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**Featured News**

[**Kasich Signs Budget Minutes before Midnight with 47 Vetoes**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=206837) **Hannah**

Gov. John Kasich put his signature on the budget at 11:52 p.m. Friday night, minutes before FY18 was set to begin. He told reporters that overall he is satisfied with the budget, despite 47 vetoes including language that would prevent the state from adding new enrollees under the Medicaid expansion authorized under the Affordable Care Act. The budget itself was only sent over to the governor’s office hours before. He signed it in front of staff, cabinet officials, and reporters, though no legislators were present. He said the state will go into the FY18-19 biennium with a fiscally balanced budget that also preserves the more than $2 billion currently in the Rainy Day Fund.

[**How 11 Kasich vetoes affect Ohio schools; no overrides from House**](http://www.mydaytondailynews.com/news/how-kasich-vetoes-affect-ohio-schools-overrides-from-house/YXMfAIUgIBivDfCdghZdAK/) **Dayton Daily News**

The Ohio House of Representatives voted to override 11 of Gov. John Kasich’s vetoes on Thursday, but did not touch any of the vetoes that affected K-12 education. For any of Kasich’s vetoes to be overturned, 60 percent of both the House and Senate would have to agree. The Senate is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, July 11, but cannot add new override votes on vetoes that the House left untouched, according to Ohio House Democratic Caucus spokesman Jordan Plottner.

**[Education Vetoes Affect TPPT Reimbursements, Sponsor Ratings, Tests](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=206840) Hannah**

Gov. John Kasich blocked or reversed several of lawmakers' attempts to change state education funding and policy with his veto overrides. For the second budget in a row, the governor vetoed an attempt to soften the blow from lost Tangible Personal Property Tax (TPPT) revenue. Lawmakers had included in HB49 (R. Smith) a slower phase-out of reimbursement payments for lost TPPT revenue. In his message on why he vetoed the slower phase out, Kasich makes reference to the fact that state leaders and schools have been struggling with replacing revenue from the TPPT for more than a decade. "Continually extending the reimbursement payments as this provision would do, and making only small reductions in their amounts, merely postpones the inevitable transition that districts must make," he wrote.

[**House Overrides 11 Budget Vetoes, Leaves Medicaid Freeze Pending**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=206851) **Hannah**

The House voted to override 11 of Gov. John Kasich’s line-item budget vetoes to provisions in the FY18-19 budget, HB49, on Thursday but left its decision on freezing enrollment in Medicaid expansion up in the air. “Because we did not take up Item 28 … does not mean we will not come back in the fall and take that back up,” House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville) told reporters after session. “We have the votes to actually continue with that if we feel it’s necessary, but at this juncture we want to give the summer to let the federal government see if they are going to come to a conclusion in Congress before we take action on moving forward with the freeze waiver request.”

**National, Federal, US Department of Education**

[**Trump Administration's School Choice Plans: Four Questions to Ask**](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/campaign-k-12/2017/07/school_choice_devos_trump_four_questions.html?cmp=eml-enl-eu-news1) **Education Week**

U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos took over the Education department, first and foremost, to move the ball forward on school choice, her long-time passion. She's been in the job less than six months, but already, time may be running out to get a sweeping school choice initiative over the finish line, at least this year. One big reason: There have been broad, school choice proposals floated, but no details.

[**Trump Ed. Dept. Gives States, Districts Extra Time on ESSA Financial Transparency Requirement | Main | Are States Leaning on Waivers From Past Law for Their New Education Plans?**](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/campaign-k-12/2017/06/trump_ed_dept_feedback_essa.html?utm_source=feedblitz&utm_medium=FeedBlitzRss&utm_campaign=campaignk-12) **Education Week**

Connecticut, Louisiana, New Jersey, Oregon, and Tennessee got preliminary feedback Friday from the U.S. Department of Education on their plans to implement the Every Student Succeeds Act, which must be approved by Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos.

[**Trump Ed. Dept. Gives States, Districts Extra Time on ESSA Financial**](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/campaign-k-12/2017/06/betsy_devos_financial_transparency.html?utm_source=feedblitz&utm_medium=FeedBlitzRss&utm_campaign=campaignk-12)  **Education Week**

U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos and her team are giving states and districts an extra year to comply with new financial transparency requirements in the Every Student Succeeds that are aimed at shining a light on how much schools spend on each student. And at least one key civil rights group is unhappy about the delay.

