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**Featured News**

[**PDK/Gallup Poll Finds Rising Awareness, Majority Opposition to Common Core**](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/campaign-k-12/2014/08/pdkgallup_poll_finds_oppositio.html?utm_source=feedblitz&utm_medium=FeedBlitzRss&utm_campaign=campaignk-12) **Education Week**

While more people know what the Common Core State Standards are than last year, a majority of them oppose the standards, according to the 46th edition of the PDK/Gallup Poll of the Public's Attitudes Toward the Public Schools. Overall, the wide-ranging survey found, 81 percent of those polled said they had heard about the common standards, compared with 38 percent last year. However, 60 percent oppose the standards, generally because they believe the standards will limit the flexibility that teachers have to teach what they think is best.

[**No Common Opinion on the Common Core**](http://educationnext.org/2014-ednext-poll-no-common-opinion-on-the-common-core./) **Education Next**

On most policy questions, public opinion changes slowly, if at all. But when new issues arise, important shifts can occur before opinion sorts itself into settled patterns. And, on occasion, critical events can jar opinion from settled patterns into a new equilibrium. These generalizations apply as much to education policy as to opinion in other areas of public life. During the eight years (2007 to 2014) that the *Education Next (EdNext)* poll has been administered to a representative sample of American adults (and, in most of these years, to a representative sample of public school teachers), we have seen only minimal changes from one year to the next on such important issues as charter schools, merit pay, teacher tenure, teachers unions, and tax credits that fund private-school scholarships. That pattern persists into 2014, despite heated public disputes concerning many of these topics.

[**Michigan, Ohio Have Their NCLB Waivers Extended**](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/campaign-k-12/2014/08/sec_arne_duncan_extends_nclb_w.html?utm_source=feedblitz&utm_medium=FeedBlitzRss&utm_campaign=campaignk-12) **Education Week**

Michigan and Ohio get to keep their No Child Left Behind Act waiver for another year, U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan announced Friday morning. The extensions came just one day after Duncan announced that waiver states can request to delay tying student test scores to teacher evaluations, a major shift (albeit one we've seen coming for a while) that has the potential to uproot what is one of the Obama administration's major policy priorities.

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

[**Education Department Tries to Ease Testing Worries**](http://abcnews.go.com/Health/wireStory/education-department-ease-testing-worries-25072922) **ABC News**

Education Secretary Arne Duncan said Thursday that states can apply for extra time before they use student test scores to judge teachers' performance. Duncan's decision is an acknowledgement of the concerns by teachers' unions and others that it's too early to make teacher personnel decisions based on how well students do on new assessments developed under the Common Core standards that will be used in much of the country this school year.

[**Deb Delisle on the Promise and Pitfalls of NCLB Waivers**](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/campaign-k-12/2014/08/deb_delisle_waiver_q_and_a.html?utm_source=feedblitz&utm_medium=FeedBlitzRss&utm_campaign=campaignk-12) **Education Week**

Waivers from provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act have been available to states for more than two years now, and the U.S. Department of Education is getting ready to roll out criteria for renewals that will let states hang on to their waivers for a longer period. While nearly every state seems to like its waiver—most applied for extensions—the waivers also have been the subject of intense criticism from civil rights groups and members on both sides of the congressional aisle.

[**U.S. School Enrollment Hits Majority-Minority Milestone**](http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2014/08/20/01demographics.h34.html?cmp=ENL-EU-NEWS1) **Education Week**

America's public schools are on the cusp of a new demographic era. This fall, for the first time, the overall number of Latino, African-American, and Asian students in public K-12 classrooms is expected to surpass the number of non-Hispanic whites. The new collective majority of minority schoolchildren—projected to be 50.3 percent by the National Center for Education Statistics—is driven largely by dramatic growth in the Latino population and a decline in the white population, and, to a lesser degree, by a steady rise in the number of Asian-Americans. African-American growth has been mostly flat.

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

**130th General Assembly**

***House***

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

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

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

[**HB 10**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_10)FISCAL TOWNSHIPS-MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS FISCAL OFFICERS (HAGAN C) To establish education programs and continuing education requirements for the fiscal officers of townships and municipal corporations, to establish procedures for removing those fiscal officers, county treasurers, and county auditors from office **STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended; Passed by House as amended, Vote 80-6**

[**HB 14**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_14)SCHOOL RECORDS-ABUSED-NEGLECTED-DEPENDENT CHILD (PELANDA D) With respect to a school district's withholding or transfer to another district or school of the records of a child who is alleged or adjudicated an abused, neglected, or dependent child. **STATUS: Signed by Governor**

[**HB 16**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_16)HEAD INJURIES-YOUTH SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS (O'BRIEN S, HOTTINGER J) To correct a cross reference with regard to concussions and head injuries in athletic activities organized by youth sports organizations and to declare an emergency. **STATUS: (Passed by House) Referred to Senate Medicaid, Health & Human Services Committee**

