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[WHITE HOUSE PUSHING EDUCATION 'EQUITY PLANS' THE HILL](#) THE HILL

The Obama administration will unveil a new education initiative on Monday designed to ensure that all students, regardless of their race or their family's income, have access to effective teachers. Education Secretary Arne Duncan will launch The Excellent Educators for All Initiative, and will join President Obama and a group of teachers for lunch at the White House to discuss the program, according to a White House official.

[ARNE DUNCAN UNVEILS 50-STATE TEACHER-EQUITY STRATEGY](#) EDUCATION WEEK

The U.S. Department of Education Monday detailed its long-awaited "[50-state strategy](#)" for putting some teeth into a requirement of the 12-year-old No Child Left Behind Act that has gone largely unenforced up until now: ensuring that poor and minority students get access to as many great teachers as their more advantaged peers. States will be required to submit new plans to address teacher distribution by April of 2015, or just a few months before the department likely will begin to consider states' requests to renew their waivers from the NCLB law.

[IN PASSING 3 BILLS, HOUSE PANEL TAKES FIRST STEP TO RENEW HIGHER EDUCATION ACT](#) CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Members of the U.S. House of Representatives' education committee took the first step on Thursday toward renewing the nation's chief higher-education law, approving a trio of bipartisan bills that would promote competency-based education, expand financial counseling for student-loan borrowers, and streamline the information the government provides to prospective students.

[EDUCATION DEPARTMENT LAUNCHES \\$3 MILLION EVALUATION OF KHAN ACADEMY](#) EDUCATION WEEK

The U.S. Department of Education has launched a \$3 million randomized-control trial to gauge the effectiveness of Khan Academy, the now-ubiquitous online-learning site that popularized the "flipped classroom" model. WestEd's Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics division was awarded the grant to study the use of Khan Academy's online tutoring library in community college math classes.

OHIO LEGISLATION UPDATE (RECENT BILL ACTION IN RED)

130TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Introduced

[HB 593](#) HIGHER ED OVERLOAD FEES (DeVitis, A.) To prohibit state institutions of higher education from charging overload fees to students enrolled in not more than eighteen credit hours of courses per semester **STATUS: Introduced**

House

[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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended; Passed by House as amended, Vote 80-6**

[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](#) 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](#) 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](#) METAL DETECTORS-PUBLIC SCHOOLS (PATMON B) With respect to metal detectors in public schools **STATUS: House Education Committee**

[HB 30](#) EDUCATORS LETTERS OF ADMONISHMENT (JOHNSON T) Regarding letters of admonishment to licensed educators **STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House Education Committee**

[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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) RELEASED TIME COURSES-RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION (MCCLAIN J, PATMON B) To permit public school students to attend and receive credit for released time courses in religious instruction conducted off school property during regular school hours **STATUS: Signed by Governor**

[HB 175](#) OHIO STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE DATABASE (DOVILLA M) To require the Treasurer of State to establish the Ohio State Government Expenditure Database **STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out**

[HB 178](#) SCHOOL SAFETY DRILLS (PHILLIPS D) To amend with respect to school safety drills **STATUS: Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) SCHOOL FUNDING (BRENNER A) To reform the system of funding elementary and secondary education **STATUS: House Education Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

[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](#) 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](#) SCHOOL EMPLOYEES-SEXUAL CONDUCT (HAGAN C) To prohibit an employee of a public or nonpublic school or institution of higher education from engaging in sexual conduct with a minor who is enrolled in or attends that public or nonpublic school public or nonpublic school **STATUS: Passed by House, Vote 86-0**

[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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) DIABETES CARE-SCHOOLS (WACHTMANN L, BARNES, JR. J) Regarding care for students with diabetes in schools **STATUS: Signed by Governor**

[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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) STUDENT RELIGIOUS EXPRESSION (HAYES B) Regarding student religious expression **STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House Education Committee**

[HB 304](#) PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES ACCESS (HAYES B) Regarding student access to public school facilities **STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House Education Committee**

[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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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: Referred to House Finance & Appropriations Committee**

