

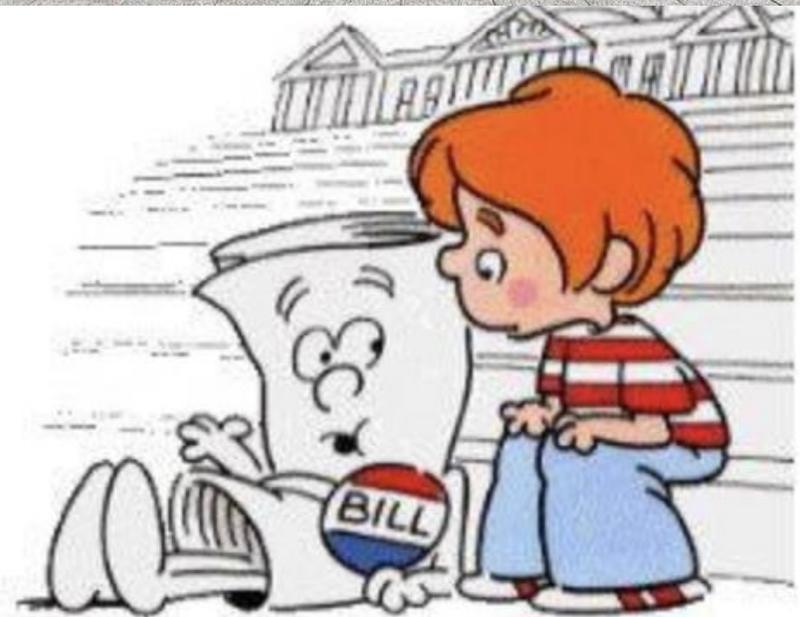
# OACC

OHIO ASSOCIATION OF  
COMMUNITY COLLEGES

## “STATEHOUSE ROCK!”

*Understanding the State Budget  
& How It Becomes a Law!*

**Tom Walsh | Vice President, OACC**



## "Red, Red (De)Wine"



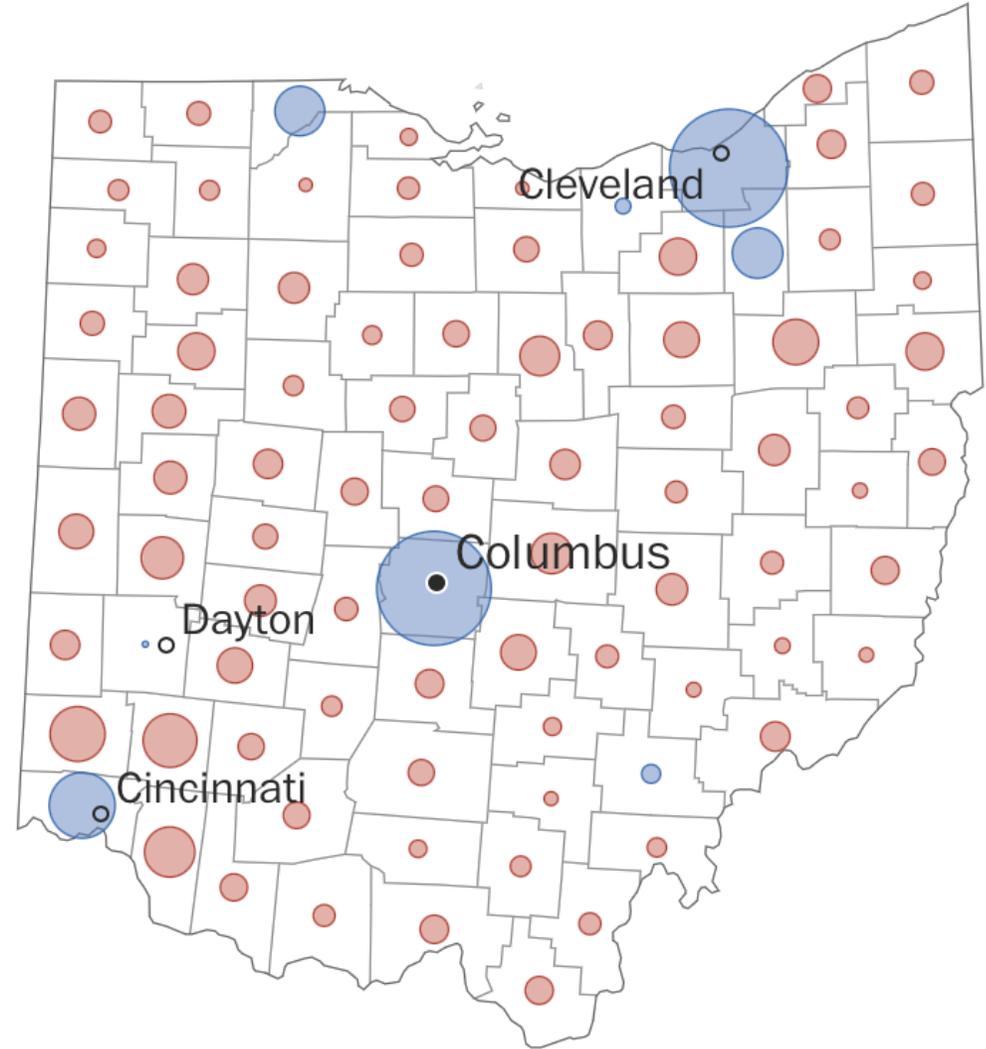
Gov. Mike DeWine  
defeated Nan Whaley  
63% - 37%



