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**Featured News**

[**Tressel chosen as next president of Youngstown State; many expected him to land UA’s top job**](http://www.ohio.com/news/tressel-chosen-as-next-president-of-youngstown-state-many-expected-him-to-land-ua-s-top-job-1.486747)  **Akron Beacon Journal**

Jim Tressel’s leap to the presidency at Youngstown State leaves many bystanders asking: Why didn’t he land the similar job at the University of Akron, where he already serves as a top administrator? If anyone knows for sure, no one is saying.

[**Kasich holds 15-point lead over FitzGerald among Ohio voters in new Quinnipiac poll**](http://www.cleveland.com/open/index.ssf/2014/05/kasich_holds_15_point_lead_ove.html#incart_m-rpt-1)  **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

Republican Gov. John Kasich has a 15-point lead over his Democratic challenger, Cuyahoga County Executive Ed FitzGerald, a new poll released Wednesday by Quinnipiac University shows. Voters said they favored the governor 50 percent to 35 percent over FitzGerald in the poll. That compares to a five-point gap in Quinnipiac’s last Ohio poll, which was conducted in February. In that poll, Kasich held a 43-39 percent lead.

[**FitzGerald proposes $500 million universal preschool plan**](http://www.cleveland.com/open/index.ssf/2014/05/fitzgerald_proposes_500_millio.html#incart_river) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

Democrat Ed FitzGerald unveiled his first detailed policy plan Wednesday — a plan for state-funded preschool for all Ohio 3-and 4-year-olds. The announcement echoed a promise FitzGerald made during his Cuyahoga County executive campaign to expand preschool there.

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

[**Education Department Sketches Out New Early Learning Competition**](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/campaign-k-12/2014/05/education_department_sketches_.html) **Education Week**

The Obama administration wants to use $250 million in new early learning money to offer one set of grants to states that already have robust early childhood education programs, and another set to those just getting started.  **Some background:** Earlier this year, Congress gave the administration a fairly modest $250 million down payment on its much broader, $75 billion request for matching grants to help states cover the cost of a major expansion of early childhood education programs. These new "Preschool Development Grants" are actually funded under the Race to the Top umbrella, and the money is aimed at helping states get their early childhood programs up to snuff.

[**Arne Duncan Makes Sales Pitch for Waivers, Turnarounds, Early Ed in Senate Hearing**](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/campaign-k-12/2014/04/arne_duncan_makes_sales_pitch_.html) **Education Week**

No Child Left Behind waivers are not having a very good week on Capitol Hill. When Secretary of Education Arne Duncan testified before the House education committee Tuesday, he was slammed by both Democrats and Republicans for his approach to overseeing waivers from the NCLB law. And the very next day, Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., a member of the Senate committee that deals with education spending, continued to beat the anti-waiver drum when Duncan appeared to defend his budget request on the other side of the Capitol.

[**Ed. Dept. to Extend NCLB Waivers Without Considering Teacher Evaluation**](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/campaign-k-12/2014/05/us_department_of_education_to_.html) **Education Week**

The U.S. Department of Education told state chiefs Friday that it will grant some states extensions on their waivers from the No Child Left Behind Act, even if their teacher-evaluation systems aren't yet completely up to snuff. The plan, which is still being developed, would give states that are already making progress on implementing teacher-evaluation systems that conform to the department's principles extra time to tweak and refine those systems.

[**Lawmakers Introduce Bill to Continue Autism Research**](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/speced/2014/05/lawmakers_introduce_bill_to_co.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+OnSpecialEducation+%28Education+Week+Blog%3A+On+Special+Education%29) **Education Week**

The Combating Autism Act, which devotes money to autism monitoring and research, would be renewed for $1.3 billion over five years under a bill introduced Monday by U.S. Rep. Chris Smith, a Republican from New Jersey, and Rep. Mike Doyle, a Democrat from Pennsylvania. The act, which was first signed into law in 2006 by President George W. Bush and was subsequently renewed in 2011 by President Barack Obama, is set to expire in September without congressional action.