[**HB 17**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_17)LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND (CERA J, GERBERRY R) To require that, for fiscal year 2014 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Local Government Fund must receive the same proportion of state tax revenue that the Fund received in fiscal year 2005. **STATUS: House Finance & Appropriations Committee**

[**HB 18**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_18)METAL DETECTORS-PUBLIC SCHOOLS (PATMON B) With respect to metal detectors in public schools **STATUS: House Education Committee**

[**HB 30**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_30)EDUCATORS LETTERS OF ADMONISHMENT (JOHNSON T) Regarding letters of admonishment to licensed educators **STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB 32**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_32)MINIMUM SCHOOL YEAR (HAYES B, PATMON B) To establish a minimum school year for school districts, STEM schools, and chartered nonpublic schools based on hours, rather than days, of instruction **STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB 50**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_50)CHILDREN'S' RIGHTS (HEARD T, MCGREGOR R) To protect the rights of children before and during custodial interrogations **STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House Judiciary Committee**

[**HB 58**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_58)STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERSHIP (GERBERRY R) To change the voting membership of the State Board of Education **STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB 59**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_59)BIENNIAL BUDGET (AMSTUTZ R) To make operating appropriations for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2015; to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs **STATUS: Signed by Governor**

[**HB 96**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_96)PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' COLLECTIVE BARGAINING LAW (STRAHORN F) To eliminate an exemption from the Public Employees' Collective Bargaining Law for specified educational employees **STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB 97**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_97)DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH (BRENNER A, LETSON T) To designate October as "Dyslexia Awareness Month” **STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee – Reported out; Passed by Senate**

[**HB 107**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_107)CAREER EXPLORATION INTERNSHIPS-TAX CREDIT (BAKER N) To authorize a tax credit for businesses that employ high school students in career exploration internships **STATUS: Signed by Governor**

[**HB 111**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_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) Senate Education Committee**

[**HB 113**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_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) Senate Education Committee**

[**HB 115**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_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: House Finance & Appropriations Committee**

[**HB 127**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_127)CAREER-TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLED WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT MONTH (ADAMS R) To designate the month of March as "Career-Technical Education and Skilled Workforce Development Month” **STATUS: (Passed by House) Passed by Senate, Vote 31-0**

[**HB 152**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_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: House State & Local Government Committee**

[**HB 154**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_154)LOTTERY PROFITS-EDUCATION (GERBERRY R) To require that a portion of lottery profits be distributed annually on a per pupil basis to public and chartered nonpublic schools

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

[**HB 158**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_158)NONREFUNDABLE TAX CREDITS-NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS (BRENNER A, PATMON B) To authorize nonrefundable tax credits for donations to nonprofit entities providing scholarships to low-income students enrolling in nonpublic schools

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

[**HB 167**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_167)COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (HEARD T, GROSSMAN C) To authorize school districts with an average daily membership greater than 60,000 and located in a city with a population greater than 700,000 to levy property taxes, the revenue from which may be shared with partnering community schools **STATUS: Signed by Governor**

[**HB 168**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_168)CERTIFIED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS (HAGAN C) To create a subprogram of the Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Program that permits students to participate in certified apprenticeship programs **STATUS: Introduced**

[**HB 171**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_171)RELEASED TIME COURSES-RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION (MCCLAIN J, PATMON B) To permit public school students to attend and receive credit for released time courses in religious instruction conducted off school property during regular school hours **STATUS: Signed by Governor**

[**HB 175**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_175)OHIO STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE DATABASE (DOVILLA M) To require the Treasurer of State to establish the Ohio State Government Expenditure Database **STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out**

[**HB 178**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_178)SCHOOL SAFETY DRILLS (PHILLIPS D) To amend with respect to school safety drills

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**HB 180**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_180)CARDIAC ARREST-YOUTH ACTIVITIES (PILLICH C) With regard to sudden cardiac arrest in youth athletic activities **STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House Health & Aging Committee**

[**HB 181**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_181)PERSONAL IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION-STUDENT (BRENNER A) To prohibit submission of a student's personal identifiable information to the federal government without direct authorization of the local school board **STATUS: (Passed by House) Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**HB 193**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_193)HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS (BRENNER A) To revise current high school diploma requirements including state-administered assessments **STATUS: (Passed by House) Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**HB 209**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_209)FINISH FUND (RAMOS D) To create the Finish Fund and the Finish Reserve Fund to provide grants to students who are nearing completion of their bachelor's degrees and display financial need or hardship and to make an appropriation **STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House Finance & Appropriations Committee**