JD Vance defeated  
Tim Ryan 53% - 47%

Republicans had a clean sweep of all  
other Statewide Offices.

# '22 ELECTION: IS OHIO STILL CONSIDERED A SWING STATE?



## LEGISLATIVE LEADERS



**SEN. MATT HUFFMAN**  
Senate President

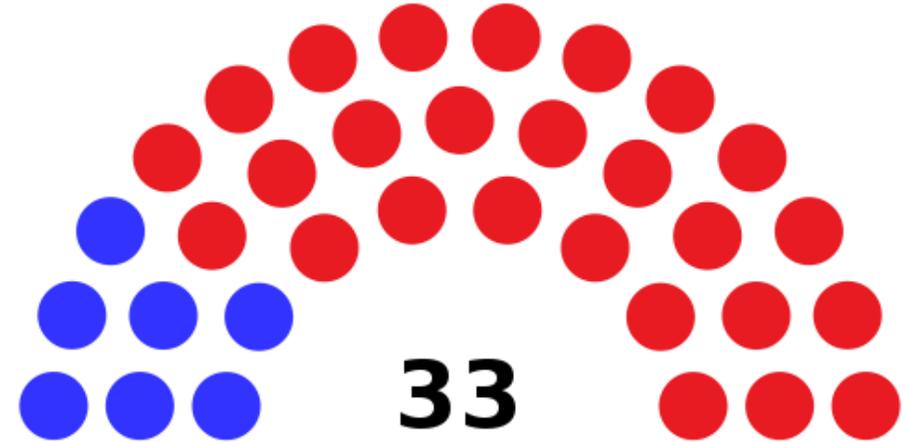


**REP. JASON STEPHENS**  
*Speaker of the House*

# NEARLY "99 RED BALLOONS": THE 135<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY

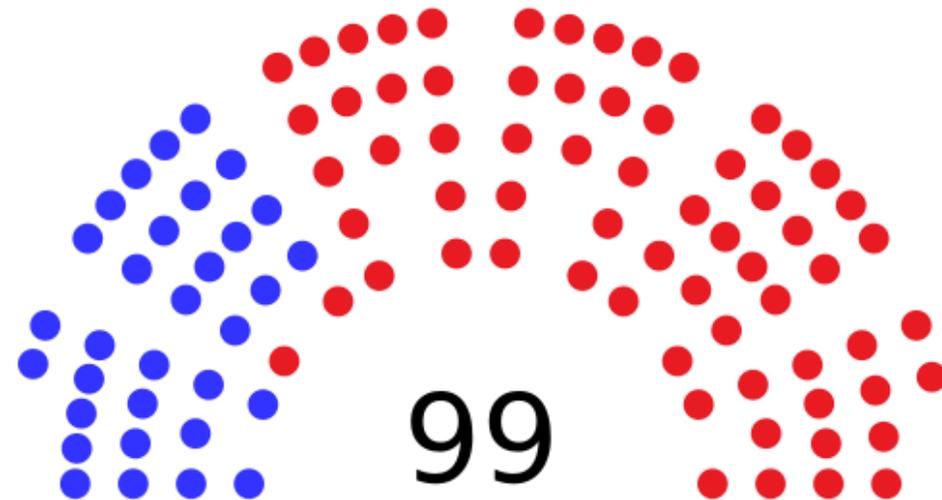
## OHIO SENATE

- Republican - 26
- Democrat - 7



## OHIO HOUSE

- Republican - 67
- Democrat - 32



## **”Against The Wind”**

An Increasingly  
Conservative Agenda  
for Higher Ed

### **SKEPTICAL VIEW OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

- Student debt and spiraling costs
- ROI for state funding
- Perceived liberal bias
- Questions around alignment with business
- Faculty tenure and academic freedom

### **SOCIAL ISSUES**

- Teaching of Divisive Concepts, Critical Race Theory
- Prohibiting environmental, social or governance (ESGs) policies
- DEI, LGBTQT issues

### **BUDGET PRIORITIES**

- Income tax reform
- Expansion of K-12 vouchers
- Workforce
- Restrained spending

# “DRIVING THE ZAMBONI”: THE “3 Ps” OF A SUCCESSFUL ADVOCACY AGENDA



## POLICY

- Identify policy levers that help drive reforms
- Bias should be toward action, not status quo
- Embrace data and outcomes



## POLITICS

- Know the political realities of proposals
- How will ideas “sell” with legislators or elected officials

