Rep. Ron Amstutz (R-Wooster) announced he was supporting Rosenberger in July. Amstutz said he believed 60 percent of the caucus was backing Rosenberger even before Rep. Dave Hall (R-Millersburg) announced his support for the Clarksville lawmaker in September.

[**GOP Caucuses Elect Party Leaders for 131st GA**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=197999) **Hannah**

Members of the House Republican Caucus for the 131st General Assembly on Wednesday elected Rep. Cliff Rosenberger (Clarksville) as the next speaker of the House, while the Senate GOP Caucus re-elected Senate President Keith Faber (Celina) to a second term as head of the majority in that chamber. Rosenberger will replace term-limited Republican House Speaker Bill Batchelder (Medina), winning the position over rival Rep. Jim Butler (Dayton), who said he believed the race was “neck and neck” going in. The ballot was secret and members of the caucus are not informed of the final vote tally, Butler told reporters after the election.

[**Rep. Cliff Rosenberger picked as new Ohio House speaker**](http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2014/11/12/new-speaker-of-Ohio-House.html)  **Columbus Dispatch**

House Republicans selected two-term Rep. Cliff Rosenberger yesterday as speaker starting in 2015, placing him among the youngest — if not the youngest — speakers in Ohio history. Newly elected GOP members joined returning lawmakers to select the 33-year-old from Clarksville, who was challenged by fellow two-term Rep. Jim Butler of Oakwood. Rosenberger was the favorite going in, but Butler, whose support included a number of the caucus’s most conservative members, remained confident that he could muster the votes.

[**Rosenberger Selects Dittoe as Chief of Staff for 131st General Assembly**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=198026) **Hannah**Rep. Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville), speaker-elect of the Ohio House of Representatives, announced Thursday that Mike Dittoe will serve as majority caucus chief of staff beginning in the 131st General Assembly. Currently, Dittoe serves as majority communications director for the Ohio House of Representatives. Additional staff announcements will be made at a later date.

[**Education Catchall Bill Picks up Salary Schedule Repeal; Committee Talks Testing Rollback**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=198023) **Hannah**

The House Education Committee added more than a dozen new provisions Thursday to HB343 (Stebelton), a bill on dropout programs that's now the vehicle for a host of lame-duck changes, including a proposal to repeal the statutory minimum salary schedule for Ohio teachers. The panel also continued discussions on HB228, a proposal from Reps. Andrew Brenner (R-Powell) and Anne Gonzales (R-Westerville) to cap state testing at four hours per year. Inclusion of salary schedule repeal drew immediate objection from committee Democrats, all of whom voted against accepting the substitute bill. "The quality that we expect from our teachers should be reflected in their salary," said Rep. Teresa Fedor (D-Toledo), lead Democrat on the committee.

[**Northeast Ohio lawmakers chosen for leadership posts in state House, Senate**](http://www.cleveland.com/open/index.ssf/2014/11/northeast_ohio_lawmakers_chose.html#incart_river) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

The top leaders from the Ohio House and Senate next session are from western and southwestern Ohio, but several lawmakers from Northeast Ohio were elected to leadership positions Wednesday in their Republican caucuses.

[**House Republicans seek -- again -- to change teacher pay structure**](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2014/11/house_republicans_seek_-_again.html) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

A proposal to stop requiring schools to have a traditional pay schedule for teachers is back on the table for state legislators. The [House Education Committee](http://www.ohiohouse.gov/committee/education) added that change today into a House Bill 343 -- a bill that rounds up several small issues into one package. See the new amendments to HB343 [HERE](http://media.cleveland.com/plain_dealer_metro/other/130HB343_3620_Stackable_Omnibus.pdf).

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

[**Is the state school board killing arts and gym classes? School nurses, librarians and counselors?**](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2014/11/is_the_state_school_board_kill.html#incart_river) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

An [Internet buzz late yesterday](https://twitter.com/search?f=realtime&q=%23Ohio5of8&src=tyah&lang=en) that the state school board will vote this week to cut art, music and gym classes from schools isn't completely true. The issue isn't as clear-cut as Twitter and Facebook posts make it appear, but there's still a controversy brewing that has state teachers unions and associations of school librarians, nurses and counselors poised to complain to the board this week.

[**School Board’s Proposal to Drop Staffing Rule Draws Debate**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=197980) **Hannah**

A State Board of Education committee approved recommendations for an overhaul of school operating standards on a close 4-3 vote Monday after a last minute outcry over revisions to staffing ratios. Board members reported a deluge of calls, emails and other messages related to proposed elimination of the so-called "five of eight rule." The rule requires that for every 1,000 students, a district must hire in five of the following eight positions: counselor, library media specialist, nurse, visiting teacher, social worker, and elementary art, music and physical education.