[**HB 211**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_211)LOTTERY PROFITS EDUCATION FUND REPORT (WILLIAMS S) To require the Director of the State Lottery Commission to prepare a report related to the Lottery Profits Education Fund **STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB 215**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_215)SCHOOL SAFETY (DEVITIS A) To authorize a board of education or governing authority of a school to enter into an agreement with a volunteer who is a current or retired law enforcement officer to patrol school premises to prevent or respond to a mass casualty event **STATUS: (Passed by House) Referred to Senate Finance Committee**

[**HB 216**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_216)SCHOOL INDEBTEDNESS (PATTERSON J) To forgive a school district's indebtedness to the Solvency Assistance Fund upon its voluntary consolidation with another district if specified conditions are satisfied **STATUS: House Education Committee – Bill Amended; Reported out**

[**HB 228**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_228) SCHOOL FUNDING (BRENNER A) To reform the system of funding elementary and secondary education **STATUS: House Education Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

[**HB 237**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_237)COMMON CORE INITIATIVE (THOMPSON A) With respect to the Common Core Initiative academic standards and the distribution of student information **STATUS: House Education Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

[**HB 240**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_240)SPECIAL ELECTIONS (ADAMS J, BECKER J) To eliminate the ability to conduct special elections in February and August **STATUS: House Policy & Legislative Oversight Committee**

[**HB 241**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_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 **STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Criminal Justice Committee**

[**HB 242**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_242)HIGHER EDUCATION-PAY FORWARD-PAY BACK PROGRAM (HAGAN R, FOLEY M) To require the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents to consider creating a pilot program called "Pay Forward, Pay Back" to replace the current tuition system at state institutions of higher education and to declare an emergency **STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB 245**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_245)PROPERTY TAX ROLLBACK (BARBORAK N) To extend the 10% and 2.5% partial property tax "rollback" exemptions to new and replacement levies approved at the 2013 general election and to declare an emergency **STATUS: Referred to House Finance & Appropriations Committee**

[**HB 246**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_246)TAX DEDUCTION-COLLEGE GRADUATES (ROGERS J, BLAIR T) To allow recent college graduates to claim an income tax deduction for qualified higher education expenses and allow employers of recent college graduates to deduct the employer's costs of employing the graduate from the employer's gross receipts **STATUS: Referred to House Ways & Means Committee**

[**HB 256**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_256)HEALTH EDUCATION STANDARDS (SYKES V, WACHTMANN L) To require the State Board of Education to adopt national health education standards or to develop its own health education standards based on the national standards for grades kindergarten through twelve. **STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB 264**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_264)DIABETES CARE-SCHOOLS (WACHTMANN L, BARNES, JR. J) Regarding care for students with diabetes in schools **STATUS: Signed by Governor**

[**HB 267**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_267)HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION ELIGIBILITY (BARBORAK N) To extend eligibility for the homestead exemption to elderly or disabled homeowners who did not receive the exemption for 2013 and have $30,000 or more in Ohio adjusted gross income **STATUS: Referred to House Finance & Appropriations Committee**

[**HB 285**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_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: House Health & Aging Committee**

[**HB 290**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_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) Senate Civil Justice Committee**

[**HB 293**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_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: House Education Committee**

[**HB 294**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_294)SUPPORT SCHOOL CHOICE LICENSE PLATE (BRENNER A) To create a "Support School Choice" license plate **STATUS: House Transportation, Public Safety & Homeland Security Committee**

[**HB 296**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_296)SCHOOLS-EPINEPHRINE AUTOINJECTORS (JOHNSON T, DUFFEY M) To permit public schools to procure epinephrine autoinjectors in accordance with prescribed procedures and to exempt them from licensing requirements related to the possession of epinephrine autoinjectors **STATUS: Signed by Governor**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[**HB 334**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_334)STUDENT EXPULSION (HAYES B, HOTTINGER J) With respect to the expulsion of a student from a school district, community school, or STEM school for actions that endanger the health and safety of other students or school employees and to declare an emergency. **STATUS: Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**HB 337**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_337)LOCAL GOVERNMENTS BUDGETING REQUIREMENTS (TERHAR L) To revise budgeting requirements that apply to local governments, mandate that certain actuarial standards be applied in political subdivisions that have independent retirement systems, and authorize the Auditor of State to impose sanctions **STATUS: Referred to House State & Local Government Committee**

[**HB 342**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_342)STRAIGHT A PROGRAM (BRENNER A, DRIEHAUS D) To permit an educational service center to be a partner or the lead applicant of an education consortia seeking a grant under the Straight A Program and to modify the goals of projects supported by the program. **STATUS: Signed by Governor**