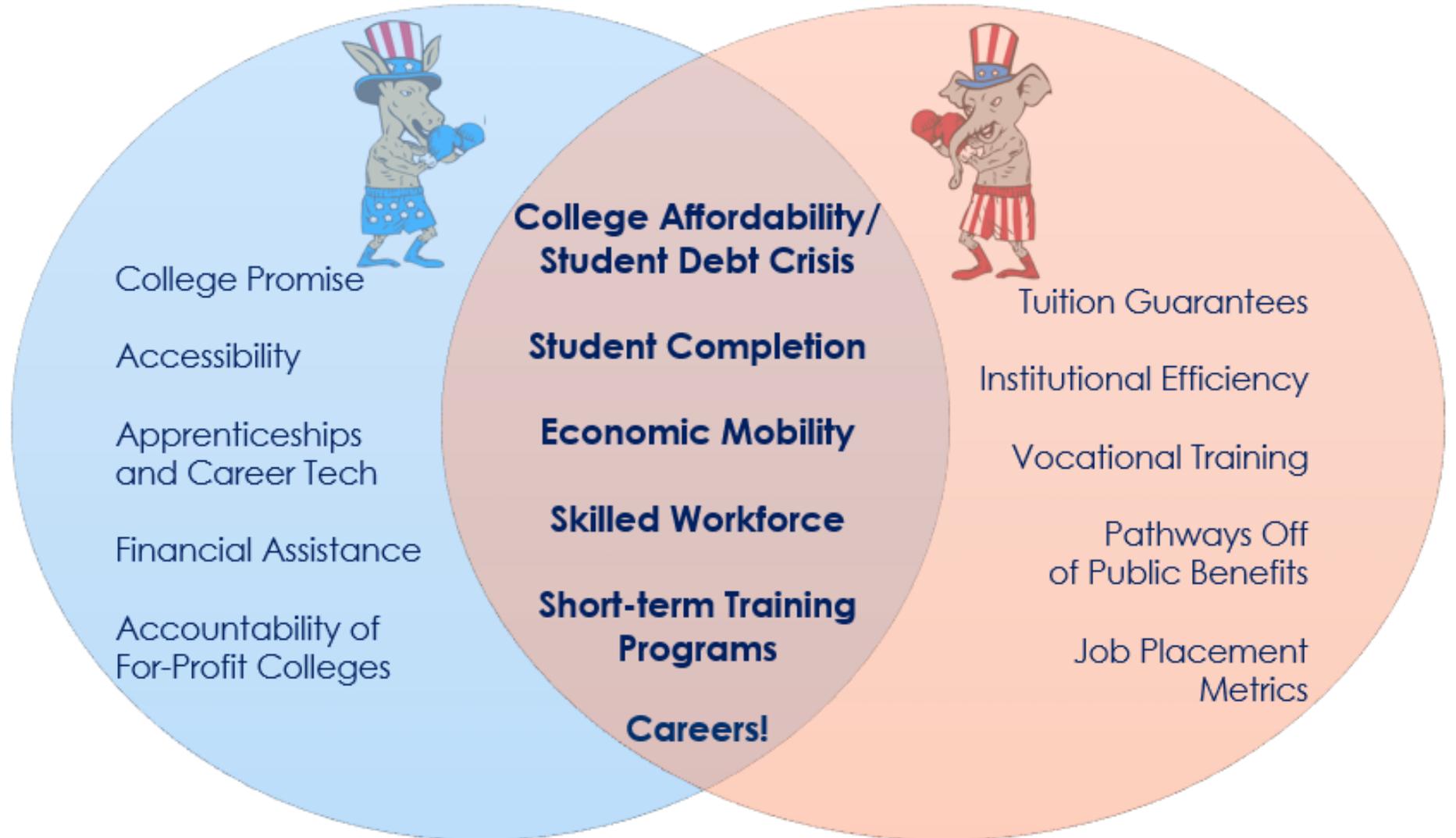


## PUCKS

- Understand where the “puck” (i.e. public opinion) is headed and skate to it

# "Why Can't We Be Friends?"

## FINDING COMMON GROUND IN HIGHER EDUCATION



## DEVELOPING OACC'S POLICY AGENDA AND PRIORITIES

During early summer, begin seeking input from our colleges and stakeholders to identify priorities

### College Leaders

- Presidents
- OACC Officer Groups
- OACC Governing Board

### Key State Leaders

- Governor, Lt. Governor and their Offices
- Chancellor Gardner
- Legislative Leaders

