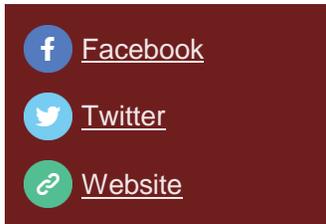




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Governor Signs Biennial Budget

Vetoes Medicaid Freeze and 46 Other Provisions

Last week, Governor Kasich signed Ohio's \$65.4 billion biennial budget into law - but not before vetoing 47 provisions that were added in the House and Senate. Over the past ten months, Ohio has collected less money than expected from income taxes, leaving the legislature to close a \$1 billion revenue gap in the 2018-19 budget. The final version closed the projected shortfall, as roughly \$1 billion was cut to balance the budget. House and Senate leadership are considering a return to the Statehouse to override the Governor's Medicaid freeze veto. Below are budget highlights.

Major provisions :

- \$180+ million in new funding to tackle state's opioid epidemic through the Ohio HOPES (Heroin, Opioids, Prevention, Education and Safety) Agenda
- Modifies the Current Agricultural Use Valuation (CAUV) for farm land over six years, which will lower property taxes for farmers
- Offers a new pathway to graduation for high school students who do not meet new state test requirements
- Reduces the number of tax brackets in Ohio from nine to seven
- Extends Sales Tax Holiday to 2018

Major Vetoes by Governor Kasich:

- Freeze on Medicaid expansion enrollment beginning in 2018



Upcoming Events:

Sofia Quintero First Fridays, Toledo - July 7

Power of Attorney for Child Care Workshop, Columbus - July 8

Power of Attorney and Living Will Workshop, Columbus - July 11

Anxiety Peer Support Group, Columbus - July 12

Mental Health First Aid Class, Columbus - July 13

[Prospanica #EP2017](#), Cincinnati - July 13

iForce Hiring Event, Worthington - July 19

Smithsonian Collection Event: Latinos and Baseball, Cleveland - July 22

[Ohio Latino Health Summit](#), Cincinnati - July 28

[Ohio Municipalities Business Conference](#)

- Work requirements for Medicaid expansion enrollees
- Monthly premiums for Medicaid enrollees through the "Healthy Ohio" program
- \$1 million to upgrade voting equipment
- Sales-tax exemption for eyeglasses and contact lenses
- Permitting public universities to raise tuition by 8 percent instead of [current] 6 percent

Relevant News Articles:

Columbus Dispatch - [Statehouse showdown: Kasich vetoes lawmakers' Medicaid freeze](#)

Dayton Daily News - [Gov. Kasich vetoes plan to stop new Medicaid enrollment in Ohio](#)

Governor Signs Workers' Comp Budget

Although most attention was focused on the main state budget last week, Governor Kasich also signed the biennial Workers' Comp budget into law. The original version of the budget included a provision that prohibited BWC from covering undocumented immigrants who are hurt on the job, however the controversial language was removed in the Senate. Several organizations including Policy Matters Ohio, Ohio Association of Justice, Ohio Catholic Conference, Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Ohio ACLU, Ohio AFL-CIO, and Cincinnati Interfaith Workers Center all testified against the language arguing that the provisions would harm injured workers, as well as taxpayers who would be forced to foot the bill for emergency medical care. Another significant provision that remained in the bill reduces the time to file injury claims from two years to one.

Relevant News Article:

Canton Repository- [Ohio passes workers' comp budget bill; undocumented workers covered](#)

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