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[**Report: ESSA could expand arts opportunities and funding**](http://www.educationdive.com/news/report-essa-could-expand-arts-opportunities-and-funding/444418/) **Education Dive**

New chapters on well-rounded educations and tiers of evidence expand on the findings in the Education Commission of the States' “ESSA: Mapping Opportunities for the Arts” report, which details how states and school districts can engage with the arts via the Every Student Succeeds Act.

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

**132nd General Assembly**

***House***

[**HB3**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-3)DATAOHIO BOARD CREATION (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Christina Hagan) 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 appropriations

**STATUS: Referred to House Finance Committee**

[**HB21**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-21)COMMUNITY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION (Rep. Steve Hambley) Regarding verification of community school enrollments

**STATUS: Referred to House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

[**HB37**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-37)SCHOOL SAFETY-STRUCTURES (Rep. Steve Arndt) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

[**HB47**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-47)STUDENTS IN MILITARY (Rep. John Boccieri) To enact the "Students 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 & Career Readiness Committee**

[**HB49**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-49)OPERATING BUDGET (Rep. Ryan Smith) Creates FY 2018-2019 main operating budget

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Finance Committee – Reported out as amended; Passed by Senate, Vote 24-8, House does not concur, Vote 93-1; Referred to Conference Committee**

[**HB53**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-53)PUBLIC EMPLOYEES-MEMBER DUES (Rep. John Becker) To remove any requirement under the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Law that public employees join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit public employers from requiring public employees to join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit an employee organization from being required to represent public employees who are not members of the employee organization, and to make an appropriation

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

[**HB58**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-58)CURSIVE HANDWRITING INSTRUCTION (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Marilyn Slaby) To require instruction in cursive handwriting

**STATUS: Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Reported out**

[**HB66**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-66)TENURED TEACHING REQUIREMENTS (Rep. Ron Young) To require permanently tenured state university or college faculty members to teach at least three credit hours of undergraduate courses per semester

**STATUS: Referred to Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee**

[**HB74**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-74)INCREASE COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. Stephen Huffman, Rep. Theresa Gavarone) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to the state's 529 college savings program from $2,000 to $3,000 per beneficiary per year

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

[**HB77**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-77)SICK-CHILD CARE LICENSURE (Rep. Wes Retherford) To provide for the licensure of sick-child care centers

**STATUS: Referred to House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee**

[**HB80**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-80)SCHOOL FOOD-SUMMER INTERVENTION (Rep. Sarah LaTourette, Rep. Kent Smith) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

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

[**HB87**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-87)COMMUNITY SCHOOL PUBLIC MONEYS (Rep. Kristina Roegner) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school

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

[**HB89**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-89)AUGUST SALES TAX HOLIDAY (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

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

[**HB98**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-98)CAREER INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Kristin Boggs) Regarding the presentation of career information to students

**STATUS: Referred to House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

[**HB102**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-102)SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To replace locally levied school district property taxes with a statewide property tax and require recipients of certain tax exemptions to reimburse the state for such levy revenue lost due to those exemptions; to increase the state sales and use tax rates and allocate additional revenue to state education purposes; to repeal school district income taxes; to require the Treasurer of State to issue general obligation bonds to refund certain school district debt obligations; to create a new system of funding schools where the state pays a specified amount per student that each student may use to attend the public or chartered nonpublic school of the student's choice, without the requirement of a local contribution; to eliminate the School Facilities Commission; to eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program, Pilot Project Scholarship Program, Autism Scholarship Program, and Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program; to eliminate interdistrict open enrollment; to require educational service centers to transport students on a countywide basis; and to permit school districts to enter into a memoranda of understanding for one district to manage another

**STATUS: Referred to House Finance Committee**

[**HB103**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-103)FISCAL EMERGENCY PROVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

**STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out; Passed by House, Vote 96-1**

[**HB108**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-108)INFORMED STUDENT DOCUMENT ACT (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Robert McColley) To require one-half unit of financial literacy in the high school curriculum, to require the Chancellor of Higher Education to prepare an informed student document for each 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, and to entitle the act the "Informed Student Document Act"

**STATUS: Referred to House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

[**HB110**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-110)COLLEGE CREDIT APPRENTICESHIPS (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Bill Dean) To create a subprogram of the College Credit Plus Program that permits students to participate in certified apprenticeship programs

**STATUS: Referred to House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee**

[**HB118**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-118)TAX COMPLAINT DISMISSAL (Rep. Derek Merrin) To expressly prohibit the dismissal of a property tax complaint for failure to correctly identify the property owner

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

[**HB124**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-124)VOCATIONAL SCHOOL TAX LEVY (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Rick Carfagna) To authorize a joint vocational school district to submit the question of a renewal tax levy to voters who did not have an opportunity to vote on the levy at an election held in November of 2015 because the levy was only placed on the ballot in one of several counties in which the district has territory

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Ways & Means Committee – Reported out; Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0; Emergency clause, Vote 33-0; House concurs, Vote 83-11**

[**HB129**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-129)SCHOOL EXTERNSHIPS-GOVERNOR (Rep. Kent Smith, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To require the Governor to complete a forty-hour externship consisting of on-site work experience in city, local, and exempted village school districts in the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years

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

[**HB134**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-134)SCHOOL COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Darrell Kick) To allow community improvements board grants to a school district to be spent for permanent improvements outside the county so long as the improvements are within the school district

**STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended**

[**HB163**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-163)PREVAILING WAGE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (Rep. Kristina Roegner, Rep. Craig Riedel) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

**STATUS: Introduced**

[**HB166**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-166)WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM REVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke, Rep. Bob Cupp) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Bill amended**

[**HB170**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-170)COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION (Rep. Rick Carfagna, Rep. Mike Duffey) With regard to academic content standards and curriculum requirements for computer science; to revise educator qualifications regarding computer science; to create a competitive technology **STATUS: Passed by House, Vote 78-12**

[**HB176**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-176)SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS (Rep. Andrew Thompson) With regard to state achievement assessments, statewide academic content standards and model curricula, and teacher and administrator evaluations

**STATUS: Introduced**

[**HB179**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-179)IMMIGRATION LAW COMPLIANCE (Rep. Candice Keller) To require state and local authorities to cooperate with the federal government in the enforcement of immigration laws, to prohibit a local government that fails to do so from receiving certain state funds, to provide for the removal of officers of a local government that fails to do so, and to declare an emergency

**STATUS: Introduced**

[**HB181**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-181)ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT STANDARDS (Rep. Ron Hood, Rep. Tom Brinkman) With regard to the state academic content standards and primary and secondary education assessments

**STATUS: Introduced**

[**HB186**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-186)COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. John Rogers, Rep. Gary Scherer) To enact the "Blair Deduction" to allow an individual obtaining a postsecondary degree or credential from an eligible educational institution to claim an income tax deduction for qualified higher education expenses

**STATUS: Introduced**

[**HB217**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-217)COLLEGE APPLICATIONS-DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To prohibit institutions of higher education from requiring students to disclose disciplinary actions on their applications for admission

**STATUS: Referred to House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee**

[**HB220**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-220)NONPUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDS (Rep. David Leland) With regard to the use of funds by community schools and nonpublic schools

**STATUS: Referred to House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

[**HB224**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-224)RE-SERVING SCHOOL LUNCH ITEMS (Rep. Catherine Ingram) To permit districts and schools to re-serve time- and temperature-controlled food items to students if items are unused and returned unopened, undamaged, and in the original packaging

**STATUS: Referred to House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

[**HB227**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-227)LICENSE PLATE-KENSTON LOCAL SCHOOLS (Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To create the "Kenston Local Schools" license plate