### External Stakeholders



## CORE FUNDING



## PREPARING OHIO'S WORKFORCE & TALENT PIPELINE

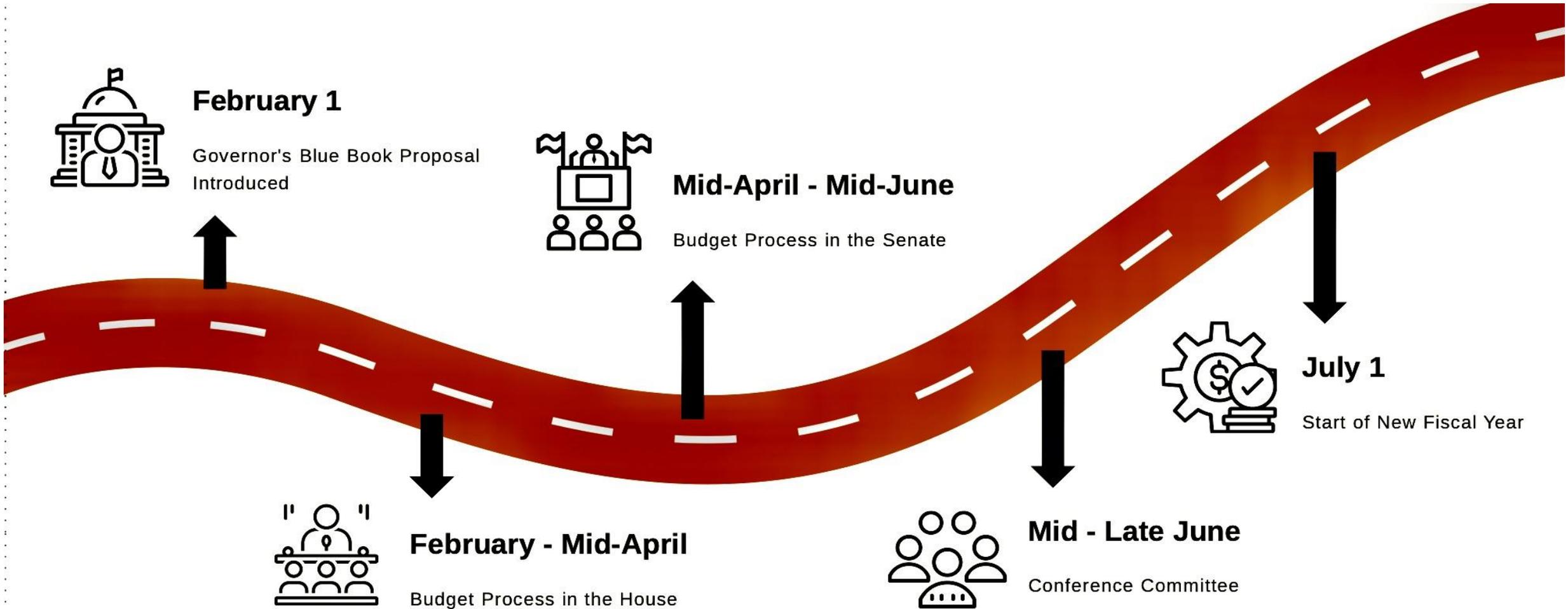


## STUDENT SUCCESS & SUPPORT INITIATIVES

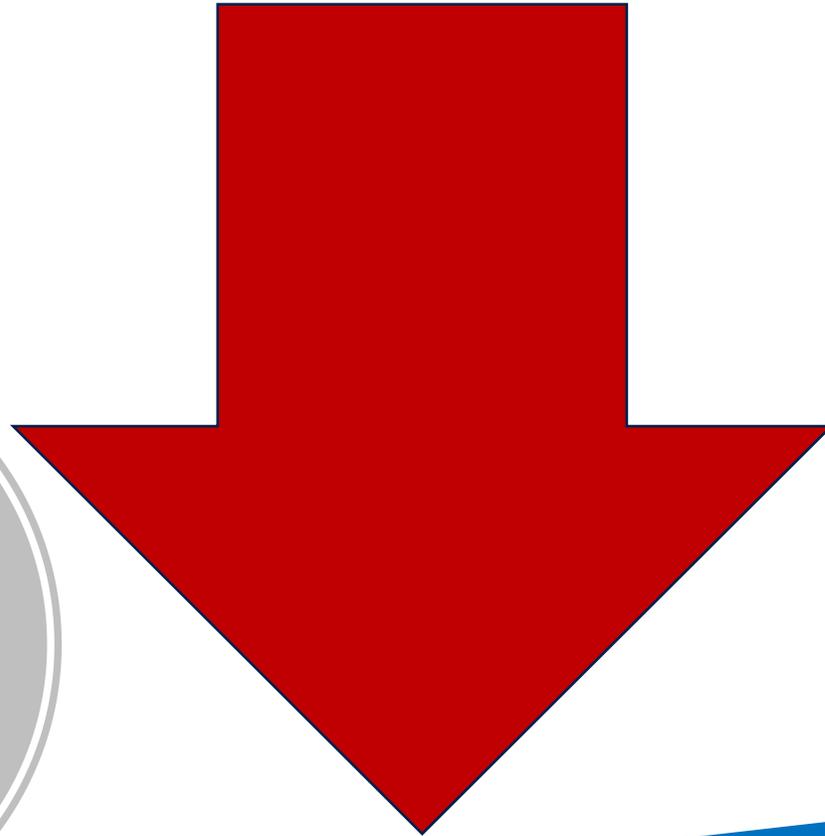


## COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS

# “THE LONG AND WINDING ROAD” – BUDGET TIMELINE



**“UNDER  
PRESSURE”**



**Continued Phase-in of Cupp-  
Patterson K-12 School Funding**

**Medicaid**

**Prisons**

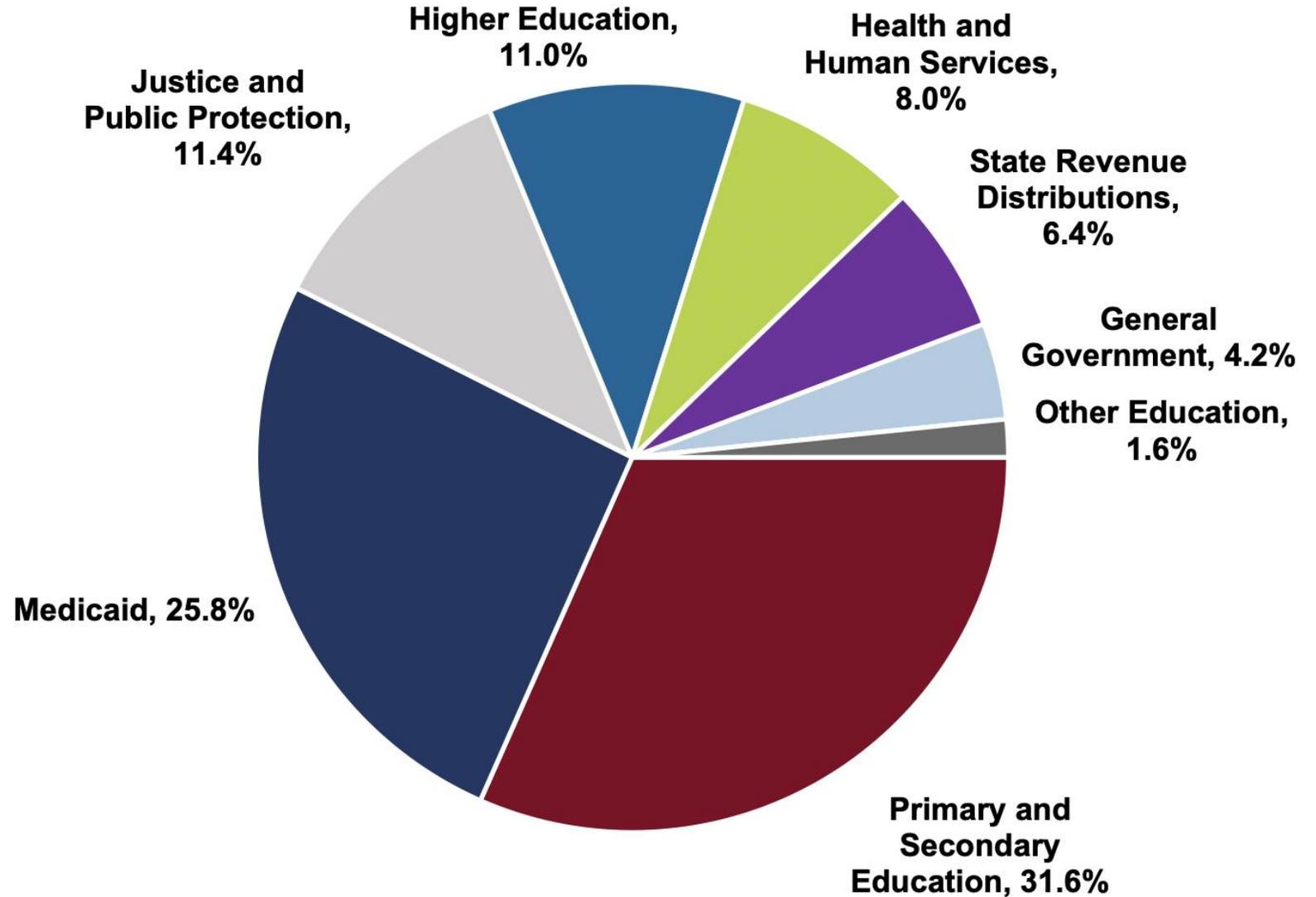
**Tax Cuts – HB 1**

**Higher Education & Other  
“Discretionary” Spending Priorities**

