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[**National Board May Pull Plug on Principal Certification**](http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2014/04/03/28principals.h33.html) **Education Week**

A years-long endeavor to create national certification for principals is in peril of being scrapped, a move that could leave in the lurch more than 100 school leaders who invested 18 months of time and effort to take part in the program's rigorous pilot. The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards—which more than four years ago dove headlong into creating advanced certification for principals that would mirror its 25-year-old program for teachers—is slated next week to decide whether it should shut down its work on a national-certification designation for school leaders.

[**U.S. Departments of Education, Labor Expand Educational Opportunities for Registered Apprenticeship Graduates**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=195967) **Hannah**

The U.S. Department of Education, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Labor, Monday launched the Registered Apprenticeship–College Consortium, a new effort that will allow graduates of registered apprenticeship programs to turn on-the-job and classroom training into college credits toward an associate or bachelor degree. Vice President Joseph R. Biden announced the new program in his remarks to the American Association of Community Colleges in Washington, D.C.

[**Apprenticeship as Degree Pathway**](http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2014/04/08/biden-announces-new-consortium-promote-apprenticeships-pathway-college-degree) **Inside Higher Education**

The Obama administration on Monday formally launched a new consortium of colleges, employers and unions that is aimed at making it easier for students to turn their apprenticeship experience into academic credit. Colleges participating in the consortium must agree to provide academic credit to students who complete certain apprenticeship programs. The institutions pledge to follow the credit recommendations made by third-party evaluators, who translate the skills learned during an apprenticeship into credit hours.

[**Obama to Announce 24 Winners in $107M High School Redesign Contest**](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/campaign-k-12/2014/04/president_obama_will_announce.html) **Education Week**

President Obama will announce today that 24 winners will split $107 million as part of a high school redesign competition designed to better integrate work skills and real-world experiences into the classroom. Winners of the largest grants of $7 million each include New York City, Denver, Los Angeles, Pike Township in Indianapolis, Prince George's County in Maryland, and Laurens County school district in Clinton, S.C.

[**How Will Early Childhood Education Play Out in the U.S. Senate?**](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/campaign-k-12/2014/04/how_will_early_childhood_educa.html) **Education Week**

Can the Senate education committee produce a bipartisan bill to expand pre-kindergarten? Probably not, but it sounds like Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, the chairman of the panel wants to give it a shot. The Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee held a hearing today on legislation put forth by Harkin, and Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., that would offer matching grants to states that want to offer pre-kindergarten to a significantly larger group of low income children. The bill—called the Strong Start for America's Children Act—is based on a proposal put forth by President Barack Obama in back-to-back budget requests. The legislation has a small smattering of GOP support in the House, with two GOP co-sponsors, Reps. Richard Hanna and Michael Grimm.

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

**130th General Assembly**

***Introduced***

[**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: Introduced**

[**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**

***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: Introduced; Referred to House State & Local Government 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**](https://webmail.esc-cc.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=5H4d_Cvhe0Wzv4BWXoMZysdsG4K3AdBIbfWJL6CbUOcyjWEMTNlO6-1BvdHi3p8dEWUdJ_YFXbE.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.legislature.state.oh.us%2fbills.cfm%3fID%3d130_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) Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**HB 113**](https://webmail.esc-cc.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=OFXP5tjrdkqmVnFZ1-Ceyj_1pIT9DNBI6-MzsVRH8sGG4-XiAYzWB6U2J8Lz9o5uIZC8o_2W6a8.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.legislature.state.oh.us%2fbills.cfm%3fID%3d130_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) Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**HB 115**](https://webmail.esc-cc.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=OFXP5tjrdkqmVnFZ1-Ceyj_1pIT9DNBI6-MzsVRH8sGG4-XiAYzWB6U2J8Lz9o5uIZC8o_2W6a8.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.legislature.state.oh.us%2fbills.cfm%3fID%3d130_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: Referred to 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**](https://webmail.esc-cc.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=W7BggD-xEEuwkYspyBGmHbo3WW6-HNBIrcgq3Bflb8_yjf8Xm0vVwqItYNqMX6sLfAfoIOrW_Ao.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.legislature.state.oh.us%2fbills.cfm%3fID%3d130_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: Referred to 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: (Passed by House) Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**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: Introduced; Referred to State & Local Government 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 – Substitute bill accepted**

