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**Featured News**

[**PRE4CLE expanding access to high-quality preschool programs in Cleveland: Paul Clark (opinion)**](http://www.cleveland.com/opinion/index.ssf/2014/11/pre4cle_expanding_access_to_hi.html#incart_river) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

Investing in pre-kindergarten education pays off for everyone. Cleveland's PRE4CLE pre-K expansion initiative was lauded recently as a national model by [U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary Julián Castro](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2014/10/hud_secretary_julian_castro_says_cleveland_gets_it_about_the_need_for_preschool_video.html) and by Roberto J. Rodríguez, deputy assistant for education to President Barack Obama as a member of the White House Domestic Policy Council.

[**Limit state testing to four hours a year? Bill goes to committee vote Monday after parents and educators voice support**](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2014/11/limit_state_testing_to_four_ho.html#incart_river) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

A bill[to limit state testing of students in Ohio to four hours a year](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2014/10/new_bill_would_limit_state_testing_to_four_hours_per_student_each_year.html)will be up for vote from the [House Education Committee](http://www.ohiohouse.gov/committee/education) Monday, after parents and educators testified this week that standardized testing is becoming a burden on students.

[**47,000 kids homeless in Ohio**](http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2014/11/17/ohio-ranks-27th-homeless-kids.html) **Columbus Dispatch**

More than 47,500 children in Ohio and 2.5 million children in the U.S. are homeless at some point in a year — and the future doesn’t look much more promising, local advocates say. Ohio ranks 27th in handling the problem of child homelessness, according to a state-by-state report card released yesterday by the National Center on Family Homelessness.

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

[**Education Department Drops New NCLB Waiver Guidance**](http://www.usnews.com/news/articles/2014/11/13/education-department-drops-new-no-child-left-behind-waiver-guidance) **Us News**

The Department of Education is letting states apply to renew their waivers from No Child Left Behind, President George W. Bush's landmark education reform law, for three and in some cases four more years, but they'll have to do more to show they're turning around low-performing schools and closing student achievement gaps.

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

**130th General Assembly**

***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 – Reported out; Passed by House as amended on floor, Vote 83-4**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[**HB 290**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_290)SCHOOL PREMISES LIABILITY (STEBELTON G) Regarding the use of school district premises by members of the public and immunity from civil liability for a school district and schools when permitting members of the public to use school premises **STATUS: (Passed by House) 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: House Finance & Appropriations Committee – Substitute bill accepted & reported out; Passed by House, Vote 89-0**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

***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: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0**

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

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

[**Sen. Rob Portman makes his 2016 move, Bob Hagan throws his hat in the ring for Democratic Party chair: Ohio Politics Roundup**](http://www.cleveland.com/open/index.ssf/2014/11/sen_rob_portman_makes_his_2016.html#incart_river) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

Portman racks up some buzz: For a while there, Sen. Rob Portman was Ohio's afterthought in the presidential chatter, what with [Gov. John Kasich's growing 2016 buzz](http://www.cleveland.com/open/index.ssf/2014/11/with_john_kasichs_big_win_ohio.html). But with the midterms over, Portman is reveling in the success of his fundraising for Republicans and an increased interest in his White House prospects.

[**Common Core’s uncertain fate has educators on edge**](http://www.newarkadvocate.com/story/news/local/2014/11/15/common-cores-uncertain-fate-educators-edge/19110587/) **Newark Advocate**

As legislators at the Statehouse battle over whether to repeal Common Core in Ohio, teachers in schools are busy implementing the new standards. Common Core, as controversial a topic as it may be, is here.

[**Strahorn Chosen House Democratic Leader in 131st General Assembly**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=198058) **Hannah**

House Democrats named Rep. Fred Strahorn (D-Dayton) House Democratic leader for the 131st General Assembly Tuesday, easily winning the support of his peers after Representative-elect David Leland (D-Columbus) pulled his name from consideration earlier in the day. Leland told the *Columbus Dispatch* that he was withdrawing his name because he didn’t have the necessary votes. Strahorn, who was first elected to the House in 2000 and returned in 2013. He previously served as House Democratic whip in the 127th General Assembly.

