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[**Education Secretary John B. King Jr. wants to see a reset on how we teach the nation's schoolkids**](http://www.usnews.com/news/politics/articles/2016-04-14/education-chief-looks-for-more-well-rounded-learning) **US News**

Education Secretary John B. King Jr. wants to see a return to a more well-rounded education for schoolchildren, one that spotlights the importance of science, social studies, world languages and the arts. In a speech Thursday in Las Vegas, King said some schools have focused too intensely on reading and math and testing in those subjects under the 2002 No Child Left Behind law. It was a complaint King heard before coming to Washington, when he was New York's education commissioner and oversaw the state's elementary and secondary schools.

[**ESSA Rules on Title I Funding Stymie Negotiators**](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/campaign-k-12/2016/04/essa_funding_stymies_title_I.html?utm_source=feedblitz&utm_medium=FeedBlitzRss&utm_campaign=campaignk-12) **Education Week**

Members of the ESSA negotiated rulemaking committee couldn't come to a consensus about how to regulate the Every Student Succeeds Act when it comes to ensuring that federal Title I aid for low-income students does not merely supplant state and local funding. The "supplement-not-supplant" rule is designed to ensure that federal funding isn't filling in funding gaps left by state and local decision makers. It promised to be one of the contentious issues on the last day of the committee's three-day session this week.

[**John Kasich's Education Record Heavy on State Policy**](http://e-news.edweek.org/ct/84508104:7-KaQUCEN:m:1:219346798:BC6F792E7DBD3CDF284D38386B52EF8D:r) **Education Week**

With the field of Republican presidential candidates narrowed from a high of 17 last year to three this month, only one remains who has both an extensive K-12 track record and a record that reflects many state policy prescriptions popular among GOP leaders in recent years: Ohio Gov. John Kasich.

[**Education Department Announces Grants to Reduce and Improve Tests**](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/campaign-k-12/2016/04/ed_dept_announces_grants_to_re.html?utm_source=feedblitz&utm_medium=FeedBlitzRss&utm_campaign=campaignk-12) **Education Week**

States that want to develop new types of tests, revamp test scoring and score reporting, or take a close look at the number and type of tests they offer to eliminate low-quality or redundant tests can apply for $9 million in federal competitive grants under the Enhanced Assessment Grant program, the U.S. Department of Education announced Friday.

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

**131st General Assembly**

***House***

[**HB1**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-1)WORKFORCE GRANT PROGRAM (Rep. Kirk Schuring, Rep. Nathan Manning) To establish the Workforce Grant Program, to authorize an income tax credit equal to 25% of the student loan payments a grant recipient makes per year, and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Re-Referred to House Finance Committee**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

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

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

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

**STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

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

**STATUS: Referred to House Finance Committee**

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

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

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

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

[**HB42**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-42)LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND (Rep. Ron Gerberry, Rep. Jack Cera) To require that, for fiscal year 2016 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Local Government Fund must receive the same proportion of state tax revenue that the Fund received in fiscal year 2005

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

[**HB43**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-43)CLASSROOM FACILITIES-PROPERTY TAX ROLLBACKS (Rep. Ron Gerberry) To revise the law governing classroom facilities assistance programs and to restore the application of the 10% and 2.5% property tax rollbacks to school district tax levies approved on or after the effective date of Am. Sub. H.B. 59 of the 130th General Assembly

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

[**HB44**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-44)LOTTERY PROFITS-SCHOOLS (Rep. Ron Gerberry) To require that a portion of lottery profits be distributed annually on a per pupil basis to public and chartered nonpublic schools

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

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

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

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

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

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

**STATUS: Passed House 96-0**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[**HB85**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-85)CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION (Rep. Dan Ramos, Rep. Christina Hagan) With respect to age-appropriate student instruction in child sexual abuse and sexual violence prevention and in-service staff training in child sexual abuse prevention

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**STATUS: Passed by House, Vote 85-8**

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

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

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

**STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

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

**STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**STATUS: Referred to House Finance Committee**

[**HB137**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-137)ORGAN DONATION-HEALTH CURRICULUM (Rep. Cheryl Grossman, Rep. Debbie Phillips) To require the health curriculum of each school district to include instruction on the positive effects of organ and tissue donation

**STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

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

**STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

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

**STATUS: Referred to House Finance Committee**

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

**STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

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

**STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

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

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

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

**STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

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

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

[**HB160**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-160)TEXTBOOKS-HIGHER EDUCATION (Rep. Anthony DeVitis) With regard to the selection, availability, and purchase of textbooks that are required for a course offered by any state institution of higher education

**STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

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

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

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

**STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

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

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

[**HB183**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-183)STUDENT TRUSTEE-VOTING AUTHORITY (Rep. Niraj Antani, Rep. Michael Stinziano) To grant student members of the boards of trustees of state universities and the Northeast Ohio Medical University voting power and the authority to attend executive sessions

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

[**HB192**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-192)SAFETY ENHANCEMENT STANDARDS (Rep. John Rogers, Rep. Rick Perales) To require the State Board of Education to adopt rules prescribing standards for safety enhancements to new public and nonpublic school facilities and to require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to revise its construction and design standards to comply with the State Board's standards

**STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[**HB231**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-231)PROPERTY VALUATION COMPLAINTS (Rep. Cheryl Grossman, Rep. Jeffrey McClain) To require counties, municipal corporations, townships, and school boards that file complaints against the valuation of property they do not own to pass a resolution approving the complaint and specifying the compensation paid to any person retained to represent the county, municipal corporation, township, or school board in the matter of the complaint

**STATUS: Introduced**

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

**STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

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

**STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

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

**STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

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

**STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

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

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

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

**STATUS: House Finance Committee – Reported out**

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

**STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

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

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

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

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

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

**STATUS: Passed by House, Vote 73-22**

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

**STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

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

**STATUS: Introduced**

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

**STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

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

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

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

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

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

**STATUS: Referred to House Community & Family Advancement Committee**

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

**STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

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

**STATUS: Referred to House Finance Committee**

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

**STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

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

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

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

**STATUS: Referred to House Finance Committee**

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

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

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

**STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

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

**STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

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

**STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

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

**STATUS: Referred to House Finance Committee**

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

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

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

**STATUS: Referred to House Finance Committee**

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

**STATUS: Introduced**

***Senate***

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Finance Committee**

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

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Education Committee**

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

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Finance Committee**

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

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Finance Committee**

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

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Finance Committee**

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

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Finance Committee**

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

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

[**SB92**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-92)SCHOOL SAFETY FUNDS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To require the State Board of Education to establish criteria and procedures for the awarding of school safety funds to school districts and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Finance Committee**

[**SB93**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-93)BULLYING PREVENTION FUNDS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To require the State Board of Education to establish criteria and procedures for the awarding of bullying prevention and education funds to school districts and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Finance Committee**

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

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Medicaid Committee**

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

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

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

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

[**SB122**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-documents?id=GA131-SB-122) **HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION** (Gentile, L.) To extend eligibility for the homestead exemption to elderly or disabled homeowners who did not receive the exemption for 2013 and have $30,000 or more in Ohio adjusted gross income.

**STATUS: Introduced**

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

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

[**SB126**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-documents?id=GA131-SB-126) **OPEN ENROLLMENT** (Sawyer, T.) To terminate interdistrict open enrollment on that date with the possibility of renewal following the General Assembly's examination of the study's findings.

**STATUS : Referred to Senate Education Committee**

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

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Education Committee**

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

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Finance Committee**

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

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

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

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

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

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**SB168**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-168)STUDENT VIOLENT BEHAVIOR INFORMATION (Sen. Frank LaRose) To require the Education Management Information System to include information regarding persons at whom a student’s violent behavior that resulted in discipline was directed

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

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

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

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

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

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

**STATUS: Introduced**

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

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Finance Committee**

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

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Education Committee**

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

**STATUS: Senate Ways & Means Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

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

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Education Committee**

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

**STATUS: Introduced**

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

**STATUS: Introduced**

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

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

[**SB247**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-247)SCHOOL DISTRICT-SUMMER MEALS (Sen. Edna Brown, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require school districts to allow alternative summer meal sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Finance Committee**