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

**130th General Assembly**

***Introduced***

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

***House***

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

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

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

[**HB 10**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_10)FISCAL TOWNSHIPS-MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS FISCAL OFFICERS (HAGAN C) To establish education programs and continuing education requirements for the fiscal officers of townships and municipal corporations, to establish procedures for removing those fiscal officers, county treasurers, and county auditors from office **STATUS: 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 schoolpublic or nonpublic school **STATUS: Passed by House, Vote 86-0**

[**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: Passed by House, Vote 89-0**

[**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: Signed by Governor**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[**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: (Passed by House) Senate Finance Committee – Reported out as amended; Passed by Senate, Vote 31-0**

[**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) Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**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: (Passed by House) Referred to Senate Public Safety, Local Government & Veterans Affairs Committee**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

***Senate***

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[**SB 96**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_96) HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM (LAROSE F) To require one unit of world history in the high school social studies curriculum **STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 31-0**

[**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) House Education Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Ohio Budget/Politics**

[**Senators: House missed the point with new teacher-evaluation system**](http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2014/05/11/senators-house-missed-the-point.html) **Columbus Dispatch**

House and Senate Republicans are clashing over changes to a new teacher-evaluation system that just got started this school year, but there is some agreement about giving students a role in the process. After hearing concerns that the annual evaluations were so burdensome that administrators would not have time to help low-performing teachers, the Senate unanimously passed a bill in December that would lessen the formal evaluations for top-rated teachers.

[**Capitol Insider: GOP to give Common Core a second look**](http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2014/05/11/gop-to-give-common-core-a-second-look.html) **Columbus Dispatch**

Ohio House Speaker William G. Batchelder expressed surprise that controversy over the Common Core played a key role in Tuesday’s defeat of GOP Rep. Peter Stautberg, a third-term incumbent from Cincinnati knocked off by former Rep. Tom Brinkman Jr., a longtime conservative flamethrower beaten handily by Stautberg two years earlier, Reporter Jim Siegel notes. “That sucker is a problem. I think we probably should have addressed it,” Batchelder said of the push to have a voluntary, common set of math and language-arts standards that students are expected to achieve by a certain grade level.

[**FitzGerald stumps at teacher's union conference: 5 takeaways**](http://www.cleveland.com/open/index.ssf/2014/05/fitzgerald_stumps_at_teachers.html#incart_river) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

Democrat Ed FitzGerald gave his first education-centric campaign speech Friday to attendees at the Ohio Education Association's spring conference. FitzGerald hinted earlier this week that his education policy proposals are coming soon, but they weren't delivered here. Instead, FitzGerald gave six principles guiding his views on public education and described them in opposition to those of Republican Gov. John Kasich. Toward the end of the 23-minute speech, he asked the crowd to consider his views against Kasich's.

[**OEA Calls for Suspension of State Achievement Tests**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=196292) **Hannah**

Nearly 1,000 education leaders from schools throughout the state who gathered Friday and Saturday at the Ohio Education Association’s (OEA) Spring Representative Assembly in Columbus voted unanimously to support proposed legislation "that would hit the pause button on all state-imposed high-stakes decisions based on student test results in the implementation of Ohio’s New Learning Standards." The tests are related to Ohio's implementation of the Common Core standards that are intended to boost student achievement. According to the release from OEA, "This [delay] would allow school districts across the state to have adequate time to prepare students to succeed. Assessments based on the new standards are scheduled to take effect in the next school year.

[**Latest Teacher Evaluation Changes in House Pull Back on Student Surveys**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=196326) **Hannah**

The House Education Committee adopted new changes Wednesday to teacher evaluation revisions in SB229 (Gardener), many related to the use of student surveys as a component of evaluation. However, top teachers union officials testified the bill still has major flaws, but the committee chairman declared their request to revert to the Senate-passed version a non-starter. "We're not going back to the original version from the Senate. That's hopeless," Rep. Gerald Stebelton (R-Lancaster), the chairman, said after the hearing. After a recess for caucus deliberations, the committee accepted a substitute bill over Democrats' objections.

[**Bill on evaluating Ohio teachers gets more tweaks**](http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2014/05/15/bill-on-teacher-evaluations-gets-more-tweaks.html) **Columbus Dispatch**

A House committee yesterday softened parts of a bill that would alter the new teacher-evaluation system in Ohio, but the state’s largest teachers unions said they still had problems with the plan. The latest alterations came after some key Republican senators and associations representing superintendents, school boards, treasurers and teachers all expressed strong opposition to the prior House rewrite of Senate Bill 229.