[**Measure Opening Door to Teacher Merit Pay Passes Ohio House Committee**](http://stateimpact.npr.org/ohio/2014/11/18/measure-opening-door-to-teacher-merit-pay-passes-ohio-house-committee/) **State Impact**

The state is one step closer towards repealing the law that mandates a minimum salary schedule for teachers — opening the door to a merit-based pay system. State law spells out the minimum a teacher should get paid and then creates a salary schedule throughout that teacher’s career.

[**Governor talks of changing Youngstown schools to charter system**](http://www.vindy.com/news/2014/nov/20/closing-of-city-schools-suggested/)  **Youngstown Vindicator**

Gov. John Kasich wants to shut down the city schools and replace them with a charter school, says Michele Lepore-Hagan, state representative-elect.Lepore-Hagan’s husband, state Rep. Robert F. Hagan of Youngstown, D-58th, tweeted the comment Wednesday morning. Hagan will leave his seat at year’s end because of term limits.Lepore-Hagan was elected to the seat earlier this month.

[**Ohio House passes bill to limit state testing of students**](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2014/11/ohio_house_passes_bill_to_limi.html#incart_river) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

The Ohio House today passed a bill[to limit state testing of students in Ohio to four hours per subject a year](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2014/10/new_bill_would_limit_state_testing_to_four_hours_per_student_each_year.html). If passed by the Senate, [House Bill 228](http://media.cleveland.com/plain_dealer_metro/other/Sub_HB_228.pdf) would limit the time spent on state tests next school year, but won't be in place in time to affect testing this spring. It would force testing time for new state tests to be cut approximately in half.

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

[**School districts top rule on staffing**](http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2014/11/16/districts-top-rule-on-staffing.html)  **Columbus Dispatch**

According to the state, Grandview Heights schools should have at least six specialized staff members, including elementary art, music and gym teachers. They have nearly three times that number. At a minimum, Columbus schools should have 253 of those positions. They have 436.

[**Committee OKs Testing Limit, Axing Salary Schedule; Might Reverse on Reading Assessments**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=198057) **Hannah**

The House Education Committee passed an education omnibus measure along party lines Monday evening after hearing pushback from unions on a recent change that would eliminate state salary schedules for teachers. The panel also approved a bill to cap state-mandated testing at no more than four hours per year, with a few Republican members dissenting over how quickly the measure moved. Committee members heard from officials with the Ohio Education Association and Columbus Education Association and received several written statements condemning last week's amendment to HB343 to eliminate state-law pay schedules that set a minimum teacher salary and ascending pay levels based on seniority and credentials.

[**House committee votes to kill minimum teacher pay scale, sends change on to full House**](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2014/11/house_committee_votes_to_kill.html#incart_river) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

The [House Education Committee](http://www.ohiohouse.gov/committee/education) voted moments ago to kill the state's minimum pay scale for teachers in a move some members hope will let school districts create new or merit-based pay plans. If passed into law, the bill would allow districts negotiate new pay scales with their local teachers union, without the state requiring minimum pay and without any requirement that pay schedules follow the traditional pattern.

[**Limit on state testing of students gains approval from House committee**](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2014/11/limit_on_state_testing_of_stud.html#incart_river) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

The [House Education Committee](http://www.ohiohouse.gov/committee/education) just backed a bill[to limit state testing of students in Ohio to four hours per subject a year](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2014/10/new_bill_would_limit_state_testing_to_four_hours_per_student_each_year.html). If passed by the full legislature, [House Bill 228](http://media.cleveland.com/plain_dealer_metro/other/Sub_HB_228.pdf) would limit tests, not this year, but next school year. It would force testing time for new state tests starting this spring to be cut more than in half.