[**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**](https://webmail.esc-cc.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=vzR_CwSh_kqdOw-LLppqcXPdkJ1LatBIfitSE3SDRLJ3c-cPST_xFZZWC3f3qPMegP1_r7oSP7E.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.legislature.state.oh.us%2fbills.cfm%3fID%3d130_HB_240)SPECIAL ELECTIONS (ADAMS J, BECKER J) To eliminate the ability to conduct special elections in February and August **STATUS: Referred to House Policy & Legislative Oversight Committee**

[**HB 241**](https://webmail.esc-cc.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=vzR_CwSh_kqdOw-LLppqcXPdkJ1LatBIfitSE3SDRLJ3c-cPST_xFZZWC3f3qPMegP1_r7oSP7E.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.legislature.state.oh.us%2fbills.cfm%3fID%3d130_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: Referred to House Education 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**](https://webmail.esc-cc.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=uS7xiC28FkeQpPwi_ikL7nVgnv9Ni9BI_mn8IdSRNPQVmF0bXHmXjehHW_fdpFlz2KPygAlDMoo.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.legislature.state.oh.us%2fbills.cfm%3fID%3d130_HB_264)DIABETES CARE-SCHOOLS (WACHTMANN L, BARNES, JR. J) Regarding care for students with diabetes in schools **STATUS: (Passed by House) Referred to Senate Medicaid, Health & Human Services Committee**

[**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**](https://webmail.esc-cc.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=gFa3abMLHUG2JddzXl-svtLzTH05ltBIMOcjqTocz1_KeFsd-pnbpazDQ0JBlZgfB8rVSrUrZHs.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.legislature.state.oh.us%2fbills.cfm%3fID%3d130_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: Referred to House Health & Aging Committee**

[**HB 290**](https://webmail.esc-cc.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=3cWFp7J7XUu__aNs3k9fyLxoMJAXnNBI3CWKoWCb_pM2d7LEvLHuP-QrWVLLcvxDzDzoqeD7PxE.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.legislature.state.oh.us%2fbills.cfm%3fID%3d130_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: House Education Committee – Reported out**

[**HB 293**](https://webmail.esc-cc.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=3cWFp7J7XUu__aNs3k9fyLxoMJAXnNBI3CWKoWCb_pM2d7LEvLHuP-QrWVLLcvxDzDzoqeD7PxE.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.legislature.state.oh.us%2fbills.cfm%3fID%3d130_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: Introduced; Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB 294**](https://webmail.esc-cc.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=3cWFp7J7XUu__aNs3k9fyLxoMJAXnNBI3CWKoWCb_pM2d7LEvLHuP-QrWVLLcvxDzDzoqeD7PxE.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.legislature.state.oh.us%2fbills.cfm%3fID%3d130_HB_294)SUPPORT SCHOOL CHOICE LICENSE PLATE (BRENNER A) To create a "Support School Choice" license plate **STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House Transportation, Public Safety & Homeland Security Committee**

[**HB 296**](https://webmail.esc-cc.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=3cWFp7J7XUu__aNs3k9fyLxoMJAXnNBI3CWKoWCb_pM2d7LEvLHuP-QrWVLLcvxDzDzoqeD7PxE.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.legislature.state.oh.us%2fbills.cfm%3fID%3d130_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: (Passed by House) Senate Medicaid, Health & Human Services Committee – Substitute bill accepted & reported out as amended; Passed by Senate, Vote 32-0, Emergency clause, Vote 32-0; House concurred with Senate amendments**