[**HB 343**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_343)EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS-NON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES (STEBELTON G) Regarding educational programs for certain students and individuals who have not received a high school diploma. **STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB 348**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_348)HIGHER EDUCATION-STUDENT HEALTH CARE PLAN REQUIREMENT (HENNE M, HAGAN C) To prohibit state institutions of higher education from requiring students to be covered by a health insurance policy or a health care benefits plan as a condition of enrollment or from automatically enrolling students in such policies or plans **STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB 362**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_362)STEM SCHOOLS (SCHERER G, DERICKSON T) To authorize the STEM Committee to grant a designation of STEM school equivalent to a community school or chartered nonpublic school and to make other revisions to the law regarding STEM schools **STATUS: Signed by Governor**

[**HB 367**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_367)OPIOID ABUSE PREVENTION INSTRUCTION-SCHOOLS (DRIEHAUS D, SPRAGUE R) To require the health curriculum of each school district to include instruction in prescription opioid abuse prevention **STATUS: Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**HB 370**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_370)BOARDS OF EDUCATION-PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS (PHILLIPS D) To make a board of education of a school district or the governing board of an educational service center subject to the Prevailing Wage Law for public improvement contracts **STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB 374**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_374)STRAIGHT A PROGRAM (PATTERSON J, ROGERS J) To make an appropriation for additional funding for the Straight A Program **STATUS: Referred to House Finance & Appropriations Committee**

[**HB 376**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_376)OHIO RELIGIOUS FREEDOM RESTORATION ACT (DERICKSON T, PATMON B) To enact the Ohio Religious Freedom Restoration Act **STATUS: Referred to House Judiciary Committee**

[**HB 380**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_380)GENERAL REVENUE FUND-CASH TRANSFER (BOOSE T, GERBERRY R) To require the Director of Budget and Management to transfer cash from the General Revenue Fund to the Local Government Fund and to make an appropriation **STATUS: Referred to House Finance & Appropriations Committee**

[**HB 393**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_393)CAREER DECISION GUIDE PUBLICATION (BAKER N, LANDIS A) To require public high schools to publish annually a career decision guide in its newsletter or on its website **STATUS: Signed by Governor**

[**HB 403**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_403)CONCEALED CARRY HANDGUN LICENSE (BECKER J) To generally authorize a person who has a valid concealed handgun license to carry a handgun concealed into any publicly owned facility that is not a secure facility, to limit this general access with respect to a nonsecure school building so that it applies only if the person is a government official **STATUS: Referred to House State & Local Government Committee**

[**HB 405**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_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: House Ways & Means Committee**

[**HB 413**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_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: House Education Committee**

[**HB 416**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_416)CALAMITY DAYS INCREASE (BURKLEY T, HILL B) To permit payment in fiscal year 2015 to school districts and STEM schools that exceed, by up to four days, the number of permitted "calamity" days in fiscal year 2014 and to declare an emergency **STATUS: (Passed by House) (Passed by Senate) Conference Committee – Reported out; Senate approved, Vote 32-0; House approved, Vote 87-5**

[**HB 424**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_424)SOCIAL MEDIA PRIVACY LAWS-STUDENTS-SCHOOL DISTRICTS (BISHOFF H, HACKETT R) To prohibit employers and educational institutions from requiring an employee, applicant, student, or prospective student to provide access to any personal Internet account of the employee, applicant, student, or prospective student **STATUS: Referred to House Commerce, Labor & Technology Committee**

[**HB 426**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_426)PUBLIC EMPLOYEE WHISTLE-BLOWER (BARBORAK N, PILLICH C) To prohibit an appointing authority from taking disciplinary action against public employees who report a noncriminal law violation or misuse of public resources to the Inspector General **STATUS: Referred to House State & Local Government Committee**

[**HB 428**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_428)JVS BOARDS OF EDUCATION-TERMS OF OFFICE (ANIELSKI M) To revise the law regarding terms of office of members of certain joint vocational school district boards of education **STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB 437**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_437)CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION INSTRUCTION (HAGAN C, RAMOS D) With respect to age-appropriate student instruction in child sexual abuse and sexual violence prevention and in-service staff training in child sexual abuse prevention **STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB 439**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_439)WHISTLE-BLOWER PROTECTION-PUBLIC EMPLOYEES (DOVILLA M, HAYES B) To prohibit an appointing authority from taking disciplinary action against certain public employees who report a noncriminal law violation or misuse of public resources to the Inspector General **STATUS: Referred to House State & Local Government Committee**

[**HB 441**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_441)SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICIES-VIOLENT BEHAVIOR (WINBURN R, FEDOR T) With respect to school district policies and reports on violent, disruptive, or inappropriate behavior **STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB 443**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_443)SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICIES-VIOLENT BEHAVIOR (STRAHORN F) With respect to school district policies for violent, disruptive, or inappropriate behavior **STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB 446**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_446)STUDENT SAFETY ACT (ROGERS J) To require the State Board of Education to adopt rules prescribing standards for safety enhancements to new public and nonpublic school facilities and to require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to revise its construction and design standards to comply with the State Board's standards **STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB 447**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_447)CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICTS-LOANS (LYNCH M) To permit a school district resulting from the consolidation of two or more school districts that meet specified conditions to receive a loan from the Ohio school facilities commission for the construction of a new facility to support the consolidated district **STATUS: House Education Committee – Substitute bill accepted & reported out**