**STATUS: House Transportation & Public Safety Committee – Reported out as amended**

[**HB235**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-235)EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT PROCEDURE (Rep. Theresa Gavarone) Regarding procedures for approval or disapproval of the state education plan for the federal Every Student Succeeds Act

**STATUS: Referred to House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

[**HB237**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-237)MULTICOUNTY LOCAL ELECTIONS (Rep. Dorothy Pelanda) To require a political subdivision with territory in more than one county that places an issue on the ballot to notify the board of elections of every county in which the political subdivision has territory, to require the Secretary of State to establish a database to facilitate communication between the boards of elections and the Secretary concerning local elections, and to make an appropriation

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

[**HB242**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-242)SCHOOL RETIREMENT-COST OF LIVING (Rep. Rick Carfagna) Regarding School Employees Retirement System annual cost-of-living adjustments

**STATUS: House Aging & Long Term Care Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

[**HB246**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-246)DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY CLASSROOMS (Rep. John Boccieri, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to provide funding to certain county boards of developmental disabilities to assist in the acquisition of classroom facilities

**STATUS: Referred to House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

[**HB262**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-262)INDEPENDENT BUDGET PROCESS (Rep. James Butler, Jr., Rep. Mark Romanchuk) To provide for the preparation of a state biennial budget independent of that submitted by the Governor and to authorize the Legislative Service Commission, upon the request of the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President of the Senate, to arrange for an independent actuarial review of a proposed bill, specified analyses of economic policy initiatives and state benchmarking data, and a study of the state's long-range financial outlook

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

***Senate***

[**SB3**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-3)WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (Sen. Bill Beagle, Sen. Troy Balderson) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

**STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Bill amended**

[**SB5**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-5)INCREASING INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS (Sen. Jay Hottinger, Sen. John Eklund) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to college savings accounts and disability expense savings accounts to $10,000 annually for each beneficiary, to create the Joint Committee on Ohio College Affordability, and to declare an emergency

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee – Reported out as amended; Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0; Emergency clause, Vote 32-1**

[**SB8**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-8)SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY (Sen. Randy Gardner, Sen. Louis Terhar) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

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

[**SB9**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-9)AUGUST TAX HOLIDAY (Sen. Kevin Bacon) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

**STATUS: (Passed by Senate) Passed by House amended on Floor, Vote 96-1; Emergency clause, Vote 95-2; Senate concurs with House amendments, Vote 30-1; Emergency clause, Vote 30-1**

[**SB15**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-15)COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS (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: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

[**SB17**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-17)LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND ALLOCATION (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 General Revenue Fund each month

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

[**SB34**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-34)SCHOOL YEARS (Sen. Gayle Manning) To generally require public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day

**STATUS: Introduced**

[**SB39**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-39)COMMUNITY SCHOOL OPERATION (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding community school operator contracts, the operation of Internet- and computer-based community schools, and performance metrics for blended learning schools

**STATUS: Introduced**

[**SB39**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-39)COMMUNITY SCHOOL OPERATION (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding community school operator contracts, the operation of Internet- and computer-based community schools, and performance metrics for blended learning schools

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**SB54**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-54)SUMMER FOOD PROGRAMS (Sen. Edna Brown, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

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

[**SB72**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-72)PREVAILING WAGE LAW (Sen. Matt Huffman) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Finance Committee**

[**SB82**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-82)SCHOOL ABSENCES-PARENTAL NOTIFICATION (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require a public school to place a telephone call within one hour of the start of the school day to a parent whose child is absent without legitimate excuse

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**SB85**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-85)OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Sen. Matt Huffman) To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**SB88**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-88)SUBDIVISION COMMISSIONS-FISCAL EMERGENCY (Sen. Louis Terhar) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

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

[**SB97**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-documents?id=GA132-SB-97)REGIONAL STUDY COMMITTEE CREATION (Sen. Frank LaRose, Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish a Regional Economic Development Alliance Study Committee to study the benefits and challenges involved in creating regional economic development alliances

