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Ohio House Acts to Override Some of Kasich's Budget Vetoes

Today, the Ohio House of Representatives voted to override eleven of the 47 line-item vetoes that Governor Kasich made last week to the state budget bill (HB 49). Notably, the Ohio House did not override vetoes of any education-related policies nor did they vote on Kasich's veto of a freeze on Medicaid enrollment.

The House did override vetoes of many Medicaid provisions including one that restores a provision that would prohibit the Ohio Department of Medicaid from covering any new, optional groups unless expressly permitted by law.

The vetoes on the elimination of the resident educator program, paper-pencil option on state assessments, reimbursement payments for tangible personal property tax loses and other education-related provisions were not considered by the House. However, OEA has been made aware that the Governor and the Ohio Department of Education have agreed to significantly revise the Resident Educator Summative Assessment (RESA) while retaining requirements for high-quality local mentoring programs and professional development for early-career educators. Other vetoed provisions were "left pending." The House can vote to override a veto at any time during the current two-year session.

The Senate is slated to meet next week to consider its own veto override attempts. Overriding a veto requires a vote of three-fifths of each body of the Ohio General Assembly. An override takes 60 votes in the House and 20 in the Senate.

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