**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) (Passed by Senate) Conference Committee – Reported out, Vote 4-2; House approved Conference Committee report, Vote 59-38; Senate approved Conference Committee report, Vote 24-8**

[**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: (Passed by House) Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee – Reported out; Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0**

[**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) Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**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**

[**HB298**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-298)PUBLIC EMPLOYEE SICK DAYS (Rep. Derek Merrin) To make changes with respect to the number of sick days provided to public employees

**STATUS: Introduced**

***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 Lays Out Vision of Ohio's Future in Announcing His Campaign for Governor**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=206770) **Hannah**

Confirming long-running rumors, Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine announced his candidacy for governor Sunday at his family's historic home in Cedarville. At the DeWine family's annual ice cream social, DeWine told a crowd of his gathered supporters that, if elected, he would be ready to go "on day one." "Ohio is a great state," DeWine told the large crowd of supporters, "but we have some very significant problems . ... The tragedy of our state today is that too many Ohioans will never realize their dreams because they simply lack the education, the skills, the training -- and frankly, in too many cases, the sobriety." DeWine joins Secretary of State John Husted, Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor and U.S. Rep. Jim Renacci (R-Wadsworth) in the Republican primary race for the governorship. Renacci was quick to criticize DeWine's candidacy, calling him a "Columbus Insider" on Twitter Sunday afternoon.

[**State auditor orders ECOT to stop spending tax dollars on attack ads**](http://www.dispatch.com/news/20170627/state-auditor-orders-ecot-to-stop-spending-tax-dollars-on-attack-ads) **Columbus Dispatch**

Ohio Auditor Dave Yost has ordered ECOT to stop using taxpayers dollars on television ads attacking the state Department of Education’s decision to seek repayment of $60.4 million, saying the commercials are not proper expenditures “and are impermissible.” In a letter to the giant online charter dated Friday, Yost said he was writing ECOT “to demand that you act without delay to cease and desist the expenditure of public funds” being used for ads.

[**Last-Minute Budget Additions Include Medicaid Sales Tax Funds**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=206801) **Hannah**

In a new budget item added toward the end of Tuesday’s meeting of the Conference Committee on HB49 (R. Smith), lawmakers included an amendment requiring the Office of Budget and Management (OBM) to transfer up to $200 million from the Health and Human Services Fund to the Medicaid Local Sales Tax Transition Fund on July 1 or as soon as possible. The amendment allows the OBM director to request a shift of up to $207 million to the Medicaid transition fund from unclaimed funds during the biennium. The director of the Ohio Department of Commerce (DOC) is required to make the transfer if requested to do so.

[**Senate Works to Head off Line-Item Veto of Executive Department Review**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=206800) **Hannah**

The Senate acted Wednesday to make legislative review of cabinet agencies more palatable to the governor, removing a controversial provision that would have abolished executive departments absent an affirmative effort by the General Assembly to renew them within a specific time period. Heading off the Ohio Civil Service Employee Association (OCSEA) and Policy Matters Ohio’s objections to the provision, the Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee accepted an amendment removing automatic sunset language before SB79 (Jordan) went on to passage in the full Senate. Purged language would have required a full legislative review of cabinet departments during even-numbered General Assemblies, followed by the mandatory expiration of an executive agency on Dec. 31 of the second year of the next odd-numbered General Assembly if the Legislature failed to act. The amended bill retains a periodic review process without the automatic sunset.

[**Ohio legislature OKs state budget with Medicaid limits**](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=6jJ0zghE) **Associated Press**

Ohio's Republican-controlled legislature approved a new two-year state budget Wednesday that includes a freeze on Medicaid expansion enrollment next year, setting up a potential showdown with the governor. Republican Gov. John Kasich, a vocal backer of expanding Medicaid, could opt to veto the freeze on new Medicaid enrollment. It would then be up to GOP leaders in the legislature to see if they have the votes to override the veto.

[**ECOT looks to legislators, TV ads and Ohio Supreme Court to keep $60 million the state wants back**](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2017/06/ecot_looks_to_legislators_tv_ads_and_ohio_supreme_court_to_keep_60_million_the_state_wants_back.html#incart_river_index) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

The ECOT online charter school is fighting state attempts to recover $60 million in alleged overpayments to the school through legislators, television and, today, through the Ohio Supreme Court. "ECOT is full of fighters and those who have overcome the odds," Rick Teeters, the school's superintendent, told staff in an email. "That spirit is in the DNA of our school-and it is especially true today. We will continue to fight on every front we can on behalf of our students and staff."