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

[**SB104**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-104)PROHIBIT SECLUSION USE-SCHOOLS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To prohibit the use of seclusion on students in public schools

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**SB105**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-105)MONTH DESIGNATION-OHIO PRINCIPALS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To designate the month of October as "Ohio Principals Month”

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**SB111**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-111)SCHOOL ZONE SIGN LIGHTS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require school zones to be indicated by signs equipped with flashing or other lights or that indicate the times during which the restrictive speed limit is enforced, and to make an appropriation

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

[**SB123**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-123)PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINT PROCESS (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**

[**SB124**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-124)COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY GRANTS (Sen. Sandra Williams) To qualify students in noncredit community college and career and technical programs for Ohio College Opportunity Grants and to require the awarding of academic credit for community colleges’ career certification programs

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

[**SB133**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-133)STUDENT DISCIPLINE-VIOLENT BEHAVIOR (Sen. Frank LaRose) To require the Education Management Information System to include information regarding persons at whom a student's violent behavior that resulted in discipline was directed and to require the Department of Education to submit a one-time report to the General Assembly regarding that information

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**SB140**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-140)PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To create the Public-Private Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to develop, enhance, and promote educational programs to address regional workforce needs; to create the Sector Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to identify and provide grants to industry partnerships; to support programs that improve access to workforce training opportunities for students; to support economic development and revitalization programs; and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Introduced**

[**SB149**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-149)ELECTION POLLING PLACES-SCHOOLS (Sen. Frank LaRose) Regarding the use of a school district building as a polling place for elections

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

[**SB151**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-151)SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ADJUSTMENTS (Sen. Cliff Hite) To permit, rather than require, the School Employees Retirement System to grant annual cost-of-living adjustments to retirement, disability, and survivor benefit recipients and to reduce the maximum amount of the adjustment

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Insurance & Financial Institutions Committee**

**Ohio Budget and Politics**

[**Dewine announces 2018 run for Governor**](http://wtov9.com/news/local/dewine-announces-2018-run-for-governor) **WTOV**

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine formally announced today that he is a candidate for Governor in 2018. DeWine used the occasion of his annual Ice Cream Social, held on the lawn of his family home in Cedarville, to confirm what the political world in Ohio has known for months – that Ohio’s best known and most popular political figure will seek the Republican nomination in next spring’s primary for Governor.

[**Senate Republicans’ budget proposal boosts funding to fight opioid crisis, saves money through administrative streamlining**](http://www.ohio.com/news/politics/2016/senate-republicans-budget-proposal-boosts-funding-to-fight-opioid-crisis-saves-money-through-administrative-streamlining-1.773919) **Akron Beacon Journal**

Senate Republicans in Ohio said Monday that their version of the state budget closes a projected $1 billion gap while preserving essential services and pumping more money into fighting the opioid crisis. Senate President Larry Obhof said the Senate was proud it “found a way to do more with less,” while acknowledging the causes of Ohio’s lagging revenues are still a bit of a mystery.

[**Senate budget closes $1B gap, adds $6M for opioid crisis**](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=MMGuSElM) **AP News**

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[**Would your school lose or gain money under Senate GOP plan?**](http://www.cincinnati.com/story/news/politics/2017/06/12/ohio-school-gain-lose-money/388589001/) **Cincinnati Enquirer**

Fewer school districts would lose money under Senate Republicans' plan compared with Gov. John Kasich's initial proposal. Of the 610 school districts in Ohio, 238 would gain money, 210 would receive the same amount and 162 would lose money over two years, compared with current 2017 funding. Under the Senate plan, schools statewide would receive 1 percent more each year.

[**No more art, music and gym tests just to grade teachers? How Ohio could change testing under new proposal**](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2017/06/heres_how_ohio_would_cut_testi.html#incart_river_index) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

Large amounts of standardized testing that Ohio's students grind through each year would be cut if legislators allow a few changes proposed by State Superintendent Paolo DeMaria. The largest change would come by adjusting Ohio's teacher evaluations, which have forced districts to test students in subjects like art, music, gym, and elementary school science and social studies, just to see how much they learn under a teacher in a school year.