[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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) STEM SCHOOLS (SCHERER G, DERICKSON T) To authorize the STEM Committee to grant a designation of STEM school equivalent to a community school or chartered nonpublic school and to make other revisions to the law regarding STEM schools **STATUS: Signed by Governor**

[HB 367](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) CAREER DECISION GUIDE PUBLICATION (BAKER N, LANDIS A) To require public high schools to publish annually a career decision guide in its newsletter or on its website
STATUS: Signed by Governor

[HB 403](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) HIGHER EDUCATION-RESIDENCY STATUS (GONZALES A) With respect to residency status for certain veterans, spouses, and dependents at state institutions of higher education **STATUS: Passed by House, Vote 90-0**

[HB 450](#) 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](#) CONCEALED CARRY-SCHOOL SAFETY ZONE (GONZALES A) To expand and clarify the authority of a concealed handgun licensee to possess a handgun in a school safety zone **STATUS: House Education Committee – Reported out as amended**

[HB 460](#) 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](#) SCHOOL BULLYING PREVENTION AWARENESS ACT (BARNES, JR. J) To enact the "School Bullying Prevention Awareness Act" to designate September as School Bullying Prevention Awareness Month and to declare an emergency **STATUS: House Education Committee – Reported out**

[HB 472](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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**](#) MBR-OPERATION OF STATE PROGRAMS (AMSTUTZ R) To make operating and other appropriations and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs **STATUS: Signed by Governor**

[**HB 484**](#) MBR-HIGHER EDUCATION (ROSENBERGER C, BROWN T) With respect to the coordination and administration of higher education programs **STATUS: Signed by Governor**

[**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**](#) MBR-K-12 EDUCATION PROGRAMS (BRENNER A) With regard to education provisions for students in grades kindergarten through twelve **STATUS: Signed by Governor**

[**HB 488**](#) MBR-HIGHER EDUCATION-MILITARY VETERANS (DOVILLA M, LANDIS A) To require state institutions of higher education to award credit for military training, and **STATUS: Signed by Governor**

[**HB 496**](#) 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 Armed Services of the United States, a reserve unit, or the Ohio National Guard **STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House Military & Veteran Affairs Committee**

[**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**](#) 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**](#) 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**](#) 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**](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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: Referred to House Health & Aging Committee**

[HB547](#) COMMUNITY SCHOOL TEACHER EVALUATION (Fedor T, Patterson J) With regard to the evaluation of community school teachers **STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[HB 548](#) COMMUNITY SCHOOL STUDY COMMITTEE (Fedor T) To establish a committee to study the effectiveness of community schools and community school regulations **STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[HB 549](#) THIRD GRADE READING GUARANTEE-DELAY (Fedor T) To delay until the 2015-2016 school year retention of third grade students and requirements for teachers who provide instruction to third grade students under the Third Grade Reading Guarantee **STATUS: Referred to House Finance & Appropriations Committee**

[HB 556](#) PROPERTY TAX ROLLBACKS RESTORATION (Rogers, J.) To restore the application of the 10% and 2.5% property tax rollbacks to tax levies approved on or after the effective date of Am. Sub. H.B. 59of the 130th General Assembly **STATUS: Introduced**

[HB 577](#) SCHOOL DISTRICTS' HEALTH CARE CURRICULUM (Phillips, D.) To require the health curriculum of each school district to include instruction on the positive effects of organ and tissue donation **STATUS: Introduced**

[HB 578](#) SCHOOL BUS SEAT BELTS (Letson, To., Windburn, R.) To require all school buses purchased, leased, or rented after January 1, 2016, to transport students to and from school to be equipped with a seat belt assembly for all passengers **STATUS: Introduced**

[HB 579](#) PROPERTY TAX VALUATION DISPUTE HEARING (Grossman, C.) To prohibit any party to a property tax valuation dispute, other than the original complainant, from appearing at a county board of revision hearing **STATUS: Referred to House Ways & Means Committee**