[**School Board Committee OKs Workforce Exam, IB Tests**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=197981) **Hannah**

The State Board of Education's Graduation Requirements Committee voted Monday to recommend ACT WorkKeys as the job skills assessment students can use to earn a diploma under the workforce readiness pathway created by lawmakers earlier this year. The committee also approved a recommendation for three International Baccalaureate (IB) tests that can serve as acceptable substitutes for state end-of-course exams in science and history. Mid-biennium review legislation on education, HB487 (Brenner), enacted three pathways to earning a high school diploma. Under the workforce readiness path, students must pass a job skills assessment and earn a workforce credential for an "in-demand job," as determined by JobsOhio and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

[**State Melding Pre-K, Early Elementary Standards**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=197982) **Hannah**

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) outlined progress Monday toward integrating child learning and development standards from birth through third grade and rolling out new assessments to gauge the skills of newly enrolled kindergarteners. ODE's Stephanie Siddens, senior executive director for curriculum and assessments, told the State Board of Education's Achievement Committee that extending the state's birth to kindergarten standards through third grade is part of the work plan for Ohio's $70 million Early Learning Challenge grant from the federal Race to the Top (RttT) program. The birth-to-kindergarten standards, adopted in 2012, address five developmental areas: literacy; cognition; approaches to learning; social and emotional wellbeing; and physical wellbeing and motor development. The extension through third grade is focused on the latter three categories, Siddens said.

[**Will state school board eliminate requirement for art, music and gym teachers?**](http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2014/11/10/school-board-mandatory-requirements.html)  **Columbus Dispatch**

A divided committee of the Ohio Board of Education recommended yesterday doing away with staffing requirements for elementary schools that critics argue could lead to the elimination of art, music and physical education classes, along with school nurses, librarians and counselors. Members of the panel, saying they have been bombarded by complaints in recent days, voted 4-3 to recommend passage of new operating standards that allow schools to make their own staffing decisions.

[**Four Members Walk Out in Tense School Board Meeting on '5 of 8' Rule**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=197991) **Hannah**

Outcry over plans to drop specific staffing ratios in an rewrite of Ohio's school operating standards dominated State Board of Education proceedings for a second day Tuesday, with several people signing up to testify. Tensions spiked right off the bat Tuesday morning when board President Debe Terhar juggled the agenda to lead off with a presentation on the entire package of operating standards, pushing back the routine public comment period, which had been the first item on the schedule. When a woman in the crowd started to speak out in protest, Terhar told her she was free to leave, prompting board member A.J. Wagner to stand up and say, "I'll leave, thank you." Members Deborah Cain, Stephanie Dodd and Ann Jacobs soon followed him out.

[**Ross Talks Pre-K, Testing Review; Board OKs Budget with Early Childhood Funding Boost**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=197995) **Hannah**

State Superintendent Richard Ross spoke of the importance of early childhood programs and K-3 literacy for student success and described state efforts to address concerns about a testing pile-up Tuesday during an address on education policy before attendees at the Ohio School Boards Association Capital Conference. Ross' remarks on preschool programs preceded continuation of the State Board of Education meeting Tuesday, where members were schedule to vote on the FY16-17 budget recommendations, which included calls for successive $10 million annual increases for state-funded preschool slots.

[**Study Panel Backs End-of-Course Exam Exemption for Private Schools**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=198004) **Hannah**

A study committee appointed to make recommendations on private school graduation requirements voted unanimously Wednesday to stick with the current law provision allowing schools to opt out of new end-of-course exams. And the House Education Committee chairman said he'll soon move legislation to move the effective date of that exemption forward. The K-12 education mid-biennium review legislation, HB487 (Brenner), allows chartered non-public schools to skip the seven end-of-course exams required for high school graduation if they publish their students' aggregate results on college-readiness exams like the ACT or SAT. But the legislation put the exemption into effect starting in October of next year and created a study committee to explore alternative options.

[**Schools could cut specialists if state rule changes**](http://www.mydaytondailynews.com/news/news/schools-could-cut-specialists-if-state-rule-change/nh6qw/) **Dayton Daily News**

The proposed elimination of school staffing minimums for counselors, nurses, music teachers and other “specialists” would open the door for local districts to make cuts if they face financial pressures.

**Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment**

[**Grades and attendance — not test scores — matter for middle schoolers: U. of C. researchers**](http://chicagosuntimes.com/news/grades-and-attendance-matter-for-middle-schoolers-not-test-scores-says-new-u-of-c-research/) **Chicago Sun Times**

Schools that want to prepare their students for college had better focus on getting their middle schoolers to class every day and on helping children raise their grades instead of their standardized test scores. That’s what researchers from the University of Chicago’s Consortium on Chicago School Research say in a new report published Thursday called “Looking Forward to High School and College.”