[**Student Group Rallies for Pullback of Zero Tolerance Policies in Education**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=196357) **Hannah**

Members of the Ohio Student Association (OSA) rallied Friday at Department of Education headquarters and the Statehouse to urge the end of zero tolerance discipline policies in schools, which they said end up hurting kids who are already marginalized. Among speakers was Tristina Allen, a Wright State University student who said she was led from school in handcuffs after slapping another student during an argument. She said as a foster child she felt like people were expecting her to be trouble, despite her good grades, describing how administrators talked about her problems in front of her as if she weren't there.

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

[**School Board Panel Accelerates Gifted Indicator Plan**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=196290) **Hannah**

The State Board of Education's Accountability Committee voted Monday to adopt a stakeholder workgroup's recommendations for how schools will be evaluated on the state report card's gifted indicator, though they excised one element meant to give districts more time to identify gifted students. The committee also approved plans for how to combine other report card measures for component grades. The workgroup finalized recommendations last week on how schools will be evaluated on three elements -- gifted progress, gifted performance and gifted inputs -- and ultimately be judged to have met or not met the gifted indicator. One element of gifted progress, the value-added score, is only calculated when districts have testing data for more than five students. The workgroup set a 600-student enrollment threshold, so that districts whose small numbers make it statistically unlikely they'd have enough data for a value-added score can be designated "not rated," rather than labeled as not meeting the indicator.

[**Straight A Board Wants Second Look at Charters' First-Round Scores**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=196295) **Hannah**

The Straight A Fund Governing Board asked Monday for its outside reviewers to more closely scrutinize financial sustainability scores for applications from charter schools, who are otherwise poised to be closed out of the second round of scoring in significantly higher numbers than other applicants. Monday was the first of four meetings in May and June where the board will winnow the list of 339 applications and decide who will share in the $150 million available for the fund's FY15 award cycle. Ohio Department of Education staff told board members that while about seven in 10 applicants would advance to the programmatic review under guidelines previously used for the FY14 award cycle, only about half of charter school applicants would advance.

[**State Board Hears Legislative Update**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=196310) **Hannah**

Sen. Peggy Lehner (R-Kettering), chair of the Senate Education Committee, told the State Board of Education Tuesday that the Senate is "struggling mightily" with providing a "safe harbor" of one year before "high stakes testing" begins to be used to make decisions in HB487. She stressed that the tests would still be given and cut score data would still be collected, but the findings will not be used to "close schools or hire or fire" personnel. She said they are looking to provide this hiatus over the 2014-15 school year, commenting that "we have been asking an awful lot" with new tests, new standards and the third grade reading guarantee.

[**Gifted Data Added to State Report Cards**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=196311) **Hannah**

The Ohio Department of Education added another element to the new A-F report card system, launching the gifted dashboard component, which includes data that will eventually be used to determine whether schools meet the report card's gifted indicator. The State Board of Education's Accountability Committee adopted an initial framework Monday for the gifted indicator, but still has to make decisions on what cut scores schools will need to reach to meet the requirements of the indicator.

**Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment**

[**Ohio's private schools fight to avoid Common Core exams**](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2014/05/ohios_private_schools_fight_to.html#incart_river) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

Ohio's private schools are lobbying to keep their students from having to take many of the upcoming Common Core exams that other students will face. With Ohio's future high school graduation requirements still being debated in Columbus, private schools like the Hawken School and University School are pressuring legislators to leave them exempt from testing that is expected for public school students to graduate.

[**Pearson Contract for Common-Core Testing Faces Legal Challenge**](http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2014/05/14/31lawsuit.h33.html?tkn=QSYF%2FDvXNRJIMzf4lRFWctxqlthDJPaY10FT&cmp=ENL-II-NEWS2) **Education Week**

A decision to give the education vendor Pearson a major, potentially lucrative contract for common-core testing is being challenged by a competitor that claims the award was made through a process that was unfair and biased in favor of the eventual winner. The American Institutes for Research, a Washington-based organization that has a substantial place in the testing field, has filed a legal action in New Mexico state court that argues the contract was awarded in a process that was illegal, and structured in a way that wrongly benefited one company—Pearson.

**Early Learning**

[**Pre-K Enrollment Dipped, Funding Rose in 2012-13, Report Says**](http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2014/05/13/32preschool.h33.html) **Education Week**

Spending in state-funded preschools rose a modest $36 per child in the 2012-2013 school year, a new federally funded report says. But state preschool enrollment also dropped by about 9,200 children, the first time a decline has been catalogued since 2001, when the National Institute for Early Education Research first began collecting such statistics.