[**HB 449**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_449)HIGHER EDUCATION-RESIDENCY STATUS (GONZALES A) With respect to residency status for certain veterans, spouses, and dependents at state institutions of higher education **STATUS: Passed by House, Vote 90-0**

[**HB 450**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_450)SALES TAX HOLIDAY (PATTERSON J) To provide a three-day sales tax "holiday" each August during which sales of back-to-school clothing, school supplies, personal computers, and personal computer accessories are exempt from sales and use taxes **STATUS: Referred to House Ways & Means Committee**

[**HB 454**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_454)CONCEALED CARRY-SCHOOL SAFETY ZONE (GONZALES A) To expand and clarify the authority of a concealed handgun licensee to possess a handgun in a school safety zone **STATUS: House Education Committee – Reported out as amended**

[**HB 460**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_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 – Reported out**

[**HB 470**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_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**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_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**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_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: House Education Committee**

[**HB 479**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_479)ENTERPRISE ACADEMY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (BUTLER, JR. J) To authorize the establishment of enterprise academy community schools that operate on an extended-day, year-round schedule and to give such schools priority for grants awarded under the Straight A Program **STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB 483**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_483)MBR-OPERATION OF STATE PROGRAMS (AMSTUTZ R) To make operating and other appropriations and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs **STATUS: Signed by Governor**

[**HB 484**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_484)MBR-HIGHER EDUCATION (ROSENBERGER C, BROWN T) With respect to the coordination and administration of higher education programs **STATUS: Signed by Governor**

[**HB 486**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_486)MBR-WORKFORCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS (BAKER N, STEBELTON G) Regarding various workforce development and economic development programs **STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House Economic Development & Regulatory Reform Committee**

[**HB 487**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_487)MBR-K-12 EDUCATION PROGRAMS (BRENNER A) With regard to education provisions for students in grades kindergarten through twelve **STATUS: Signed by Governor**

[**HB 488**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_488)MBR-HIGHER EDUCATION-MILITARY VETERANS (DOVILLA M, LANDIS A) To require state institutions of higher education to award credit for military training, and **STATUS: Signed by Governor**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[**HB 547**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_547)COMMUNITY SCHOOL TEACHER EVALUATION (Fedor T, Patterson J) With regard to the evaluation of community school teachers **STATUS: House Education Committee**

[**HB 548**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_548)COMMUNITY SCHOOL STUDY COMMITTEE (Fedor T) To establish a committee to study the effectiveness of community schools and community school regulations **STATUS: House Education Committee**

[**HB 549**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_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: House Finance & Appropriations Committee**

[**HB 556**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_556)PROPERTY TAX ROLLBACKS RESTORATION (Rep. John Rogers) 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**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_577)SCHOOL DISTRICTS' HEALTH CARE CURRICULUM (Rep. Debbie Phillips) To require the health curriculum of each school district to include instruction on the positive effects of organ and tissue donation **STATUS: Introduced**

[**HB 578**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_578)SCHOOL BUS SEAT BELTS (Rep. Tom Letson, Rep. Roland Winburn) 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**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_579)PROPERTY TAX VALUATION DISPUTE HEARING (Rep. Cheryl Grossman) 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: House Ways & Means Committee**

[**HB 580**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_580)CARDIOPULMONARY-DEFIBRILLATOR EDUCATION (Rep. Cheryl Grossman, Rep. Tom Letson) To require instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator as a requirement for high school graduation **STATUS: House Education Committee**

[**HB 593**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_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**

[**HB 597**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_597)COMMON CORE REPEAL-REPLACE (Rep. Andrew Thompson, Rep. Matt Huffman) To repeal and replace the Common Core Initiative academic standards and related assessment system **STATUS: Referred to House Rules & Reference Committee; Substitute bill accepted**

[**HB 609**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_609)SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAMS (Rep. Marlene Anielski, Rep. Stephanie Kunze) With regard to suicide prevention programs at state institutions of higher education **STATUS: Introduced**

***Senate***

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[**SB 122**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_122)OFFICE OF REGIONAL SERVICES AND ACCOUNTABILITY (SAWYER T) To create the Office of Regional Services and Accountability in the Department of Education **STATUS: Introduced; Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**SB 123**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_123)INTERDISTRICT OPEN ENROLLMENT (SAWYER T) To terminate interdistrict open enrollment on that date with the possibility of renewal following the General Assembly's examination of the study's findings **STATUS: Introduced; Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**SB126**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_126)SCHOOL SAFETY FUNDS (SCHIAVONI J) To require the State Board of Education to establish criteria and procedures for the awarding of school safety funds to school districts and to make an appropriation **STATUS: Introduced; Referred to Senate Finance Committee**