[**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 State & Local Government Committee – Reported out**

[**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: Referred to House Education Committee**

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

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

[**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**](https://webmail.esc-cc.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=i5Y_pNEZukyx52SJ1GHXzTjAsGSR7tBIAXyO7LnqEnRpYjG6t-TWKo5X47xgGddoN2pUiuCL89U.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.legislature.state.oh.us%2fbills.cfm%3fID%3d130_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: Referred to House Ways & Means Committee**

[**HB 413**](https://webmail.esc-cc.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=i5Y_pNEZukyx52SJ1GHXzTjAsGSR7tBIAXyO7LnqEnRpYjG6t-TWKo5X47xgGddoN2pUiuCL89U.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.legislature.state.oh.us%2fbills.cfm%3fID%3d130_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: Referred to 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: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**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: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB 460**](https://webmail.esc-cc.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=nsW6XnxvkEqLTuCbkARgHN9mwI3CCdFI0Mlkf6qlZD2hiF1sSPMdu43KGAIp72LTJguvFi4jK5k.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.legislature.state.oh.us%2fbills.cfm%3fID%3d130_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: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB 470**](https://webmail.esc-cc.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=2hka7N1elEKRNrQA2F-gcFgtIXdRFNFILZXm5OE90VKV4aXnWr7LGlg_E48Eg8CodLdLj2kuhbs.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.legislature.state.oh.us%2fbills.cfm%3fID%3d130_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: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB 472**](https://webmail.esc-cc.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=2hka7N1elEKRNrQA2F-gcFgtIXdRFNFILZXm5OE90VKV4aXnWr7LGlg_E48Eg8CodLdLj2kuhbs.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.legislature.state.oh.us%2fbills.cfm%3fID%3d130_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**](https://webmail.esc-cc.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=2hka7N1elEKRNrQA2F-gcFgtIXdRFNFILZXm5OE90VKV4aXnWr7LGlg_E48Eg8CodLdLj2kuhbs.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.legislature.state.oh.us%2fbills.cfm%3fID%3d130_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: Referred to 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: House Finance & Appropriations Committee – Bill amended; Reported out as amended; Passed by House as amended, Vote 57-33**

[**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: House Finance & Appropriations Committee – Bill amended; Reported out; Passed by House, Vote 90-0**

[**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: Passed by House, Vote 61-28**

[**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 to make other changes regarding state support and benefits for veterans and their spouses **STATUS: House Military & Veteran Affairs Committee; Passed by House, Vote 91-0**

[**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: 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: Senate Education Committee – Reported out as amended**

[**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**](https://webmail.esc-cc.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=bFNFcBqgnUqhZSf5hXLX3rTNQxwSkdBIk_zgH7CF2sRy2ioQLS4Dgoz4lC9lI9ND0_U2wiqj1F8.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.legislature.state.oh.us%2fbills.cfm%3fID%3d130_SB_158)SCHOOL CLOSURE EXEMPTION (TAVARES C) To exempt from closure certain community schools that enroll students receiving behavioral health services **STATUS: Referred to 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**](https://webmail.esc-cc.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=vzR_CwSh_kqdOw-LLppqcXPdkJ1LatBIfitSE3SDRLJ3c-cPST_xFZZWC3f3qPMegP1_r7oSP7E.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.legislature.state.oh.us%2fbills.cfm%3fID%3d130_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: Referred to 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**](https://webmail.esc-cc.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=uS7xiC28FkeQpPwi_ikL7nVgnv9Ni9BI_mn8IdSRNPQVmF0bXHmXjehHW_fdpFlz2KPygAlDMoo.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.legislature.state.oh.us%2fbills.cfm%3fID%3d130_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: Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**SB 195**](https://webmail.esc-cc.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=bFNFcBqgnUqhZSf5hXLX3rTNQxwSkdBIk_zgH7CF2sRy2ioQLS4Dgoz4lC9lI9ND0_U2wiqj1F8.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.legislature.state.oh.us%2fbills.cfm%3fID%3d130_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: Referred to 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) Referred to House Education Committee**

