The Legislative e-Update is a service of the Ohio ESC Association, providing the latest news from Capital Square. The update includes bill monitoring on key legislative issues of interest to Ohio’s ESCs, Client School Districts and other stakeholders. The bills are listed in numerical order with House bills followed by Senate Bills. All entries include a link to the bill text on the Ohio General Assembly’s website. The e-Update concludes with the week in review from the statehouse.

HB3 DATAOHIO BOARD CREATION (DUFFEY M, HAGAN C) 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.

- **Current Status:** 2/1/2017 - Introduced
- **Categories:** Local Government, State Government
- **ORC Sections:** 117.432, 117.58, 149.60, 149.61, 3375.03

HB8 PUBLIC RECORDS-MINORS (HAMBLEY S, REZABEK J) To exempt from the Public Records Law certain information concerning a minor that is included in a record related to a traffic accident involving a school vehicle in which the minor was an occupant at the time of the accident.

- **Current Status:** 2/1/2017 - Introduced
- **Categories:** Education
- **ORC Sections:** 149.43
- **State Bill Page:** https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-8

HB21 COMMUNITY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION (HAMBLEY S) Regarding verification of community school enrollments.

- **Current Status:** 2/1/2017 - Introduced
- **Categories:** Education
- **ORC Sections:** 3314.11
- **State Bill Page:** https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-21

HB26 TRANSPORTATION-PUBLIC SAFETY BUDGET (MCCOLLEY R) To make appropriations for programs related to transportation and public safety for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of those programs.

- **Current Status:** 2/1/2017 - Introduced
**Categories:** Budget and Appropriations, Public Safety, Transportation & Infrastructure

**ORC Sections:** 122.14, 126.06, 127.14, 164.14, 2935.27, 2937.221, 303.40, 306.50, 307.152, 3123.59, 3737.84...5736.01


**HB27**  **WORKERS’ COMPENSATION BUDGET** (BRINKMAN T) To make changes to the Workers' Compensation Law, to make appropriations for the Bureau of Workers' Compensation for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of the Bureau’s programs.

**Current Status:** 2/1/2017 - Introduced  
**Categories:** Budget and Appropriations, Workers' Compensation  
**ORC Sections:** 4123.29, 4123.53, 4123.54, 4123.56, 4123.57, 4123.66, 4123.71, 4123.72, 4167.01, 4167.02, 4167.10, 4167.19  

**HB28**  **INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION BUDGET** (BRINKMAN T) To make appropriations for the Industrial Commission for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of Commission programs.

**Current Status:** 2/1/2017 - Introduced  
**Categories:** Budget and Appropriations, Business & Corporate  

**SB3**  **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT** (BEAGLE B, BALDERSON T) 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.

**Current Status:** 2/1/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Transportation, Commerce and Workforce  
**All Bill Status:** 1/31/2017 - Introduced  
**Categories:** Economic Development  
**ORC Sections:** 107.35, 131.33, 2329.66, 2953.25, 307.984, 3121.03, 329.04, 329.06, 330.01, 330.02, 330.04, 330.05, 330.07, 3304.11, 3304.12, 3304.14, 3304.15, 3304.17, 3304.171, 3304.18, 3304.182, 3304.19, 3304.20, 3304.21, 3304.22, 3304.27, 3304.28, 3304.29, 3304.30, 3304.31, 3304.41, 3309.23, 3313.603, 3313.6110, 3313.6112, 3313.618, 3313.89, 3313.904, 3314.03, 3326.01, 3326.03, 3326.032, 3326.04, 3326.09, 3326.11, 3333.91, 3333.92...763.07  
**Capital Square in Review**

**HOUSE & SENATE NAME COMMITTEES**

**House:**

**House Education and Career Readiness 614-644-6711**

*Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m., Room 121*

Brenner (R) - Chair; Slaby (R) - Vice Chair  
(R) Butler, Cupp, Gavarone, Hambley, Henne, Hood, Huffman, Koehler, Manning, R. Smith, Stein  
(D) *Fedor, Ingram, G. Johnson, Patterson, Ramos, K. Smith

**House Finance 614-466-1366**

*Room 313*

R. Smith (R) - Chair; Ryan (R) - Vice Chair  
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(D) *Cera, Antonio, Kelly, Miller, O’Brien, Patterson, Ramos, Reece, Rogers, Sykes

**House Higher Education Subcommittee 614-644-6020**

Perales (R) - Chair  
(R) Anielski, Duffey  
(D) *Ramos, Antonio

**House Primary & Secondary Education Subcommittee 614-466-9624**

Cupp (R) - Chair  
(R) Blessing, Reineke  
(D) *Miller, Patterson

**Senate**

**Senate Education** - 614-466-4538  
Lehner, Chair, Huffman, Vice Chair  
Coley, Gardner, Hite, Manning, Terhar, Wilson  
*Sykes, Thomas, Yuko

**Senate Finance** - 614-466-0626  
Oelslager, Chair, Manning, Vice Chair, Bacon, Balderson, Beagle, Burke, Coley, Dolan, Eklund, Lehner  
*Skindell, Sykes, Tavares

**Senate Primary/Secondary Education Subcommittee** - 614-466-8150  
Hite, Chair Balderson Huffman Lehner Manning Sykes, Vice Chair, Yuko

**Senate Higher Education Subcommittee** - 614-466-8060  
Gardner, Chair, Bacon, Dolan, Kunze, Wilson  
Williams, Vice Chair, Thomas