[**Ohio Senate passes $132.8 billion budget bill**](http://www.cleveland.com/open/index.ssf/2017/06/1328_billion_ohio_budget_bill.html#incart_river_index) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

The Ohio Senate approved a $132.8 billion budget bill Wednesday afternoon, ending months of debate about how to cut $1 billion from the budget Gov. John Kasich proposed in January. The Senate voted 24-8, mostly along party lines, to approve the compromise bill finalized less than 24 hours earlier. The House planned to approve the bill later today, sending it to Kasich's desk before the new fiscal year begins July 1.

[**Education Budget Includes Formula Tweaks, Testing Rollback, Graduation Rules**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=206812) **Hannah**

The new state budget gives school districts a tiny increase in per-student funding, sets a flexible gain cap to accommodate districts with rapid enrollment growth, and shrinks the timeframe within which population loss can lead to loss of guarantee funding. In terms of policy, the bill responds to calls for additional diploma options for the first class facing new graduation requirements, and it takes steps to scale back required testing, though to a lesser degree than recommended by a study group and the state superintendent. The bill is now before Gov. John Kasich, though, so some elements could be deleted by line-item veto. Base foundation funding per student increases from $6,000 in FY17 to $6,010 for both FY18 and FY19 -- more than the administration's flat-funded proposal but less than the $6,020 in the House-passed version of HB49.

[**Cuyahoga Community College to ask voters for .5-mill property tax increase**](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2017/06/tri-c_board_of_trustees_approv.html#incart_river_index) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

Cuyahoga Community College will ask voters in November for a .5-mill property tax increase to repair school buildings, build new ones and keep up with technology. The tax would cost the owners of a $100,000 Cuyahoga County house about $18 a year for 25 years. It would generate $227 million for investment across all Tri-C campuses.

[**State budget decreasing for the first time under Gov. John Kasich**](http://www.cleveland.com/open/index.ssf/2017/06/general_assemblys_budget_could.html#incart_river_index) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

State spending of Ohio taxpayer dollars is expected to drop next year for the first time since Gov. John Kasich took office in 2011. In 2011, the state planned to spend $25.9 billion from its general revenue fund, comprised of income, sales and other tax money that pays for most of the state's day-to-day operations. It actually spent $26.2 billion.

[**State Ends FY17 with Balanced Budget**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=206862) **Hannah**

Underspending across all categories of state government contributed significantly to the state's ending FY17 with $170.9 million in unencumbered, unobligated funds, Office of Budget and Management (OBM) Director Tim Keen told *Hannah News* Friday. Also playing into the equation was the significant fund balance the state began the fiscal year with, Keen added. That totaled $565.5 million after $29.5 million was deposited into the Rainy Day Fund at the start of FY17.

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

[**ODE Awards Mentoring Grants**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=206773) **Hannah**

The Ohio Department of Education announced the latest recipients of state mentoring grants Monday, saying 116 community partnerships will share $9.9 million. The Community Connectors grants are meant to bring together schools, businesses, faith groups and community nonprofits to provide role models for students. Gov. John Kasich proposed the program in his administration's 2014 mid-biennium review. Superintendent Paolo DeMaria selected winning proposals based on recommendations of the Community Connectors Advisory Board. The program provides $3 in state funding for every $1 provided by local groups, up to $100,000.

[**State Board of Education Discusses Third Grade Reading Guarantee Promotion Scores**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=206793) **Hannah**

A State Board of Education committee Tuesday examined preliminary data regarding the number of students who are meeting standards under Ohio's third grade reading guarantee. The Achievement and Graduation Requirements Committee hosted a presentation with Stephanie Siddens, senior executive director; Beth Hess, program administrator; and Jim Wright, director at the Center for Curriculum and Assessment. Siddens and Hess explained that the goal of the guarantee was ultimately to promote literacy, which is why the benchmark for meeting the guarantee is determined by a student's English and Language Arts (ELA) score on the Ohio state test (OST), which is a composite of a student's reading and writing sub scores.

**Early Learning**

[**Revisiting the Benefits of a High-Quality Birth-to-Five Program**](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/early_years/2017/07/revisiting_the_benefits_of_a_high-quality_birth-to-five_program.html?utm_source=feedblitz&utm_medium=FeedBlitzRss&utm_campaign=earlyyears) **Education Week**

If high-quality preschool is good, high-quality programs that start at birth are even better. That's the finding of Nobel-prize winning economist James J. Heckman, who has studied the long-term benefits to children of participating in early-childhood programs. His most recent evaluation is of two similar 70s-era programs, one called the Carolina Abecedarian Project, or ABC, and the Carolina Approach to Responsive Education, or CARE. Children who participated in the programs were tracked until their mid-30s.