[**Using Assessment Data to Guide Math Course Placement of California Middle School Students**](http://ecs.force.com/studies/rstudypg?id=a0r70000006K5fcAAC) **Education Commission of the States**

Some states want to increase the number of students who pass algebra I by the end of grade 8. Enrolling grade 8 students in algebra works well for some students but sets others up to fail; proper identification is crucial. California schools and districts increasingly rely on California Standards Test (CST) scores for grade 8 math placement decisions, and some districts have also started using results from the Mathematics Diagnostic Testing Project (MDTP), a newly-available diagnostic math test.

**Early Learning**

[**Researchers Publish Open Letter Favoring Public Investment in Early Education**](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/early_years/2014/11/researchers_publish_open_letter_favoring_public_investment_in_early_childhood_education.html) **Education Week**

In an open letter to policymakers released Wednesday, more than 500 researchers urged the expansion of and increased public investment in early-childhood education. Arguing that critics of greater investments in early education "ignore the full body of evidence," the letter states: "Existing research findings are sufficient to warrant greater investment in quality programs now."

[**Obama to Announce Early-Ed. Grant Winners at December Summit**](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/early_years/2014/10/barack_obama_to_announce_grant_winners_at_december_summit.html) **Education Week**

Winners in the $250 million Preschool Development Grants program and recipients of $500 million in Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership awards will be announced at a White House early-childhood education summit in December. President Barack Obama will announce the winners and host "philanthropic, business, education, advocacy and elected leaders" Dec. 10, according to a White House statement Wednesday. Thirty-five states and Purto Rico have applied to the U.S. Department of Education for the preschool development grants. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has received more than 600 applications for the Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership grants.

**College and Career Readiness**

[**Enrollment at some Ohio regional campuses falling**](http://www.cantonrep.com/article/20141108/NEWS/141109369/13230/NEWS) **Canton Repository**

Administrators at regional colleges in Ohio are searching for solutions to deal with falling student enrollment. Experts say fewer non-traditional students, such as out-of-work parents, are signing up for classes at two-year and satellite schools. They say there is less pressure for people to go back to school for training as the job market improves. The Hamilton-Middletown Journal News reports some regional schools in Ohio have lost as much as 30 percent of their student population since 2009.

[**Ohio ranks 11th in student loan debt**](http://www.mydaytondailynews.com/news/news/local-education/ohio-ranks-11th-in-student-loan-debt/nh58d/) **Dayton Daily News**

Ohio dropped out out of the top 10 states with the highest college graduate debt but still ranks 11th in the country, and the debt amassed by students at some local schools is above state and national averages, according to a report by the Institute for College Access and Success.

[**New, Simpler Net Price Calculator May Improve College Cost Transparency**](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/college_bound/2014/11/new_simpler_net_price_calculator_may_improve_college_cost_transparency.html) **Education Week**

Families shocked by the sticker price that colleges publish are eager for a tool that helps them estimate the real, bottom-line cost that they will eventually pay. While the federal government required colleges to build net-price calculators on their websites as part of legislation in 2008, what's been rolled out so far has not been particularly user-friendly or consistent. A study by The Institute for College Access & Success found that many calculators are "difficult for prospective college students and their families to find, use, and compare."

[**Students Increasingly Take ACT Before Senior Year**](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/college_bound/2014/11/students_increasingly_take_act_before_senior_year.html) **Education Week**

A new report out today from ACT, Inc. shows that 75 percent of high school students in the class of 2014 took the ACT before their senior year, up from 66 percent nearly 10 years ago. It's a positive trend, according to the Iowa City, Iowa-based testing company, because it can get students started in the college process earlier.

**Northeast Ohio Schools**

***Cuyahoga County***

[**Cleveland Clinic Children's launches new mobile health units at local schools**](http://www.newsnet5.com/the-now/cleveland-clinic-launches-mobile-health-units-at-local-schools) **NewsNet 5**

[**Mentor, Mayfield districts make AP Honor Roll**](http://www.news-herald.com/general-news/20141115/mentor-mayfield-districts-make-ap-honor-roll) **Willoughby News-Herald**

[**Berea schools expect to try again next year to raise taxes**](http://www.cleveland.com/berea/index.ssf/2014/11/berea_schools_will_try_again_n.html) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

[**Voters renew and make permanent Brecksville-Broadview Heights schools tax**](http://www.cleveland.com/brecksville/index.ssf/2014/11/voters_renew_and_make_permanen.html) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

[**Chagrin Falls schools to consider renovating schools along with building new campus**](http://www.cleveland.com/chagrin-falls/index.ssf/2014/11/chagrin_falls_schools_will_loo.html) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