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

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Education Committee**

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

**STATUS: Senate Ways & Means Committee – Substitute bill accepted & reported out; Passed by Senate, Vote 31-1**

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

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Finance Committee**

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

**STATUS: Introduced**

**Ohio Budget and Politics**

[**New Ohio school barricade rules concern disability group**](http://www.daytondailynews.com/ap/ap/ohio/ohio-board-to-ok-final-rules-for-school-barricade-/nq2Zz/?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter) **Dayton Daily News**

The Ohio building standards board on Friday gave final approval to rules allowing schools to deploy barricade devices in the event of an active shooter, but a disability rights group said they are not consistent with federal law ensuring equal access. The Americans with Disabilities Act requires that locks be usable by people with disabilities and doesn't hold an exception for the devices, according to the Ohio Disability Rights Law and Policy Center.

[**Kasich hears about e-school bill as audits turn up more questions**](http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2016/04/09/kasich-hears-about-e-school-bill-as-audits-turn-up-more-questions.html)  **Columbus Dispatch**

As the Ohio Senate Democratic leader appears to be gaining support for his bid to beef up attendance requirements at online charter schools, state audits of e-school records continue to raise issues. Concerns that the state could be overpaying e-schools millions for students who are not completing close to the 920 hours of required coursework for a school year has put the attendance issue under more scrutiny in recent weeks.

[**Ohio's auditor gets legal OK to audit university foundations**](http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2016/04/09/ohios-auditor-gets-legal-ok-to-audit-university-foundations.html)  **Columbus Dispatch**

State Auditor Dave Yost has received legal approval to perform financial audits of Ohio college and university foundations, which raise and spend hundreds of millions of dollars annually. A legal opinion from state Attorney General Mike DeWine, dated Wednesday, concluded that state law permits Yost to audit the foundations because, even though most of them are private, nonprofit corporations, they collect money on behalf of and distribute money to public colleges and universities

[**Facilities Commission Opens Charter School Grant Applications**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=202807) **Hannah**

The Ohio School Facilities Commission opened applications Monday for a $25 million funding pool to assist charter schools with constructing, buying or renovating classroom space. The application deadline is 4 p.m. on Wednesday, June 15. The biennial budget, HB64 (R. Smith), created the grant program, which requires a one-to-one match. To be eligible to apply, a school must fit the budget bill's definition of a "high-performing" charter school, as measured by performance index and value-added grades on the state report cards. Different grading criteria are used for charter schools that serve early elementary students or are drop-out recovery and prevention schools.

[**Educators Back LaRose Answer to '5 of 8' Repeal**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=202826) **Hannah**

As the State Board of Education worked this week on a new staff reporting rule in response to repeal of the "five of eight" staffing rule, educators urged a Senate committee Tuesday to support a similar statutory measure. The board last year repealed the "five of eight" rule, which required minimum staffing levels in positions such as elementary art, music and physical education, school nurses and librarians. But in response to criticism of the repeal, the board directed its Accountability Committee to devise a method to include schools' staffing levels in educational service personnel positions on state report cards. The board voted on that proposal Tuesday following the Accountability Committee's approval Monday.

[**State Auditor David Yost finds that state charter school sponsor reviews were "noncompliant"**](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2016/04/state_auditor_david_yost_finds.html#incart_river_index) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

Ohio Auditor Dave Yost has slapped the Ohio Department of Education for "noncompliance" with state law in its [manipulation of key charter school evaluations](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2015/06/ohio_ignores_online_school_fs_as_it_evaluates_charter_school_overseers.html) last year, but his findings have no penalties and offer no new information. Yost's audit of the department, just made public but containing no surprises, finds that the department did not follow state law in its early evaluations last year of charter school "sponsors," the agencies that help create and oversee charter schools.

[**State senator upset his e-school bill won’t go to Education Committee**](http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2016/04/13/sponsor-worries-when-e-school-bill-doesnt-go-to-education-committee.html)  **Columbus Dispatch**

Senate President Keith Faber has chosen to not assign a bill aimed at issues with online charter school attendance to the Education Committee, where the chairwoman already had said she would start hearings soon. Instead, on Tuesday, the Celina Republican sent the bill to the Finance Committee, where Democrats fear it will see a less robust discussion.