[**State agencies, Medicaid take brunt of $1 billion budget cut proposed by Senate GOP**](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2017/06/senate_gop_announces_budget_re.html#incart_river_index) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

Ohio Senate Republicans said Monday they were able to close a projected $1 billion shortfall in the next two-year state budget without raising taxes or cutting essential public services. State lawmakers have been grappling since April with how to fill an estimated $800 million revenue gap in the 2018-19 budget.

[**Need-based financial aid to college students would increase under Senate budget proposal**](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2017/06/need-based_financial_aid_to_college_students_would_increase_under_senate_budget_proposal.html#incart_river_index) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

Need-based financial aid to Ohio's college students would receive a boost under the two-year budget proposal by the Ohio Senate. Funding for the Ohio College Opportunity Grant would increase to $103 million the first year and $104 million the second year. That is a $5 million annual increase over the budget passed by the Ohio House.

[**Former Sen. Jones, Others Implore Senate Finance to Fund Early Childhood Education**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=206675) **Hannah**

Former Republican state Sen. Shannon Jones, now executive director of nonprofit advocacy organization Groundwork Ohio, emphasized the importance of early childhood education to the Senate Finance Committee Wednesday, asking for $22 million in funds to be directed towards struggling county childhood education providers over the biennium. Jones cited “overwhelming” evidence for the benefits of early childhood education, including the oft-used statistic that 90 percent of a person’s brain develops by age 5.

[**Legislation would let ECOT delay $60M repayment**](http://www.dispatch.com/news/20170614/legislation-would-let-ecot-delay-60m-repayment) **Columbus Dispatch**

New legislation allowing the Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow to delay repaying the state until its appeals are exhausted, so long as the school posts bond, was introduced Wednesday in the House. On Monday, the Ohio Board of Education ordered ECOT, the state’s largest charter school, to repay the state $60 million for students whose attendance could not be verified. The Department of Education and school will attempt to work out an agreement on how that money will be deducted from future payments to the school.

[**Will ECOT receive a favor?**](http://www.ohio.com/editorial/editorials/will-ecot-receive-a-favor-1.775110) **Akron Beacon Journal**

William Lager has been generous to Republicans at the Statehouse. The founder of the Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow has routed hundreds of thousands of dollars to their political coffers. That is the backdrop for an expedient bill proposed last week after the giant online charter school suffered a deserved setback at the State Board of Education.

[**House Finance Hears Brenner's School Funding Redesign Proposal**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=206721) **Hannah**

Rep. Andrew Brenner (R-Powell) got a chance Tuesday to pitch colleagues on his plan for a major overhaul of school funding that would allow money to follow students and end the use of local property tax levies for K-12 education. The House Finance Committee heard sponsor testimony on Brenner's HB102, an updated version of the plan he introduced late in 2016 as 131-HB628. Brenner, chairman of the House Education Committee, said he believes he's laid out the framework for a fair system that answers the findings of the *DeRolph* rulings, while acknowledging repeatedly Tuesday that many details are still to be addressed

[**High school graduation requirements would be eased under Ohio Senate proposal**](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2017/06/high_school_graduation_requirements_would_be_eased_under_senate_proposal.html#incart_river_index) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

The state Senate is looking to stave off a possible high school graduation "crisis" by allowing students to graduate even with poor scores on state tests.The Senate Finance Committee included exemptions from test score requirements in its new version of the state budget bill today. Those must still pass the full Senate and also be accepted by the House, then gain approval from Gov. John Kasich, before becoming official.