[HB 580](#) CARDIOPULMONARY-DEFIBRILLATOR EDUCATION (Grossman, C., Letson, T.) To require instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator as a requirement for high school graduation **STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[HB 593](#) HIGHER ED OVERLOAD FEES (DeVitis, A.) To prohibit state institutions of higher education from charging overload fees to students enrolled in not more than eighteen credit hours of courses per semester **STATUS: Introduced**

Senate

[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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM (LAROSE F) To require one unit of world history in the high school social studies curriculum **STATUS: (Passed by Senate) Referred to House Education Committee**

SB 122 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 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 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 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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 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 TEACHER PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS (GARDNER R) Regarding teacher performance evaluations. **STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House Education Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

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 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 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 STRAIGHT A PROGRAM GOVERNING BOARD (SAWYER T) To modify the membership structure of the Straight A Program Governing Board **STATUS: Introduced**

SB 242 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERSHIP (SAWYER T) To revise the membership composition of the State Board of Education **STATUS: Introduced**

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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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

ED FITZGERALD SUBMITS NEW NOMINATION FOR CUYAHOGA COUNTY TREASURER THE CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER

Two weeks after withdrawing his previous nominee in light of council opposition, Cuyahoga County Executive Ed FitzGerald has submitted his new choice to serve as county treasurer. In a letter to county council Tuesday afternoon, FitzGerald nominated William Sheehan, a senior financial reporting administrator in the county's office of budget and management, to serve as interim treasurer for the rest of the year. Sheehan has worked for the county since 2008, and currently makes \$66,200, according to county records.

GOP RECOMMENDS CLEVELAND FOR 2016 CONVENTION COLUMBUS DISPATCH

In the end, the heart of rock 'n' roll got the nod. A Republican National Committee panel recommended yesterday that the party's 2016 national convention go to Cleveland over Dallas, putting to rest months of lobbying by both cities to land the coveted event. "I think you're going to have to scrape some of us off the ceiling," joked an overjoyed Robert T. Bennett, a former Ohio GOP chairman.

OSFC PREPARES FOR EXPANDED SCHOOL SECURITY PROGRAM; CONSTRUCTION REFORM TAKING HOLD HANNAH

The Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC) updated its guidelines for school security grants Thursday in anticipation of a new round of funding that will open the program to private schools and community schools in privately held buildings. The general spending and policy measure from the mid-biennium review, HB483 (Amstutz), funded a \$17.3 million expansion of the \$12 million program initially created in the FY14-15 budget. Jeff Westhoven, facility and program services chief for the commission, said that \$17.3 million is estimated to be enough to cover all

public and chartered nonpublic schools in Ohio. "That law is in effect in September, we expect to launch in October," Westhoven said.

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION/STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

ODE SUBPOENAS RECORDS FOR CURRENT & FORMER CCS EMPLOYEES AMID DATA- SCRUBBING SCANDAL COLUMBUS 10TV

Columbus City Schools is gathering the personnel and disciplinary files for several current and former employees, including former schools superintendent Doctor Gene Harris. The files will be given to the Ohio Department of Education, which subpoenaed the district for the records.

ODE RELEASES APPROVED READING INSTRUCTION PROGRAMS FOR COMING YEAR HANNAH

The Ohio Department of Education this week released the official list of reading instruction programs that meet the State Board of Education's criteria for the third grade reading guarantee. ODE is required to ensure approved "research-based" reading instruction programs align to the reading competencies set by the board in January. The department said approved programs are those that achieved at least 80 percent on the scoring of their applications by ODE's English language arts consultants.

STATE RECORDS \$800 MILLION SURPLUS AS IT CLOSES BOOKS ON 2014 FISCAL YEAR THE CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER

State government finished the 2014 fiscal year with a nearly \$800 million surplus, according to figures from the Office of Budget and Management. Ohio's fiscal year closed at the end of June. It marks the fourth consecutive year the state has ended with a surplus. "For the fourth year in a row the state of Ohio has balanced its budget and produced a significant budget surplus, with tax revenues exceeding estimates and state spending kept below projections," said Tim Keen, the director of the Office of Budget and Management.