[**All third graders in Ohio might skip the new Common Core reading exams this spring**](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2014/11/all_third_graders_in_ohio_migh.html#incart_river) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

Third graders may not have to take the new [Common Core](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2013/11/new_education_standards_known.html) reading tests this year, unlike other grades. A bill before the Ohio House would have all third graders take the longstanding Ohio Achievement Assessments this spring for reading, instead of some taking the new Common Core tests in English Language Arts, [as the state now plans.](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2014/10/ohios_third_grade_reading_tests_have_a_few_new_twists_this_year.html)

[**Ohio law on school days could cause confusion for districts**](http://www.mydaytondailynews.com/news/news/ohio-law-on-school-days-could-cause-confusion-for-/nh9gY/) **Dayton Daily News**

Ohio law on school snow days has changed, but the next few winters could be confusing for local students and parents, as makeup-day rules will change in different years for different schools. A new law requires Ohio schools to be open for a certain number of hours of instruction each year, rather than the old set number of days, according to the Ohio Department of Education.

[**Third Grade Reading Guarantee made just over 4 percent of Ohio's third graders repeat third grade**](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2014/11/third_grade_reading_guarantee_2.html) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

Just over four percent of Ohio's third graders were held back in third grade because they could not read well enough to meet standards under the state's [Third Grade Reading Guarantee](http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Early-Learning/Third-Grade-Reading-Guarantee), the Ohio Department of Education announced this afternoon.

**Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment**

[**A competency education vision**](http://knowledgeworks.org/sites/default/files/innovation-pathways-transforming-learning.pdf) **Knowledge Works**

An infographic presents a vision of personalized learning in which learners would be able to move seamlessly across many kinds of learning experiences and providers. Called an "innovation pathways framework," it's divided into the core of learning and supporting systemic structures, each of which is explained in detail.

[**Cutoff Scores Set for Common-Core Tests**](http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2014/11/17/13sbac.h34.html?cmp=ENL-EU-NEWS1) **Education Week**

In a move likely to cause political and academic stress in many states, a consortium that is designing assessments for the Common Core State Standards released data Monday projecting that more than half of students will fall short of the marks that connote grade-level skills on its tests of English/language arts and mathematics.

**Early Learning**

[**To Help Language Skills of Children, a Study Finds, Text Their Parents With Tips**](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/11/15/us/to-help-language-skills-of-children-a-study-finds-text-their-parents-with-tips.html?partner=rss&emc=rss&_r=0) **New York Times**

With research showing language gaps between the children of affluent parents and those from low-income families emerging at an early age, educators have puzzled over how best to reach parents and guide them to do things like read to their children and talk to them regularly.

[**Cities Moving At Their Own (Faster) Pace To Offer Publicly Funded Preschool**](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/early_years/2014/11/cities_moving_at_their_own_faster_pace_to_offer_publicly_funded_preschool.html) **Education Week**

While Washington lawmakers dither over legislation that would significantly increase federal spending on early-childhood education initiatives, many states have begun expanding and improving their own programs. But for some cities, not even the states are moving fast enough.

[**Study: Low Salaries Leave Many Child-Care Workers Near Poverty**](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/early_years/2014/11/study_low_salaries_leave_many_child-care_workers_near_poverty.html?utm_source=feedblitz&utm_medium=FeedBlitzRss&utm_campaign=earlyyears) **Education Week**

Twenty-five years after a report showed the extent of the low pay among child-care workers, an updated analysis shows that despite some improvement, many of these workers are still struggling to make ends meet—even as research has found growing evidence of the importance of the early years. Early education advocates say they will use the findings as a rallying cry.

**College and Career Readiness**

[**Debt levels for Ohio college grads among tops in U.S., report**](http://www.bizjournals.com/dayton/blog/morning_call/2014/11/debt-levels-for-ohio-college-grads-among-tops-in-u.html) **Dayton Business Journal**

Students graduating from Ohio colleges in 2013 carried substantial student load debt. Those in debt — 68 percent of students — owed an average of $29,090, which ranks Ohio 11th nationally, according to The Project on Student Debt. And debt levels naturally vary among various colleges.

[**Cleveland State University trustees discuss master plan, internships and marketing plans: FIve things to know**](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2014/11/cleveland_state_university_trustees_discuss_master_plan_internships_and_marketing_plans_five_things_to_know.html#incart_river) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

An updated campus master plan, focus on internships and paring low-student programs were among the many items discussed by [Cleveland State University](http://www.csuohio.edu/) trustees [at their meeting Wednesday.](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2014/11/cleveland_state_university_tru.html) Here are five things to know.