[**SB127**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_127)PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION-HOME SCHOOLED CHILDREN (JORDAN K) To create a property tax and a manufactured home tax reduction for parents of home schooled children equal to the taxes levied by the school district on the homestead of the parent **STATUS: Introduced; Referred to Senate Ways & Means Committee**

[**SB 142**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_142)LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND DISTRIBUTION (SEITZ B) To establish a new default formula for determining the share allocated to each subdivision from the Local Government Fund distribution of each county in which the largest city or township has a population of more than 13,435 and to require minimum annual distributions **STATUS: Referred to Senate Finance Committee**

[**SB 158**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_158)SCHOOL CLOSURE EXEMPTION (TAVARES C) To exempt from closure certain community schools that enroll students receiving behavioral health services **STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

[**SB 159**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_159)PROPERTY TAX ROLLBACK EXEMPTIONS (SCHIAVONI J) To extend the 10% and 2.5% partial property tax "rollback" exemptions to new and replacement levies approved at the 2013 general election and to declare an emergency **STATUS: Referred to Senate Ways & Means Committee**

[**SB 162**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_162)SCHOOLS-CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS (HUGHES J) To require the State Fire Marshal and the Board of Building Standards to include in the State Fire Code and Ohio Building Code, a requirement that a public or private school must install carbon monoxide detectors **STATUS: Referred to Public Safety, Local Government & Veterans Affairs Committee**

[**SB 167**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_167)SCHOOL POLICIES-INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR (TAVARES C) With respect to school district policies for violent, disruptive, or inappropriate behavior **STATUS: Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**SB 169**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_169)CHARTER SCHOOLS-EDUCATIONAL CHOICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (SAWYER T) To require the Department of Education to conduct a performance review of each chartered nonpublic school participating in the Educational Choice Scholarship Program **STATUS: Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**SB 174**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_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: Senate Education Committee**

[**SB 180**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_180) HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION ELIGIBILITY (GENTILE L) To extend eligibility for the homestead exemption to elderly or disabled homeowners who did not receive the exemption for 2013 and have $30,000 or more in Ohio adjusted gross income. **STATUS: Referred to Senate Ways & Means Committee**

[**SB 190**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_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: Senate Education Committee**

[**SB 195**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_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: Senate Education Committee**

[**SB 220**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_220)POST-SECONDARY ENROLLMENT OPTIONS PROGRAM (GARDNER R) To remove the prohibition on charging students fees for participating in dual enrollment programs or in alternative funding arrangements under the Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Program. **STATUS: Introduced; Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**SB 223**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_223)INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS (GARDNER R) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to develop a procedure for awarding information technology infrastructure grants to public primary and secondary schools and school districts. **STATUS: Introduced**

[**SB 229**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_229)TEACHER PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS (GARDNER R) Regarding teacher performance evaluations. **STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House Education Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[**SB 353**](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_353)STUDENT 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 **STATUS: Introduced**

**Ohio Budget/Politics**

[**Common Core Hearings Begin; Massachusetts Standards Proposed for Interim**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=197187) **Hannah**

House Republicans started their hearings Monday on rolling back Ohio's involvement with the Common Core educational standards, while some local school leaders warned repeal would harm student learning and squander years' worth of time, money and staff training spent preparing for the new standards. Reps. Matt Huffman (R-Lima) and Andy Thompson (R-Marietta), sponsors of repeal measure HB597, also unveiled a substitute bill Monday to replace the placeholder they introduced. It calls for Ohio to use the state of Massachusetts' pre-Common Core standards as an interim measure while state officials develop their own replacement standards.

[**Ohio lawmakers, educators debate Common Core standards**](http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2014/08/19/ohio-lawmakers-educators-debate-common-core-standards.html) **Columbus Dispatch**

Arguing it’s “not too late to correct this mistake,” House GOP leaders yesterday began the process of eliminating Common Core education standards in Ohio. But at least one key Republican already has raised concern that the bill means students would go through three different sets of standards during the next four years.

[**Bill to kill Common Core limits foreign and modern authors; religion and science rules are unclear**](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2014/08/bill_to_kill_common_core_limits_foreign_and_modern_authors_religion_and_science_rules_are_unclear.html#incart_river)

The new bill that seeks to block the Common Core in Ohio would wipe out the state's just-adopted graduation requirements and also seeks to set broad standards on its own – taking aim at modern and foreign authors and taking an unclear stand on religious interpretations of science. House Bill 597, which starts hearings this afternoon, was just made available this morning.