SCHOOL BOARD COULD DELAY COMPONENT GRADES UNDER MBR 'SAFE HARBOR' HANNAH

The State Board of Education will consider slowing the rollout of new graded measures on report cards for local schools at its meeting next week. The K-12 mid-biennium review legislation, HB487 (Brenner), includes a so-called "safe harbor" provision to suspend the use of state ratings for school closings or personnel decisions while Ohio adapts to new, more rigorous assessments. The provision bars issuance of overall composite grades for school districts and buildings and gives the board discretion to forgo issuing grades on several components of the new A-F report cards for the 2014-2015 academic year.

EARLY LEARNING

SENATE PASSES PRESCHOOL EXPANSION MEASURE, BUT BILL'S FUTURE UNCLEAR EDUCATION WEEK

In an unsurprisingly partisan vote, the Senate education committee gave its stamp of approval to legislation that would make President Barack Obama's vision for expanding preschool to more low- and moderate income 4-year-olds a reality. Although the measure has strong backing from the administration—and Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, the chairman of the Senate panel that

oversees K-12 spending and policy—its political prospects are iffy at best. The bill was approved on a 12-10 vote, with no GOP support.

COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS

DUAL MAJOR IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES BOOSTS GRADS BUSINESS JOURNAL DAILY

Fluency in a foreign language greatly improves a college senior's chances of getting a job for which he is qualified, especially if he wants a position in, or related to, international business. Eighty-two percent of all seniors proficient in a foreign language find employment before or soon after graduation, according to the foreign languages department of Youngstown State University.

NEW PRESIDENT OF OHIO'S LARGEST PUBLIC UNIVERSITY ARRIVES AKRON BEACON JOURNAL

Ohio State University's new president is ready to start his first day on the job. A seven-month search ended in January with the selection of University of California-Irvine chancellor Michael Drake as the 15th president of Ohio State. Drake, the university's first black president, was scheduled to begin work Monday. He replaces former president Gordon Gee, who retired last year after remarks he made jabbing Roman Catholics and Southeastern Conference schools were made public.

JIM TRESSEL IS OFFICIALLY YSU PRESIDENT TODAY YOUNGSTOWN VINDICATOR

Up to now he was acting, but today it's official. Jim Tressel will spend his first official day as Youngstown State University president, opening up the Pollock House to campus constituencies. He'd been acting president since June 20.

WHAT 8 STATES ARE DOING TO BUILD BETTER PATHWAYS FROM HIGH SCHOOL TO CAREERS

CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Eight states are tackling a growing disconnect between the nation's education system and its economy by exposing more middle-school and high-school students to jobs, making education relevant to careers, and beefing up alternatives to the four-year college degree, according to a new report from the Pathways to Prosperity Network.

NEW FUNDING MODEL STARTS FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES OHIO STATE IMPACT

Starting today, the way community colleges in Ohio earn the money they get from the state has changed. While the shake-up might sound challenging, school leaders are on board. The new formula ties state funding to student achievement. Funding used to be based on enrollment, but it's now based on milestones such as when a student completes a course or earns a degree.

MORE COLLEGE STUDENTS NOT RETURNING FOR SECOND YEAR, REPORT SAYS THE CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER

More first-time college students are not returning for a second year, according to a national report. That is a concern, officials say, because colleges have focused on increasing graduation rates in part because states, including Ohio, now tie funding to success. The portion of those who enrolled in 2012 and returned to school the following year dropped 1.2 percentage points since 2009, according to a national report. That represents about 37,000 students.

REPORT CALLS FOR COMMON YARDSTICKS ON COLLEGE REMEDIATION EDUCATION WEEK

To combat the need for remediation in college, experts need a clear picture of the problem. However, new research finds wide variation among states in how remediation is measured and reported. The Education Commission of the States discovered 30 states report annually on the number of incoming students who are placed in remedial classes (also known as developmental

education), but there was little consistency in how students were counted and monitored. Others have no tracking systems.