[**Colleges' Selectivity Not Linked to Higher Engagement, Survey Shows**](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/college_bound/2014/11/colleges_selectivity_not_linked_to_higher_engagement_survey_shows.html) **Education Week**

When choosing where to apply to college, a new survey indicates students should not pin their hopes on an elite or small institution leading to a better student experience or tighter connections with faculty. The results released Thursday of the  2014 National Survey of Student Engagement, which polls 355,000 freshmen and seniors at four-year colleges, finds little relationship between selectivity of a college and how much students are engaged or feel positively about interaction with faculty.

**Northeast Ohio Schools**

***Cuyahoga County***

[**Brooklyn Superintendent Cynthia Walker to retire in June**](http://www.cleveland.com/brooklyn/index.ssf/2014/11/brooklyn_superintendent_to_ret.html#incart_river) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

[**What new schools should be built first? Cleveland school district wants to hear from you before deciding**](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2014/11/what_new_schools_should_be_built_first_cleveland_school_district_wants_to_hear_from_you_before_deciding.html) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

[**Cleveland Heights-University Heights school officials present Wiley security plan to hire sheriff's deputies (live coverage)**](http://www.cleveland.com/university-heights/index.ssf/2014/11/cleveland_heights-university_h_102.html) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

[**Euclid school again earns top spot in Browns PLAY 60 Challenge**](http://www.news-herald.com/general-news/20141119/euclid-school-again-earns-top-spot-in-browns-play-60-challenge) **Willoughby News-Herald**

[**Lakewood schools look to save up to $1.4 million through refinancing debt: community news**](http://www.cleveland.com/lakewood/index.ssf/2014/11/lakewood_school_officials_look.html) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

[**North Royalton schools superintendent hopes to build task force to address budget issues**](http://www.cleveland.com/north-royalton/index.ssf/2014/11/north_royalton_superintendent.html) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

[**Parma parents fear support-staff strike, 1 1/2 years after contract expired**](http://www.cleveland.com/parma/index.ssf/2014/11/parma_city_school_district_par.html#incart_river) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

[**Rocky River superintendent addresses 'State of the Schools' (live coverage)**](http://www.cleveland.com/rocky-river/index.ssf/2014/11/rocky_river_superintendent_add.html) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

[**Solon schools suggests closing Arthur Road Elementary**](http://www.cleveland.com/solon/index.ssf/2014/11/post_61.html)  **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

***Geauga County***

[**New superintendent chosen for Newbury Schools**](http://www.news-herald.com/general-news/20141119/new-superintendent-chosen-for-newbury-schools) **Willoughby News-Herald**

[**Chardon School Board OKs transportation contract**](http://www.news-herald.com/general-news/20141121/chardon-school-board-oks-transportation-contract) **Willoughby News-Herald**

***Lake County***

[**Wickliffe focuses on fitness with new gyms, equipment**](http://www.news-herald.com/general-news/20141117/wickliffe-focuses-on-fitness-with-new-gyms-equipment) **Willoughby News-Herald**

[**State employee union asks Madison Schools to restore bus union**](http://www.news-herald.com/general-news/20141120/state-employee-union-asks-madison-schools-to-restore-bus-union) **Willoughby News-Herald**

***Lorain County***

[**Lorain City Schools will move or tear down Admiral King gym**](http://www.morningjournal.com/general-news/20141120/lorain-city-schools-will-move-or-tear-down-admiral-king-gym) **The Morning Journal**

[**Schools superintendent deadline pushed back**](http://chronicle.northcoastnow.com/2014/11/21/elyria-schools-superintendent-deadline-pushed-back/) **Chronicle-Telegram**

***Medina County***

[**Medina students to take state-required test online**](http://medinagazette.northcoastnow.com/2014/11/18/medina-students-take-state-required-test-online/) **Medina Schools**

***Portage County***

[**New Streetsboro High School to be 116,520 square feet**](http://www.thegatewaynews.com/news%20local/2014/11/19/new-streetsboro-high-school-to-be-109-331-square-feet) **The Gateway News**

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