**AFFORDABLE CARE ACT (ACA)**

Gov. John Kasich and Lt. Gov. and Ohio Department of Insurance Director Mary Taylor outlined their strategy for repealing and replacing Obamacare -- the Affordable Care Act (ACA) -- in identical letters to Republican congressional leaders in both the U.S. House and Senate earlier this week. In the letters addressed to House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy and Sen. Orrin Hatch, chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance, they say, "We support a single repeal-and-replace package, but are concerned that a strategy to repeal now then later replace the ACA could have serious consequences."
• Attorney General Mike DeWine ratcheted up the fight against human trafficking Monday with the launch of a new effort by the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) to identify at-risk children in communities across Ohio and to provide customized, “localized” reports to law enforcement and children’s services. The goal, says DeWine, is to reach vulnerable youth before traffickers do. DeWine announced the initiative at his Human Trafficking Commission’s first meeting of 2017, when the commission also issued its 2016 report.

AUDITOR OF STATE
• Auditor of State Dave Yost on Wednesday released a new tool designed to help cities and counties better assess their financial health and make informed budgetary decisions to avoid potential future fiscal stress.

FY18-19 BUDGET
• Ohio K-12 school funding is in for about a 1 percent per year increase in the executive budget proposal due out next week, Gov. John Kasich said Tuesday at an event he called to highlight innovative practices at several Ohio schools. Kasich and his aides also previewed other elements of the education budget proposal, indicating continuation of the Community Connectors mentoring grant program and efforts to encourage further use of credit flexibility, so students can earn high school credit for out-of-the-classroom experiences like internships.

• Hearings on the main operating budget for the state began in the House Finance Committee on Wednesday, Feb. 1 with testimony from both Office of Budget and Management Director Tim Keen and the Legislative Service Commission.

CIVIL RIGHTS
• The American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio said this week it had reached a settlement agreement with Sylvania Schools on behalf of Derek Ide, a substitute teacher who was fired after making a political statement on Facebook in 2015. In its September 2016 letter to Sylvania, the ACLU of Ohio said comments like Ide’s are widely recognized as protected free speech. In the Facebook post, Ide had shared a viral video of a high school security guard assaulting a black female student, and had expressed his views regarding racism and violence in American institutions.

EDUCATION
• The Kasich administration and Drug Free Action Alliance (DFAA) are asking Ohio students in grades 6-12 to submit videos to encourage conversation between adults and youth about substance abuse. Submissions will be accepted until Friday, March 3. The “Start Recording and Start Talking” contest, supported also by Verizon, will include college funding awards to the top three finishers. The initiative is part of the Kasich administration’s “Start Talking!” effort, which is based on research showing children are half as likely to start using drugs when their parents talk to them about substance abuse.

• According to a new report released by the Health Policy Institute of Ohio (HPIO), health and education policymakers should strive for increased communication to produce the best outcomes on both fronts. The policy brief outlines numerous intersections between health and education, drawing strong correlations between factors such as a person’s overall reported health and his or her highest level of education achieved.

• Philanthropy Ohio (POH) Tuesday released its latest set of comprehensive education recommendations to Gov. John Kasich, the Ohio General Assembly, the State Board of Education and other education policy leaders.

• The Joint Education Oversight Committee (JEOC) voted Wednesday to switch Chairmanship of the committee from Sen. Cliff Hite (R-Findlay) to Rep. Bob Cupp (R-Lima), per the law that created the panel, 131-HB64 (R. Smith). Sen. Vernon Sykes (D-Akron) serves as ranking member.

ELECTIONS 2018
• Auditor Dave Yost became the first candidate in the 2018 race for attorney general Tuesday, saying he will "fight for right." Yost, who has been laying the groundwork to succeed Attorney General Mike DeWine in recent months, said he will focus on fighting human trafficking, the opioid epidemic, and supporting law enforcement officers in the performance of their duties.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY/STATEHOUSE
• In its first meeting of the 132nd General Assembly, the Controlling Board approved most of its 80-item agenda, including an increase in the Ohio Election Commission’s budget for the rest of the current fiscal year and two emergency repairs for the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (DRC) and the Department of Public Safety (ODPS). Two items were deferred.

• As many as three standing Senate committees will have their hearings broadcast by the Ohio Channel on top of current coverage for the Senate Finance Committee, chamber leadership said Thursday. Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina) will determine which additional committees are televised, according to a statement from his office.

HIGHER EDUCATION
• State officials from the Ohio Department of Higher Education, the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation and the Department of Job and Family Services recently unveiled an online tool that is meant to help employers identify newly-trained workers with degrees and certifications in a wide variety of occupations with in-demand technical skills.

PEOPLE
• Innovation Ohio, a policy and advocacy nonprofit based in Columbus, announced that founder and board chair Janetta King will return to lead the organization’s advocacy efforts. As a multi-issue think tank, Innovation Ohio says it focuses on change through policy research, communications, and coalition building.

STATE GOVERNMENT
• The Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC) elected Budget Director Tim Keen as chair and Administrative Services Director Robert Blair as vice chair during its first meeting of 2017 on Thursday. The commission’s agenda was fairly routine, including approval of three additional Classroom Facilities Assistance Program projects using money from other districts whose funding lapsed. Projects include a $119.2 million project in Elyria, $55 million project in Sandusky and $99.7 million project in Winton Woods.

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