NEW FEDERAL DATA SHOW THE COST OF COLLEGE TUITION, SCHOOL BY SCHOOL

EDUCATION WEEK

With the price of higher education rapidly increasing and national student loan debt piling up, comparing college costs has become key for many prospective students and families. The U.S. Department of Education this week updated lists that provide information on the costs to attend some 4,300 higher education institutions, as part of an annual effort to make costs more transparent and to give families and students more information to pick a college that's the right cost for them.

TECHNOLOGY

SCHOOLS MIX ONE-TO-ONE WITH A HELPING OF BYOD ED TECH MAGAZINE

Like many school districts, the Waxahachie Independent School District is always looking for ways to provide the best educational experience for its students, at the most reasonable cost. Technology — in particular, mobile technology — is a key component of the learning atmosphere leaders want to create in this 13-school district about 30 miles south of Dallas.

NORTHEAST OHIO SCHOOLS

CMSD

NEW CAMPUS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL WILL BE ON CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS OR IN RENOVATED POLICE STATION, PARTIES AGREE THE CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER

CLEVELAND HEIGHTS-UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

STATE GRANT WILL GIVE EDUCATION A WHOLE NEW LOOK AT CLEVELAND HEIGHTS' GEARTY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHOOL SUN NEWS

CLEVELAND HEIGHTS-UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS SCHOOLS REPLACES PRINCIPAL INVOLVED IN SAFETY VIDEOTAPING THAT WENT AWRY NORTHEAST OHIO MEDIA GROUP

CUYAHOGA VALLEY CAREER CENTER

CUYAHOGA VALLEY CAREER CENTER GETS \$1.5 MILLION FROM 'STRAIGHT A' GRANT AWARD TWINSBURG BULLETIN

EAST CLEVELAND

EAST CLEVELAND FREEDOM SCHOOLS READING PROGRAM GETS MUCH NEEDED DONATIONS NEWSNET 5

FAIRVIEW PARK

OUTGOING FAIRVIEW PARK SUPERINTENDENT BRION DEITSCH TAKES JOB WITH DUBLIN SCHOOLS, CITES BOARD CHANGES FOR HIS DEPARTURE NORTHEAST OHIO MEDIA GROUP

LAKWOOD

[DISTRICT OKS NEW ADMIN HIRES](#) LAKEWOOD OBSERVER

MAPLE HEIGHTS

[CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP IN MAPLE HEIGHTS MEANS ENCOURAGING HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION](#) NEWSNET 5

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[NORTH OLMSTED SCHOOL BOARD TAKES ANOTHER STEP TOWARD PUTTING BOND ISSUE ON NOVEMBER BALLOT](#) NORTHEAST OHIO MEDIA GROUP

NORTH ROYALTON

[NORTH ROYALTON SCHOOLS WILL ASK VOTERS TO COMMENT ON FOUR BOND-LEVY OPTIONS, ONE INVOLVING OPERATING CUTS \(POLL\)](#) NORTHEAST OHIO MEDIA GROUP

[NORTH ROYALTON SCHOOLS SEEK VOTER ADVICE REGARDING BOND ISSUES AND LEVIES: BEST OF THE BEAT](#) NORTHEAST OHIO MEDIA GROUP

RICHMOND HEIGHTS

[FORMER CLEVELAND OFFICIAL FRONT-RUNNER FOR RICHMOND HEIGHTS SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT JOB](#) WILLOUGHBY NEWS-HERALD

[FORMER CLEVELAND SCHOOLS OFFICIAL, CLEVELAND STATE PROFESSOR IS FRONT-RUNNER IN RICHMOND HEIGHTS SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH, BOARD PRESIDENT SAYS](#) THE CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER

[RICHMOND HEIGHTS SCHOOL BOARD TABLES TEACHER, STAFFING CUTS](#) WILLOUGHBY NEWS-HERALD

STRONGSVILLE

[STRONGSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION PASSES AMENDMENT FOR 'GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE' FOR NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL](#) SUN NEWS

WESTLAKE

[FORMER WEST GEauga SUPERINTENDENT TO LEAD WESTLAKE SCHOOLS \(UPDATE\)](#) WILLOUGHBY NEWS-HERALD