[**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**

**Ohio Politics/Budget**

[**Cuyahoga County has long been shortchanged with capital funding, local lawmakers charge**](http://www.cleveland.com/open/index.ssf/2014/04/cuyahoga_county_has_long_been.html#incart_river) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

Cuyahoga County routinely receives significantly fewer state tax dollars for public construction and renovation projects, when measured on a per-capita basis, than other large counties in the state, a Northeast Ohio Media Group analysis found. A review of the state's "capital budgets" dating to 1993 show that Franklin and Hamilton counties received more per-capita dollars than Cuyahoga, the state's most populous county.

[**Kasich’s high-school dropout recovery plan wins support**](http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2014/04/06/dropout-recovery-plan-wins-support.html) **Columbus Dispatch**

Columbus State Community College is ready to join a proposal by Gov. John Kasich aimed at helping young adults earn a high-school diploma while working toward an occupational certificate or credential. Kasich’s idea is part of his effort to address the problem of more than 1 million Ohio adults lacking a high-school diploma and 24,000 students dropping out and joining that total each year. As part of his off-year budget bill, he crafted a pilot program for those older than 22, the current cutoff for when a person can earn a traditional high-school diploma in Ohio.

[**GOP aims to keep Ohio college athletes from unionizing**](http://www.cincinnati.com/story/news/politics/2014/04/07/gop-ohio-college-athletes-unionizing/7432129/) **Cincinnati Enquirer**

Ohio law would specify college athletes are not employees under a provision introduced by General Assembly Republicans acting "proactively" after a national labor director granted Northwestern University football players the right to unionize. Republicans added the provision Monday to a massive budget-like bill mostly made up of appropriation changes requested by Gov. John Kasich's office.

[**GOP move takes aim at FitzGerald over ballots**](http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2014/04/08/gop-move-takes-aim-at-fitzgerald-over-ballots.html) **Columbus Dispatch**

Legislative Republicans unveiled pre-emptive strikes yesterday against the Democratic candidate for governor and Ohio college athletes who might be thinking about unionizing. As part of a wide-ranging batch of amendments added to Gov. John Kasich’s off-year budget bill, GOP representatives want to financially punish any county that fails to follow the state’s new absentee-ballot law.

[**Legislators threaten to slash Cuyahoga County funding over FitzGerald absentee ballot mailings**](http://www.cleveland.com/open/index.ssf/2014/04/legislators_threaten_to_slash.html#incart_river) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

Cuyahoga County would lose a large chunk of state funding if county officials mail out unsolicited absentee ballot applications, under changes made Monday to the mid-biennium budget review. Under an amendment adopted by the House Finance and Appropriations Committee, any county that doesn’t follow state law regarding absentee ballots would have its local government funding cut by 10 percent.

[**House Republicans pull measure amid absentee-ballot controversy**](http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2014/04/08/husted-absentee-ballots-fight.html) **Columbus Dispatch**

Facing critics from all sides, House Republicans pulled a measure yesterday aimed at Democratic gubernatorial candidate Ed FitzGerald that would have cut local-government funding to any county mailing absentee-ballot applications. Gov. John Kasich told House GOP leaders he wanted the provision out of his off-year budget bill. Secretary of State Jon Husted said the unprecedented threat of a 10 percent cut was unnecessary, noting “our constituents don’t need to suffer in any way for the bickering going on over this issue.”

[**Absentee, Remediation Provisions Dumped as Panel Moves MBR**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=195982) **Hannah**

House lawmakers gave committee approval to large swaths of Gov. John Kasich's mid-biennium review (MBR) proposals Tuesday after a final round of changes that saw them dump punitive measures aimed at Cuyahoga County's challenge to absentee ballot laws and also remove controversial language on environmental remediation at old manufactured gas plants. The committee also approved a section of the MBR related to higher education in HB484 (Rosenberger), as well as anti-addiction measures in HB369 (Sprague). A day after adopting it, the House Finance and Appropriations Committee removed an amendment that would cut 10 percent of Local Government Fund distributions for counties whose officials send unsolicited absentee ballots.