[**U.S. Chamber of Commerce Makes Business Case for High-Quality Child Care**](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/early_years/2017/06/making_the_business_case_for_high-quality_childcare.html?utm_source=feedblitz&utm_medium=FeedBlitzRss&utm_campaign=earlyyears) **Education Week**

A new report from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation's Center for Education and Workforce is calling for business leaders to get more involved with early-childhood education. "We're starting to understand in a way that we never have before that those first years are laying the foundation for success in kindergarten, in elementary school, in high school, and ultimately in the workplace," said Katharine Stevens, the author of the report and the head of the early-childhood program at the American Enterprise Institute.

[**Shedding Light on the 'Leadership Gap' in Early-Childhood Programs**](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/early_years/2017/06/new_website_hopes_to_shed_light_on_leadership_gap_in_early_childhood_programs.html?utm_source=feedblitz&utm_medium=FeedBlitzRss&utm_campaign=earlyyears) **Education Week**

A new website launched this week focuses on what the organization behind it calls the "leadership gap" in early-childhood education. The McCormick Center for Early Childhood Leadership, at National Louis University in Wheeling, Ill., developed the website, which is known as the Leadership Education for Administrators and Directors (L.E.A.D) Early Childhood Clearinghouse. The clearinghouse details things such as the lack of a requirement of a degree to lead family child-care centers or some community-based programs.

**College and Career Readiness**

[**Developing OER course pathways**](http://www.ccdaily.com/2017/06/developing-oer-course-pathways/) **Community College Daily**

A new study of 38 community colleges participating in an open education resources (OER) initiative says that students in OER courses engage with the content as well or better than students in non-OER classes using traditional course materials. In addition, faculty using OER who leverage expertise at their college — from technology specialists to librarians — are more likely to report changes in how they teach as a result of OER.

[**State poised to approve 4-year degrees for community colleges**](http://www.daytondailynews.com/news/state-poised-approve-year-degrees-for-community-colleges/7bfaKVAyNzGVT2GcsXj5cN/?ecmp=daytondaily_social_twitter_2014_politics_sfp) **Dayton Daily News**

The state’s two year budget is primed to make big changes in higher education. The budget will head Friday to Gov. John Kasich’s desk for his signature. Below are highlights of what colleges have coming their way if the budget bill is approved this week.

**Northeast Ohio Schools**

***Cuyahoga County***

[**Bay Village Schools Superintendent Keener announces August 2018 retirement**](http://www.cleveland.com/bay-village/index.ssf/2017/06/bay_village_schools_superinten_3.html) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

[**CH-UH school board considers "alternative path" for middle schools**](http://www.cleveland.com/cleveland-heights/index.ssf/2017/06/ch-uh_school_board_considers_a.html) **Cleveland Heights Community Blog**

[**North Royalton schools give raises to non-teaching staff; board borrows $88.9 million for building plan**](http://www.cleveland.com/north-royalton/index.ssf/2017/06/north_royalton_schools_give_ra.html) **North Royalton Community Blog**

***Lorain County***

[**Lorain Schools commission chair asks district to freeze hiring, spending**](http://www.morningjournal.com/general-news/20170623/lorain-schools-commission-chair-asks-district-to-freeze-hiring-spending?source=most_viewed) **Lorain Morning Journal**

[**Lorain School Board hires administrators**](http://www.morningjournal.com/general-news/20170703/lorain-school-board-hires-administrators) **Lorain Morning Journal**

[**Elyria School District pays forward traditions in new school names**](http://www.morningjournal.com/article/MJ/20170628/NEWS/170629369) **Lorain Morning Journal**

***Summit County***

[**Akron school board votes to cut 31 teachers and 62 other positions**](http://www.ohio.com/news/local/akron-school-board-votes-to-cut-31-teachers-and-62-other-positions-1.776856) **Akron Beacon Journal**

[**Akron Public Schools cut 93 positions, save $6.7 million, mostly because of mergers**](http://www.cleveland.com/akron/index.ssf/2017/06/akron_board_of_education_elimi.html) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

[**Revere considering additional financing for buildings**](http://www.akron.com/akron-ohio-community-news.asp?aID=34679) **Akron.Com**

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