[**State to pump $1B into school construction, higher ed**](http://www.daytondailynews.com/news/news/boonshoft-dayton-art-institute-each-get-1-million-/nq4Xc/) **Dayton Daily News**

The $2.6 billion capital budget that was unveiled in Columbus Tuesday includes more than a billion dollars for local school construction and higher education, an investment lawmakers say is possible because of the state’s improved financial health. “Because of Ohio’s strong fiscal health, we can make responsible investments in our state’s infrastructure and services for the benefit of all Ohioans,” Senate President Keith Faber, R-Celina, said.

[**School Religious Expression, CPR Training Measures Pass House**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=202840) **Hannah**

The House voted 72-22 Wednesday to approve a bill on student religious expression in schools, which sponsor Rep. Bill Hayes (R-Granville) said would simply provide clarity and put religious groups and activities on equal footing with secular ones. But opponents said the measure could introduce confusion and disruption into the classroom. Also during Wednesday's session, House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville) asked members to rise and observe a moment of silence in memory of Officer Steven Smith, a longtime member of the Columbus Police Department who died Tuesday after being shot during a standoff over the weekend.

[**OCMC Education Committee Considers Draft SBOE Language**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=202860) **Hannah**

A public member of the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission (OCMC) Education, Public Institutions and Local Government Committee on Thursday proposed changing language in Article VI, Section 4, which deals with the State Board of Education (SBOE). Roger Beckett emphasized to committee members that he is not proposing to eliminate the SBOE, and is only offering the language as a starting point for discussion. His proposal reads: "To oversee education in this state, the General Assembly may provide for boards, departments, and directors that may be selected in such manner and for such terms as may be provided by law, and may prescribe by law their respective powers and duties."

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

[**School Board Committees OK Staffing Measure, Talk Gifted Spending**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=202817) **Hannah**

The State Board of Education's Accountability Committee voted Monday to approve a new state report card measure to show schools' staffing levels in various professions, an outgrowth of last year's controversial repeal of the "five of eight" staffing rule. Under the measure, which will be included in the 2015-2016 report card released later this year, the state will report staffing ratios by enrollment in positions ranging from art and music teachers to nurses and counselors to audiologist and interpreters, among others. The data will be presented alongside the statewide ratio for comparison purposes.

[**Variety of Topics Covered under Superintendent's Report to SBOE**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=202818) **Hannah**

Topics covered during the superintendent's report at Monday's State Board of Education (SBOE) meeting included updates on the Third Grade Reading Guarantee, the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and charter school reform. Ohio Department of Education (ODE) officials Jennifer Felker and Elizabeth Hess described how the third grade reading program operates, with Hess noting that the program actually covers four years and emphasizes early intervention to help the students get on track with their reading if they are found to be below grade level ahead of the third grade.

[**UPDATED: 44 apply for state school superintendent**](http://www.dispatch.com/content/blogs/the-daily-briefing/2016/04/4111444-apply-for-state-superintendent.html) **Columbus Dispatch**

Forty-four people have applied for the state superintendent of public education job. The names of applicants will be released Wednesday. Not among them? Columbus Schools Superintendent Dan Good. Despite some talk about him being a strong candidate, Good had insisted he was not applying. Board of Education President Tom Gunlock said 44 applications were received by the board's search firm, Ray and Associates, by Friday's deadline.

[**Top ODE Job Draws 44 Applicants**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=202830) **Hannah**

State Board of Education President Tom Gunlock said Tuesday that 44 people have applied to become the new state superintendent. He said the list of applicants will be sent Wednesday to board members and then be made available publicly. Gunlock said search firm Ray & Associates plans to recommend five top candidates for the board to interview, and board members can submit names of additional applicants they'd like to see interviewed to Gunlock by 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 27.

[**Who wants to be Ohio's new state superintendent? See the full list of candidates here**](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2016/04/who_wants_to_be_ohios_new_state_superintendent_see_the_full_list_of_candidates_here.html#incart_river_index) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

The [Ohio Department of Education](http://education.ohio.gov/) has just released the names of the [44 applicants to be the next state superintendent.](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2016/04/44_applicants_seeking_ohios_st.html) See the full list below. The full applications of these individuals will be released later today.