[**Schiavoni, Carney Call for Transparency, Accountability for Ohio Charter Schools**](Schiavoni,%20Carney%20Call%20for%20Transparency,%20Accountability%20for%20Ohio%20Charter%20Schoolshttp:/www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=195976) **Hannah**

A recent investigation by the *Akron Beacon Journal* and *NewsOutlet* prompted Senate Democratic Leader Joe Schiavoni (D-Austintown) and Rep. John Patrick Carney (D-Columbus) to announce they will introduce companion legislation calling for more transparency and accountability of Ohio charter schools. According to the legislators, the *Beacon Journal* reported that more than 100 charter schools contacted by the paper failed or refused to provide basic information including school board contact information or board meeting schedules. In addition, the newspaper also revealed a Northwest Ohio charter school board member who said she was unaware of how public taxpayer dollars were being distributed by school operators.

[**Voucher kids to face reading rules**](http://www.newarkadvocate.com/article/20140408/NEWS01/304080019/Voucher-kids-face-reading-rules?nclick_check=1) **Newark Advocate**

As someone with deep ties to public education, Amy Oswalt understands the need to hold private schools to similar — if not higher — standards when they accept public money through vouchers. It’s just that, when those standards are suspect to her for all schools, the head of the private Discovery School in Mansfield expresses concerns. That is why she is following legislation that would require all voucher students at private schools to be subject to the Third Grade Reading Guarantee starting in the 2015-16 school year. The change is part of House Bill 487, a massive education bill that is part of Gov. John Kasich’s budget review.

[**Ohio House passes broad education bills**](http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2014/04/10/house-passes-broad-education-bills.html) **Columbus Dispatch**

The Ohio House passed a wide-ranging education bill yesterday focused on reducing high-school dropouts and giving more high-school students the ability to earn college credit. As proposed by Gov. John Kasich, the bill renames the state’s post-secondary education program that allows high-school students to take college courses, and it requires nearly all public universities to participate.

[**Ohio lawmakers approve bill to allow schools, camps to stock epinephrine to prevent student allergy deaths**](http://www.cleveland.com/open/index.ssf/2014/04/ohio_lawmakers_approve_bill_to.html#incart_river) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

State lawmakers unanimously passed a bill this week allowing schools, camps and athletic programs to stock epinephrine, which can be used to stop possibly fatal allergic reactions. The bill will become law as soon as Gov. John Kasich signs it. Currently, only students who have a prescription for an epinephrine auto-injector can use the medicine, which is adrenaline that slows severe allergic reactions called anaphylaxis.

[**Pension Council Considers Grandfathering as SERS, STRS Seek Eligibility Cleanup**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=195998) **Hannah**

The School Employees Retirement System (SERS) got a largely clean report on its decennial actuarial audit Thursday before the Ohio Retirement Study Council. Meanwhile, council members told the pension fund and the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS) that they're considering legislation to allow workers placed in the wrong system to stay where they are. The council has been hearing updates from SERS and STRS at recent meetings on their plans to clear up confusion on eligibility determinations, ensuring people are placed in the right system prospectively and also acting to move misplaced employees to their proper system. Rep. Lynn Wachtmann (R-Napoleon), the council chairman, has expressed concern about the disruption to employees' lives of being moved from one system to another, and Thursday he broached the topic of grandfathering in currently misplaced workers.

[**OCMC Committee Tackles Education Provisions in Constitution**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=196002) **Hannah**

With proposals nowhere near final or agreed upon, the Education, Public Institutions and Miscellaneous and Local Government Committee of the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission (OCMC) spent time Thursday morning discussing a draft presented by Committee Chairman Chad Readler.