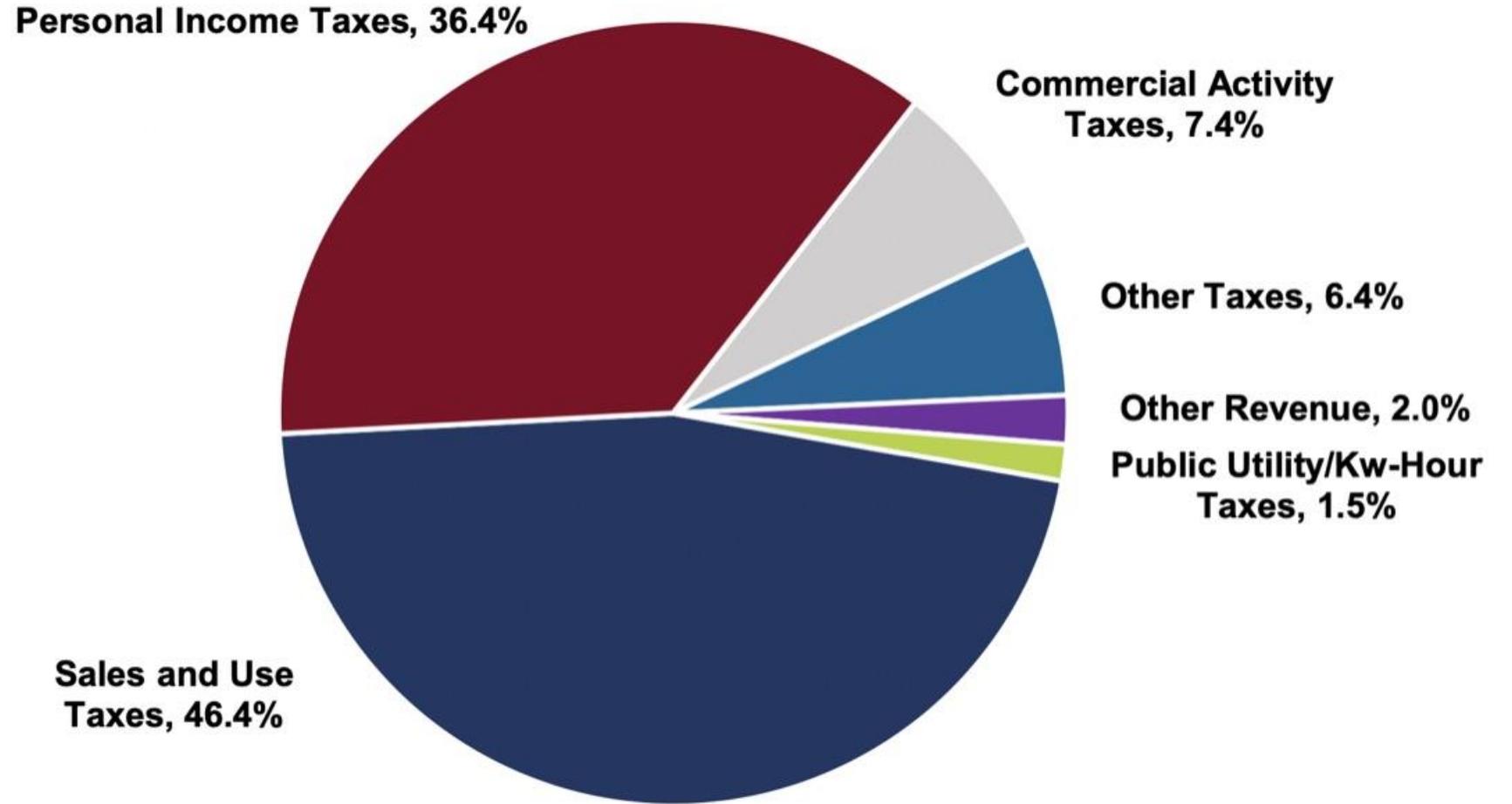


# “Take the Money and Run”

## Proposed State GRF Spending



State  
Tax Revenues  
(FY 2024-25)



# HIGHER ED BUDGET PROPOSALS



## CORE FUNDING

### STATE SHARE OF INSTRUCTION

- Increases SSI by 3% in both FY 24 and FY 25
- Total SSI Funding = \$2.138b in FY 24 and \$2.202b in FY 25

	<u>FY 2024</u>	<u>FY 2025</u>
Universities	\$1,643,678,352	\$1,693,034,872
Community Colleges	\$492,355,892	\$507,240,399

### TUTION FLEXIBILITY

Community Colleges:

- Permits an increase of up to \$5 per credit hour for both the 2023-24 and 2024-25 academic years.

Universities:

- No additional tuition increases beyond what is permitted under the statutory undergraduate tuition guarantee program.
- Under current law, universities may increase tuition, fees + room & board by the average CPI for the previous 36 months.
  - 2023-24 AY = 6.7% (average of \$19 per CH increase for 4-year sector)
  - 2024-25 AY = TBD

## HIGHER ED BUDGET PROPOSALS



## STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

### **OHIO COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY GRANTS (OCOG)**

- \$216m in FY 24 (92.2% increase) and \$346m in FY 25 (60% increase)
- Increases awards amounts to:
  - \$6,000 for public university students (\$2,700 currently)
  - \$6,000 for private college or university (\$4,200 currently)
  - \$1,600 for for-profit college students
- Community colleges are completely removed from the program
- Expands eligibility to \$10,000 EFC or less
- Allows OCOG to be used to cover “total cost of attendance” rather than just tuition and fees