[**$65.4 billion Ohio budget bill clears Senate: See where the money goes**](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2017/06/654_billion_ohio_budget_bill_c.html#incart_river_index) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

The Ohio Senate on Wednesday passed a $65.4 billion two-year state budget after making more than 150 changes to the bill passed by the House, setting the stage for a week of behind-the-scenes maneuvers and compromises between the two chambers. The Senate voted 24 to 8, largely along party lines, to approve the two-year budget. Akron Democrat Sen. Vernon Sykes abstained due to a conflict of interest.

[**Ohio Senate OK’s softer graduation rules for Class of 2018**](http://www.daytondailynews.com/news/ohio-senate-softer-graduation-rules-for-class-2018/AS1TV8TgGGBIjRy2dH9NVL/) **Dayton Daily News**

The Ohio Senate on Wednesday approved alternate pathways to graduation for Class of 2018 students who don’t pass state tests, as part of the state budget bill. That sets up a conference committee debate in the coming week with members of the Ohio House, who did not include any such provision in their version of the budget.

[**Senate Budget Targets New Joint Education Panel for Elimination**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=206746) **Hannah**

Not much more than a year after it launched, the Joint Education Oversight Committee (JEOC) is on the chopping block, targeted for dissolution by October in the Senate's version of the biennial budget. Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina) said the General Assembly doesn't need a special joint committee to perform the panel's intended work. Lawmakers created the joint committee in the previous budget, 131-HB64 (R. Smith). It only started meeting in April of 2016 and hired its first director, Lauren Monowar-Jones, last June.

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

[**ECOT owes. Start the payback**](http://www.ohio.com/editorial/editorials/ecot-owes-start-the-payback-1.773713) **Akron Beacon Journal**

The State Board of Education meets today, and the members have an opportunity to strike a blow for accountability and quality in the funding of public schools. A month ago, a state hearing officer ruled that the Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow failed to justify roughly 60 percent of its enrollment. Now is the moment for the board to order that the online school pay back the money it claimed under false pretenses.

[**ECOT wants $60M ruling tossed, claims state board met illegally**](http://www.dispatch.com/news/20170613/ecot-wants-60m-ruling-tossed-claims-state-board-met-illegally) **Columbus Dispatch**

In its latest attempt to avoid repaying $60 million to the state, ECOT today accused the state Board of Education of illegally meeting in secret to deliberate the matter prior to voting Monday to issue the order. The Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow filed a lawsuit in Franklin County Common Pleas Court accusing the board of violating Ohio’s Open Meeting Act. ECOT asked the court to toss the order, impose a $500 fine against the board and pay its attorney fees.

[**State superintendent proposes cuts in Ohio's state tests**](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2017/06/state_superintendent_proposes_cuts_in_ohios_state_tests.html#incart_river_index) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

State Superintendent Paolo DeMaria has recommended significant cuts in state-required testing of students, slashing mandated tests closer to just federal requirements. The recommendations, proposed to the state school board this morning, would end some tests that affect state graduation requirements and state report cards for schools and districts.

[**State school board votes to recover $60 million from ECOT online school**](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2017/06/state_school_board_votes_to_recover_60_million_from_ecot_online_school.html#incart_river_index) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

The state school board voted today to order the Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow (ECOT), Ohio's largest charter school, to repay $60 million to the state. The 14-1 vote comes nine months after an attendance review by the Ohio Department of Education found that the school was paid for 9,000 more students last school year than the school could document.

[**Online school fighting $60M repayment plans to lay off 350**](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=A0WwZ6MT) **Associated Press**

One of the nation's largest online charter schools plans to lay off 350 employees next month and possibly more later after Ohio officials determined it must repay $60 million from the 2015-16 school year. The Columbus Dispatch reports the Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow will lay off about a quarter of its workers, including teachers, administrators and support staff.