[**Updated: Two Education Bills That Could Help Ohio’s Dropouts**](http://stateimpact.npr.org/ohio/2014/04/10/two-education-bills-that-could-help-ohios-dropouts/) **State Impact Ohio**

This spring, Governor John Kasich called attention to Ohio’s dropout problem when he mentioned the 24,000 students who leave Ohio schools without a diploma each year. In his mid-year budget review, Kasich laid out a number of initiatives to get students at risk of dropping out re-engaged in their education.

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

[**Uniform, more rigorous teacher evaluations begin**](http://www.vindy.com/news/2014/apr/06/uniform-more-rigorous-teacher-evaluation/) **Youngstown Vindicator**

Beginning this school year, teachers throughout the state will be evaluated and rated as one of four categories: accomplished, skilled, developing or ineffective. The new system initially was met with trepidation. “Part of it is the newness of it,” said Barbara Robey, director of teaching and learning at the Mahoning County Educational Service Center, adding that teachers are becoming more comfortable with the system. The difference between the new evaluation and the old is consistency, said James Herrholtz, assistant superintendent at MCESC.

[**School Boards Association Touts Public Education in Statewide Campaign**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=195957) **Hannah**

The Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) has launched a statewide campaign to put a spotlight on the successes of public education in Ohio. “Stand up for Public Schools” was launched over the weekend. OSBA said the new campaign seeks to raise awareness about the importance of public education and locally elected boards of education. The campaign includes the launch of a website, <http://www.standupforohpublicschools.org/>, and tells Ohio residents how they can get involved in making public schools strong. The website states that “regardless of whether you have children in public schools or not, every child deserves a quality public education.”

[**ODE Extends Application Deadline for Private School Scholarships**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=195986) **Hannah**

The deadline to apply for scholarships that help students from underperforming public schools or those with demonstrated financial need attend participating private schools has been extended until Friday, May 9, the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) announced Tuesday. The deadline had been Friday, April 18. The EdChoice Scholarship Program enables students who are assigned to attend underperforming public schools with the opportunity to attend a participating private school if awarded one of up to 60,000 state-funded scholarships, ODE explained in a release. Students in a total of 220 schools in 30 districts are eligible to participate. A list of eligible underperforming schools and participating private schools can be found online at <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Other-Resources/Scholarships/EdChoice-Scholarship-Program>.

[**Data-Probe License Surrender on State School Board Agenda: Kasich Fills Vacancy**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=196010) **Hannah**

The former superintendent of Marion City Schools will give up his license next week as the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) continues steps to pull credentials from those involved in the student data scandal investigated by Auditor Dave Yost. Meanwhile, Gov. John Kasich filled a vacancy on the State Board of Education left by the resignation of Bryan Williams, naming Brad Lamb of Westlake to the post Friday. Williams resigned in December following discovery his work as a lobbyist conflicted with state ethics restrictions on elected officials. According to his resume, Lamb is a bailiff for the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court and former president of the Fairview Park school board, with experience working for former U.S. Sen. George Voinovich and former Auditor Jim Petro. He was executive director of the Cuyahoga County Republican Party a decade ago and ran former Rep. Matt Dolan's 2010 campaign for county executive as well. Lamb must run in November to serve the remainder of the term, which expires at the end of 2016.

**Special Education**

[**CDC Estimates 1 in 68 Children Identified with Autism Spectrum Disorder**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=195979) **Hannah**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently estimated that one in 68 children (or 14.7 per 1,000 eight-year-olds) in multiple communities in the United States has been identified with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). This new estimate is roughly 30 percent higher than previous estimates reported in 2012 of 1 in 88 children (11.3 per 1,000 eight-year olds) being identified with an autism spectrum disorder. The number of children identified with ASD ranged from 1 in 175 children in Alabama to 1 in 45 children in New Jersey.