[**Education Dept. Planning Case Studies of Kindergarten Entry Assessments**](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/early_years/2014/05/education_dept_planning_case_studies_of_kindergarten_entry_assessments.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+EarlyYears+%28Early+Years%29) **Education Week**

The feds want to pull together case studies of how schools and districts are using kindergarten entry assessments, and they want the public's help in telling them how to do it.  Through the Race to the Top early learning challenge grants and other grant programs, the department has been promoting the use of these assessments, which are intended to help kindergarten teachers evaluate the academic and social readiness of their students early in the school year.

**College and Career Readiness**

[**BGSU’s graduates sent off with a global perspective**](http://www.toledoblade.com/Education/2014/05/11/BGSU-s-graduates-sent-off-with-a-global-perspective.html) **Toledo Blade**

When streaming video on a big screen showed soon-to-be Bowling Green State University graduate Jacqueline Elliott walking toward her seat, her family freaked out. They whooped and clapped, and waved frantically at the 21-year-old Detroit native, who finished with her four-year broadcast-journalism degree. Ms. Elliott is a graduate of Renaissance High School in Detroit.

[**Nearing the Bottom**](http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2014/05/15/new-data-show-slowing-national-enrollment-decline#sthash.RFuG3S07.dpbs) **Inside Higher Education**

The decline in overall college enrollment has slowed this spring, according to new data the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center released today. And some details are emerging about the groups of students who are less likely to attend college in declining sectors. Overall enrollment this spring is down 0.8 percent compared to a year ago. That slide follows two years of previous declines the clearinghouse identified. The loss of students peaked last spring with a 2.3 percent decrease.

[**'College Immersion' Program Inspires Middle School Students, Study Finds**](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/college_bound/2014/05/college_immersion_program_inspires_middle_school_students.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+edweek%2FBVuj+%28Education+Week+Blog%3A+College+Bound%29) **Education Week**

If you want middle school students to get excited about college, researchers are finding it's more effective to show them than to tell them. A recent study looked at a program called College Immersion that brings middle school students to a college campus for a week, where they attend classes specially designed for them and get acquainted with college life. Students interviewed after the experience said the exposure made college seem possible, motivated them to do well in school, and gave them useful "college knowledge," according to the study, published earlier this year in Research in Middle Level Education Online.

**Northeast Ohio Schools**

***Beachwood***

[**Beachwood schools to pay $85,000 to settle high school renovation lawsuit**](http://www.cleveland.com/beachwood/index.ssf/2014/05/beachwood_schools_to_pay_85000.html) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

***CMSD***

[**Charter school and public health advocates join the Cleveland school board**](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2014/05/charter_school_and_public_heal.html#incart_river) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

[**CMSD recognized for social emotional learning**](http://www.newsnet5.com/news/education/cmsd/cmsd-recognized-for-social-emotional-learning) **NewsNet 5**

[**Academic Signing Day for CMSD seniors**](http://www.newsnet5.com/news/education/cmsd/academic-signing-day-for-cmsd-seniors) **NewsNet 5**

***Euclid***

[**Euclid Schools roll out plan to address aging middle schools, high school**](http://www.news-herald.com/general-news/20140512/euclid-schools-roll-out-plan-to-address-aging-middle-schools-high-school) **Willoughby News-Herald**

***North Olmsted***

[**District plans to have preliminary millage numbers for proposed grade 6-12 building in North Olmsted**](http://westlife.northcoastnow.com/district-plans-to-have-preliminary-millage-numbers-for-proposed-grade-6-12-building-in-north-olmsted/) **West Life**

***North Royalton***

[**North Royalton schools consider permanent capital-improvements levy after last week's bond issue defeat**](http://www.cleveland.com/north-royalton/index.ssf/2014/05/north_royalton_schools_conside.html) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

***Rocky River***

[**Rocky River may eliminate valedictorian, class rankings**](http://www.cleveland.com/rocky-river/index.ssf/2014/05/rocky_river_high_school_may_el.html) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

***Westlake***

[**Westlake explores options for reducing number of schools, increasing efficiency**](http://www.cleveland.com/westlake/index.ssf/2014/05/westlake_explores_options_for.html) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**