[**Former Kasich advisor Robert Sommers among five finalists for state superintendent job**](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2016/04/former_kasich_advisor_robert_sommers_among_five_finalists_for_state_superintendent_job.html#incart_river_index) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

The five initial finalists to be Ohio's new state schools superintendent have all held prominent positions in the past -- one as an advisor to Gov. John Kasich, and some playing roles that could draw some political opposition.

**College and Career Readiness**

[**Building Clear Paths**](https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2016/04/11/community-colleges-trying-increase-pathways-students) **Inside Higher Ed**

Community college leaders across the country are looking through the hundreds of courses in their catalogs and trying to find a way to streamline their offerings in order to get students to completion. That's because the days of students taking courses without direction is no longer acceptable if colleges hope to get them to complete within a reasonable time, with a degree and minimal student debt.

**Northeast Ohio Schools**

***Cuyahoga County***

[**Brecksville-Broadview Heights schools hire Joelle Magyar as new superintendent**](http://www.cleveland.com/brecksville/index.ssf/2016/04/brecksville-broadview_heights_365.html#incart_river_index) **Cleveland.Com**

[**Chagrin Falls Schools Superintendent Robert Hunt tightens testing rules: No opt outs this year**](http://www.cleveland.com/chagrin-falls/index.ssf/2016/04/chagrin_falls_schools_superint_2.html)  **Cleveland.Com**

[**Cleveland Heights-University Heights Schools to reduce administrative staff by five, saving $400,000**](http://www.cleveland.com/university-heights/index.ssf/2016/04/cleveland_heights-university_h_101.html) **Cleveland.Com**

[**Lakewood City Schools Announce Dedication Dates for Elementary Schools**](http://patch.com/ohio/lakewood-oh/lakewood-city-schools-announce-dedication-dates-foe-elementary-schools) **Lakewood Patch**

[**Strongsville High School student newspaper wins seven OSMA awards**](http://www.cleveland.com/strongsville/index.ssf/2016/04/strongsville_high_school_stude_9.html) **Sun News**

[**Westlake City Schools Strategic Planning Committee Shares Outline With Board of Education**](http://patch.com/ohio/westlake/westlake-city-schools-strategic-planning-committee-shares-outline-board-education-0) **Westlake Patch**

[**District bills state for charter school fund deductions**](http://westlife.northcoastnow.com/district-bills-state-for-charter-school-fund-deductions/) **West Life**

***Geauga County***

[**Ohio Budget Director Mulls School Consolidation**](http://www.geaugamapleleaf.com/news/ohio-budget-director-mulls-school-consolidation-2/)  **Geauga Maple Leaf**

***Lake County***

[**Gahanna Schools Choose New Superintendent from Kirtland**](http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2016/04/11/New_Gahanna_Superintendent.html) **Columbus Dispatch**

***Lorain County***

[**All three eaglets born at Redwood Elementary in Avon Lake**](http://www.morningjournal.com/general-news/20160411/all-three-eaglets-born-at-redwood-elementary-in-avon-lake) **Lorain Morning Journal**

[**Elyria senior wins state Youth of the Year, moves to regional competition**](http://www.morningjournal.com/general-news/20160413/elyria-senior-wins-state-youth-of-the-year-moves-to-regional-competition) **Lorain Morning Journal**

***Medina County***

[**Wadsworth Schools to look into drug testing**](http://medinagazette.northcoastnow.com/2016/04/11/wadsworth-schools-to-look-into-drug-testing/) **Medina Gazette**

***Portage County***

[**Financial outlook: Aurora schools could face $2.5 million deficit**](http://www.auroraadvocate.com/news%20local/2016/04/13/financial-outlook) **Aurora Advocate**

***Summit County***

[**Stow-Munroe Falls school district's checkbook can now be found online**](http://stowsentry.com/education/2016/04/10/stowmunroe-falls-school-districts-checkbook-can-now-be-found-online) **Stow Sentry**

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