**College and Career Readiness**

[**Colleges find new ways to recruit today's social media savvy high school students**](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2014/04/colleges_find_new_ways_to_reac.html#incart_river) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

If you want to reach a high school student you have to go where they are - online. So local colleges are using videos, e-mails and personalized ads to recruit today’s media savvy teenagers. Their success will soon become evident as seniors decide this month where they will attend school this fall. “It is such a hard market, it truly is,” said David Garcia, associate vice president for enrollment management at Kent State University. “We are all on the latest technology and every year we see what is out there new and how to communicate with the young folks.” Universities still target students from lists of those who have visited the campus and taken the ACT and SAT. They continue to mail information and buy newspaper, billboard and television advertisements – but those efforts generally attract the attention of parents.

[**The STEM Enrollment Boom**](http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2014/04/07/study-finds-increased-stem-enrollment-recession) **Inside Higher Education**

Policy makers regularly talk about the need to encourage more undergraduates to pursue science and technology fields. New data suggest that undergraduates at four-year institutions in fact have become much more likely to study those fields, especially engineering and biology. And while much of the public discussion of STEM enrollments has suggested a STEM vs. liberal arts dichotomy (even though some STEM fields are in fact liberal arts disciplines), the new study suggests that this is not the dynamic truly at play. Rather, STEM enrollments are growing while professional field enrollments (especially business and education) are shrinking.

[**Community colleges increasingly adding bachelor’s degrees**](http://hechingerreport.org/content/community-colleges-increasingly-adding-bachelors-degrees_15514/) **The Hechinger Report**

In a high-ceilinged classroom, bright sun poking through the blinds and reflecting off the whiteboard, eight students lug heavy textbooks to their desks and prepare for this afternoon’s lesson: proteins. It’s an unusually small group for a bachelor’s degree-level course in biology. At four-year universities, classes like this are often taught in large and impersonal lecture halls, and might have hundreds of students.

**Northeast Ohio Schools**

***Chagrin Falls***

[**Chagrin Falls school board prepares for teacher strike**](http://www.cleveland.com/solon/index.ssf/2014/04/chagrin_falls_school_board_pre.html) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

[**Chagrin Falls teacher contract negotiations: sticking points from the union, administration**](http://www.cleveland.com/chagrin-falls/index.ssf/2014/04/chagrin_falls_teacher_contract.html) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

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[**Cleveland schools find $15 million to reduce cuts planned for next school year**](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2014/04/cleveland_schools_find_15_mili.html#incart_river) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

***Fairview Park***

[**Brad Lamb, former Fairview Park school board president, named to state school board by Gov. John Kasich**](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2014/04/brad_lamb_former_fairview_park.html) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

[**Fairview Park school district will name Geoffrey Andrews as new superintendent**](http://www.cleveland.com/fairview-park/index.ssf/2014/04/fairview_park_school_district_1.html) **Sun News**

***Lakewood***

[**Lakewood school district names new assistant superintendent, promoting from within**](http://www.cleveland.com/lakewood/index.ssf/2014/04/lakewood_school_district_names.html) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

***Rocky River***

[**Rocky River school board approves contract with classified employees**](http://www.cleveland.com/rocky-river/index.ssf/2014/04/rocky_river_school_board_appro.html) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

***Strongsville***

[**Strongsville school board tables preschool tuition hike, reacts favorably to proposal for high school lacrosse team: 5 things to know from Thursday's board meeting**](http://www.cleveland.com/strongsville/index.ssf/2014/04/strongsville_school_board_tabl.html) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

***Westlake***

[**Westlake Superintendent Dan Keenan resigning to take Martha Holden Jennings Foundation job**](http://www.cleveland.com/westlake/index.ssf/2014/04/westlake_superintendent_dan_ke_2.html) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

[**Westlake school board to meet behind closed doors to discuss superintendent search**](http://www.cleveland.com/westlake/index.ssf/2014/04/westlake_school_board_meets_to.html) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**