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[**Berea school board opts to wait until 2018 to decide if athletics fees will change**](http://www.cleveland.com/berea/index.ssf/2017/06/berea_school_board_opts_to_wai.html) **Cleveland.Com**

[**CHUH Schools Seek Accountability Commission Members**](https://patch.com/ohio/clevelandheights/chuh-schools-seek-accountability-commission-members) **Cleveland Heights Patch**

[**Cleveland school's future at General Electric's Nela Park site is in question**](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2017/06/cleveland_schools_future_at_general_electrics_nela_park_site_is_in_question.html) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

[**Gilles-Sweet Elementary School's Camp Invention inspires tomorrow's inventors**](http://www.cleveland.com/fairview-park/index.ssf/2017/06/gilles-sweet_elementary_school_1.html) **Cleveland.Com**

[**North Olmsted parents planning learning garden for Chestnut Intermediate School**](http://www.cleveland.com/north-olmsted/index.ssf/2017/06/north_olmsted_parents_planning.html) **Cleveland.Com**

[**Solon City School District approves new four-year contract for teachers**](http://www.cleveland.com/solon/index.ssf/2017/06/solon_city_school_district_app.html) **Cleveland.Com**

[**Treasurer at Strongsville City Schools receives a Distinguished Service Award: Strong Points**](http://www.cleveland.com/strongsville/index.ssf/2017/06/treasurer_at_strongsville_city.html) **Cleveland.Com**

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[**Chardon Schools will Place Levy on Ballot in 2017**](https://www.geaugamapleleaf.com/news/chardon-schools-will-place-levy-on-ballot-in-2017/) **Geauga Maple Leaf**

***Lake County***

[**Willoughby-Eastlake Schools students learning through community service projects**](http://www.news-herald.com/general-news/20170611/willoughby-eastlake-schools-students-learning-through-community-service-projects) **Willoughby News-Herald**

[**Mentor Schools interim superintendent has plans for new school year**](http://www.news-herald.com/general-news/20170621/mentor-schools-interim-superintendent-has-plans-for-new-school-year) **Willoughby News-Herald**

***Lorain County***

[**Lorain residents invited to school district CEO search meetings**](http://www.morningjournal.com/general-news/20170614/lorain-residents-invited-to-school-district-ceo-search-meetings) **Lorain Morning Journal**

[**Lorain Superintendent Jeff Graham applying for CEO position**](http://www.morningjournal.com/general-news/20170615/lorain-superintendent-jeff-graham-applying-for-ceo-position) **Lorain Morning Journal**

[**Locals consider applying for Lorain Schools CEO position**](http://www.morningjournal.com/general-news/20170617/locals-consider-applying-for-lorain-schools-ceo-position?source=most_viewed) **Lorain Morning Journal**

[**Lorain Schools administrator hired by Ohio Department of Education**](http://www.morningjournal.com/article/MJ/20170616/NEWS/170619486) **Lorain Morning Journal**

[**Community gets involved in search for Lorain Schools CEO**](http://www.morningjournal.com/article/MJ/20170620/NEWS/170629966) **Lorain Morning Journal**

[**Lorain Schools commission chair asks district to freeze hiring, spending**](http://www.morningjournal.com/article/MJ/20170623/NEWS/170629688) **Lorain Morning Journal**

[**New London proposes sharing bus maintenance costs with Oberlin**](http://www.chroniclet.com/Local-News/2017/06/14/New-London-proposes-sharing-bus-maintenance-costs-with-Oberlin.html) **Chronicle Telegram**

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[**Brunswick schools bond issue gets closer to the ballot box**](http://www.cleveland.com/brunswick/index.ssf/2017/06/brunswick_schools_bond_issue_g.html) **Cleveland.Com**

[**Highland board discusses bond issue for new school buildings**](http://www.akron.com/akron-ohio-education-news.asp?aID=34580) **Akron Leader Publications**

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[**Farm tax break would cost homeowners**](http://www.recordpub.com/news%20local/2017/06/18/farm-tax-break-would-hurt-homeowners) **Ravenna Record Courier**

[**Aurora AD named new OHSAA board president**](https://www.twinsburgbulletin.com/sports/2017/06/21/aurora-ad-named-new-ohsaa-board-president) **Twinsburg Bulletin**

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