[**Faber Seeks Participants in New Academic Content Standards Review Committees**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=197200) **Hannah**

As the House continued hearings on repealing the Common Core academic standards, Senate President Keith Faber (R-Celina) Wednesday sought letters of interest from members of the public who wish to serve on one of the four new Academic Content Standards Review committees. The committees were created in HB487 (Brenner), the education mid-biennium review bill signed into law in June, and are made up of educational professionals and parents of K-12 students. The committees are charged with reviewing the state’s K-12 academic standards to ensure the standards are clear, concise and appropriate for each grade level, as well as promote high student achievement. The four committees will look at the English language arts, mathematics, science and social studies, and appointments are made to the committees by the governor, the Senate president, and the speaker of the House.

[**Common Core Hearings Continue with More State Board Opposition, Expert Defense of Standards**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=197201) **Hannah**

The House notched another long day of testimony Wednesday on the proposal to withdraw Ohio from the Common Core standards and the consortium developing tests linked to it, with witnesses again focusing on concerns about loss of state and local control, as well as questioning the rigor of the standards' math requirements. But the hearing featured the first testimony of the week in defense of the standards as well. House Rules and Reference testimony on HB597 (Huffman-Thompson) also included anti-Common Core remarks from a second member of the State Board of Education. Following District 7 member Sarah Fowler's testimony earlier in the week (see *The Hannah Report*, 8/19/14), District 2 member Kathleen McGervey spoke Wednesday to urge Ohio's withdrawal from Common Core and the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC).

[**Nixing Common Core could let some Ohio schools opt out of state tests**](http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2014/08/21/bill-would-let-some-schools-opt-out-of-tests.html) **Columbus Dispatch**

Common Core opponents spent a third day yesterday urging lawmakers to pass a bill to eliminate the education standards in Ohio, and a key sponsor said it could lead to high-performing schools being able to opt out of most state testing. As written, House Bill 597 prohibits the state from withholding funds from a school district that chooses to not adopt new academic standards or state testing. Some have interpreted that as allowing districts to opt out of graduation tests, which would leave students unable to get a diploma.

[**Kasich expresses support for Common Core standards**](http://www.mydaytondailynews.com/news/news/state-regional-govt-politics/kasich-expresses-support-for-common-core-standards/ng5c9/) **Dayton Daily News**

Ahead in the polls and campaign fundraising, Ohio Gov. John Kasich said Tuesday in Greene County that he supports the incoming wave of education standards known as “Common Core.” The curriculum standards were passed by state lawmakers in 2010, but this week they are the focus of contentious hearings in the Ohio House Rules Committee. “We want high standards in the schools, but we want local school boards to develop those standards and be advised by parents who live in the district,” Kasich said.

[**Kasich: Administration Prepared to Do More on Common Core if Needed**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=197210) **Hannah**

Gov. John Kasich refused to say Thursday if he would veto a Common Core repeal bill now moving through the House, but said he believes there need to be strong educational standards in the state. The House Rules and Reference Committee has been holding hearings this week and plans more next week on HB597 (Huffman-Thompson), which would repeal the Common Core standards in Ohio and replace them temporarily with standards previously used in Massachusetts while lawmakers create new standards. Speaking after an event in Westerville, the governor said that he doesn’t want to speak on hypotheticals, and that he hopes the House “turns over some good information” on the subject. He added that if more needs to be done, his administration is willing to look at it.

[**Creationism coming to Ohio classrooms? Not without a court fight**](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2014/08/creationism_coming_to_ohio_classrooms_not_without_a_court_fight.html#incart_river) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

Count on a serious court battle if a few state legislators have their way and Intelligent Design and other religious interpretations of science are allowed to be taught in public schools. It's a court fight those legislators will likely lose, if previous rulings are an indication.

[**Conservative grandstanding hijacks Common Core debate**](http://www.toledoblade.com/MarilouJohanek/2014/08/23/Conservative-grandstanding-hijacks-Common-Core-debate.html) **Toledo Blade**

State Rep. Andy Thompson (R., Marietta) floated a bill that would repeal Common Core in Ohio, prohibit the state Board of Education from using assessments based on the standards, and outlaw data collection on students except for limited administrative purposes. The bill stalled. Now he and Rep. Matt Huffman (R., Lima) are at it again. They have renewed efforts to block the new education standards. The legislation is a long shot. But growing Tea Party opposition to the standards might improve its odds.

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

[**Rand Paul endorses - in OH ed board race**](http://www.cincinnati.com/story/news/politics/elections/2014/08/21/rand-paul-endorses-oh-school-board-race/14405765/) **Cincinnati Enquirer**

U.S. Sen. Rand Paul, R-Kentucky, reached across the river Thursday to endorse a candidate in the race for the Ohio State Board of Education. Paul, tea party favorite and potential 2016 presidential candidate, said he endorsed Zac Haines, of Symmes Township, because Haines' top priority is to repeal the Comon Core education standards.