[**Cleveland's school building plan is state's largest - but not the most-subsidized**](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2014/10/clevelands_school_building_plan_is_states_largest_-_but_not_the_most-subsidized_compare_your_districts_plan_here.html) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

[**University Heights to collect up to $350,000 in income tax when Cleveland Heights High School moves to Wiley**](http://www.cleveland.com/university-heights/index.ssf/2014/11/university_heights_to_collect.html) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

[**Lakewood School Superintendent Jeffrey Patterson named Ohio Superintendent of the Year**](http://www.cleveland.com/lakewood/index.ssf/2014/11/lakewood_school_superintendent_1.html) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

[**North Olmsted voters approve $81 million bond issue for school district**](http://www.cleveland.com/north-olmsted/index.ssf/2014/11/north_olmsted_voters_decide_on.html) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

[**North Royalton school board member says district must regain trust of voters**](http://www.cleveland.com/north-royalton/index.ssf/2014/11/north_royalton_school_board_me_21.html#incart_river) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

[**Broadview Heights developer offers $200,000 to North Royalton schools for Edgerton land**](http://www.cleveland.com/north-royalton/index.ssf/2014/11/broadview_heights_developer_of.html) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

[**Richmond Heights Schools Superintendent Renee Willis seeks community support to rebuild the school district**](http://www.cleveland.com/hillcrest/index.ssf/2014/11/richmond_heights_schools.html) **Sun News**

[**State superintendent lauds Shaker Heights Advanced Placement students (video)**](http://www.cleveland.com/shaker-heights/index.ssf/2014/11/state_superintendent_lauds_sha.html) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

[**Strongsville school committee backs task force recommendation to close Zellers and Drake elementary schools**](http://www.cleveland.com/strongsville/index.ssf/2014/11/strongsville_school_committee.html) **Sun News**

***Geauga County***

[**Berkshire seniors earn career readiness through completion of GGP program**](http://www.news-herald.com/general-news/20141113/berkshire-seniors-earn-career-readiness-through-completion-of-ggp-program) **Willoughby News-Herald**

[**West Geauga school votes to stop open enrollment in six years, after students stage walkout**](http://www.cleveland.com/west-geauga/index.ssf/2014/10/west_geauga_schools_will_disco.html) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

***Lake County***

[**Brakes put on Chardon, Kirtland school districts' shared transportation services**](http://www.news-herald.com/general-news/20141106/brakes-put-on-chardon-kirtland-school-districts-shared-transportation-services) **Willoughby News-Herald**

[**Brentmoor students get active with BOKS program in Mentor**](http://www.news-herald.com/general-news/20141110/brentmoor-students-get-active-with-boks-program-in-mentor) **Willoughby News-Herald**

[**Willoughby-Eastlake Schools reveals details on the School of Innovation**](http://www.news-herald.com/general-news/20141104/willoughby-eastlake-schools-reveals-details-on-the-school-of-innovation) **Willoughby News-Herald**

[**Madison Schools Superintendent Roger Goudy elected president of AAU**](http://www.news-herald.com/general-news/20141029/madison-schools-superintendent-roger-goudy-elected-president-of-aau) **Willoughby News-Herald**

***Lorain County***

[**Firelands Schools to tap local residents for advice**](http://www.morningjournal.com/general-news/20141107/firelands-schools-to-tap-local-residents-for-advice) **The Morning Journal**

[**Voters reject Sheffield-Sheffield Lake Schools levy**](http://chronicle.northcoastnow.com/2014/11/04/voters-reject-sheffield-sheffield-lake-schools-levy/) **The Chronicle Telegram**

***Medina County***

[**‘Fiscal emergency’ nears end at Cloverleaf Schools**](http://medinagazette.northcoastnow.com/2014/10/24/fiscal-emergency-nears-end-cloverleaf-schools/) **Medina Gazette**

[**Highland committee proposes building new elementary schools**](http://www.akron.com/akron-ohio-education-news.asp?aID=24490) **Akron.Com**

***Portage County***

[**School renewal levies join additional requests in the failed column**](http://www.ohio.com/news/break-news/school-renewal-levies-join-additional-requests-in-the-failed-column-1.538221)  **Akron Beacon Journal**

[**Both Streetsboro school operating levies pass**](http://www.thegatewaynews.com/news%20local/2014/11/04/both-streetsboro-school-operating-levies-pass) **Streetsboro Gateway News**

[**James A. Garfield Elementary Recognized by State of Ohio**](http://weeklyvillager.com/2014/11/05/james-a-garfield-elementary-recognized-by-state-of-ohio/) **Weekly Villager**

[**Aurora schools terminate contract with Portage County service center**](http://www.auroraadvocate.com/news%20local/2014/11/05/aurora-schools-terminate-contract-with-portage-county-service-center) **Aurora Advocate**

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