**College and Career Readiness**

[**Ohio schools graduating more college-ready students, test finds**](http://www.ohio.com/news/local/ohio-schools-graduating-more-college-ready-students-test-finds-1.515091)  **Akron Beacon Journal**

Test results for one of the nation’s most widely used college-entrance exams bode well for Ohio. Scores released Wednesday for the 2014 ACT indicate Ohio students are graduating more prepared for college, though results in some subjects have either stagnated or slumped. When combing the results for all four test subjects — math, science, reading and English — Ohio’s students achieved a higher overall score for the first time in five years, averaging 22 out of 36 possible points, up from 21.8 points reported in the previous four years.

[**U.S. College Readiness Lags in Math, Science**](http://www.usnews.com/news/articles/2014/08/20/act-college-preparedness-remains-flat-for-high-school-graduates) **US News**

More students than ever are taking the ACT college admissions test, but student achievement remains flat, as nearly one-third of students are not meeting any college readiness benchmarks, according to a new report from the testing agency.  More than half of students who graduated high school in 2014 took the ACT, the company finds in its annual report, "The Condition of College & Career Readiness," released on Wednesday. But of the 1.8 million test-takers, just 26 percent met college readiness benchmarks in all four subjects: English, reading, mathematics and science. In total, 47 percent met no more than one college readiness benchmark.

[**New Interactive Map Available on State Financial Aid Programs**](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/college_bound/2014/08/new_interactive_map_out_on_state_financial_aid_programs.html)  **Education Week**

It can be overwhelming for college-bound students to figure out what financial aid is available because programs vary widely by state. The National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators has launched a free, interactive map for students with information about higher education scholarship programs available through state education agencies and local non-profit organizations. The listings include eligibility criteria, deadlines, and contract information.

[**Taking Core College Prep Courses in High School Improves Readiness Skills**](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/college_bound/2014/08/ore_college_prep_courses_improves_readiness.html) **Education Week**

As high school graduates of 2014 head to college this fall, the recent ACT report shows most are not prepared for the rigor of the coursework they will encounter. However, those who took challenging courses in high school face better odds of success. The Iowa City, Iowa-based testing organization found that when students took the ACT-recommended core college preparatory curriculum (four years of English and three years each of math, science, and social studies), they were far more likely than those who took less than the core to meet ACT's college-readiness benchmarks in each of the four subject areas.

**Northeast Ohio Schools**

***Berea***

[**Berea school leaders starting campaign for a November tax vote**](http://www.cleveland.com/berea/index.ssf/2014/08/berea_school_leaders_are_start.html#incart_river) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

***Euclid***

[**Euclid to vote on early school calendar**](http://www.news-herald.com/general-news/20140822/euclid-to-vote-on-early-school-calendar) **Willoughby News-Herald**

***Fairview Park***

[**Fairview Park schools mark a smooth start to the new school year**](http://www.cleveland.com/fairview-park/index.ssf/2014/08/fairview_park_schools_mark_a_s.html) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

***Independence***

[**Independence Local Schools administrator named to board of OASSA**](http://www.cleveland.com/independence/index.ssf/2014/08/independence_local_schools_adm.html) **Independence Local Schools**

***North Olmsted***

[**North Olmsted schools welcome students back with hugs, pats on the back and high fives**](http://www.cleveland.com/north-olmsted/index.ssf/2014/08/north_olmsted_schools_welcome.html) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

***North Royalton***

[**Valley Vista Elementary School in North Royalton has first-day-of-school rally for students (photo gallery and video)**](http://www.cleveland.com/north-royalton/index.ssf/2014/08/valley_vista_elementary_school_1.html) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

***Olmsted Falls***

[**First day of school in Olmsted Falls elicits smiles, laughs and a few tears (photo gallery)**](http://www.cleveland.com/olmsted/index.ssf/2014/08/first_day_of_school_in_olmsted.html)

***Richmond Heights***

[**Richmond Heights schools to consider hiring five new employees at meeting Monday: Morning links**](http://www.cleveland.com/hillcrest/index.ssf/2014/08/richmond_heights_schools_to_co.html) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

***Solon***

[**Solon schools welcome students back for first day**](http://www.cleveland.com/solon/index.ssf/2014/08/post_60.html) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

***Strongsville***

[**Strongsville schools to close one or more of its seven elementary schools, superintendent says**](http://www.cleveland.com/strongsville/index.ssf/2014/08/strongsville_schools_to_close.html) **Sun News**

[**Strongsville principal horses around while welcoming students back to school (photo gallery and video)**](http://www.cleveland.com/strongsville/index.ssf/2014/08/strongsville_school_principal.html) **Sun News**

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