### **OHIO COLLEGE ACCESS GRANTS (OCAG)**

- \$14m in FY 24 and \$26.5m in FY 25
- New need-based aid for students enrolled at a community college or university regional campus
- \$1,000 annual award

### **GOVERNOR’S MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS**

- \$52m over biennium for new scholarship program
- \$5,000 annual scholarship for students who graduate in top 5% of their HS class
- Scholarships can be used at any public or private college or university in Ohio

## HIGHER ED BUDGET PROPOSALS



## STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

### **MENTORING SCHOLARSHIPS**

- \$13m over biennium
- Awards a \$2,500 annual scholarship for students who have participated in a mentoring program developed with ODHE and participating community-based organizations

### **SECOND CHANCE GRANT PROGRAM**

- \$3m each year to encourage stopped-out students to complete their degree.
- Changes the award to an annual grant and expands the timeframe for students to have been disenrolled to 10 years.

### **CHOOSE OHIO FIRST SCHOLARSHIPS**

- \$30m in FY 24 and \$32m in FY 25 for students majoring in a STEM field

### **FAFSA COMPLETION**

- Requires a HS student to complete the FAFSA as a graduation requirement
- Permits students/parents to opt-out from this requirement
- Creates the ApplyOhio Office to lead statewide efforts to increase FAFSA completion rates

## HIGHER ED BUDGET PROPOSALS



## WORKFORCE TRAINING

### **SUPER RAPIDS**

- \$200m in FY 2024
- Administered by Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation and Chancellor
- Build capacity, remove barriers, develop strategies and local-guided solutions with impacted industries
- Help to meet "urgent workforce development and job creation needs"
- Must include evidence of business partnerships

### **WORKFORCE OHIO**

- \$30m each year
- Asset mapping analysis of current programs and capacity that align with workforce needs of next decade (Executive Order)
- Funds allocated to increase Ohioans to pursue certificate, credentials or degrees that lead critically high-demand jobs.

### **JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS**

- \$25m each year for TechCred
- \$7m each year for Short-Term Certificates
- \$2.5m each year for Commercial Truck Driving

## HIGHER ED BUDGET PROPOSALS



## STUDENT SUPPORT & SUCCESS INITIATIVES

### **ACCESS CHALLENGE**

- \$40m each year
- Funds will support underrepresented students, provide services to these students and address barriers to completion
- Services may include academic success, completion support, advising, counseling, success coaching, bridge programs and warp-around services
- At least 55% of funds must be allocated to community colleges
- Chancellor has stated that each college will receive a minimum of \$1 million over the biennium

### **MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS**

- \$10m each year
- Funds will support and address behavioral health needs at state colleges and universities

### **TEXTBOOK AFFORDABILITY**

- Provides funding to encourage adoption of Open Access Resources (OERs) and other low/no-cost teaching materials
- Focus on high enrollment courses and gen ed courses

## HIGHER ED BUDGET PROPOSALS



## COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS

### **ENSURING CC+ PARTICIPATION**

- The Chancellor and Superintendent may take necessary actions to ensure school districts and public IHEs are fully participating in CC+

### **MODEL PATHWAYS**

- The Chancellor and Superintendent must work with public schools and public IHEs to increase model pathways to prepare students to successfully enter the workforce in certain fields:
  - Engineering technology
  - Nursing
  - Teaching and other education professions
  - Social and behavioral or mental health
  - Law enforcement and corrections

## HIGHER ED BUDGET PROPOSALS



## OTHER POLICY PROPOSALS

### **TRANSCRIPT WITHHOLDING**

- Requires Boards of Trustees to adopt a resolution determining whether to end the practice of transcript withholding

### **DIRECT ADMISSIONS PILOT PROGRAM**

- The Chancellor and Superintendent must establish the Direct Admissions Pilot Program to help HS seniors determine whether they meet the admissions requirements of participating colleges and universities

### **PUBLIC SERVICE CURRICULUM**

- Requires state and private IHEs to develop a program and curriculum for HS students interested in public service, with a focus to earn dual credit through CC+

### **COMPUTER SCIENCE PROMISE PROGRAM**

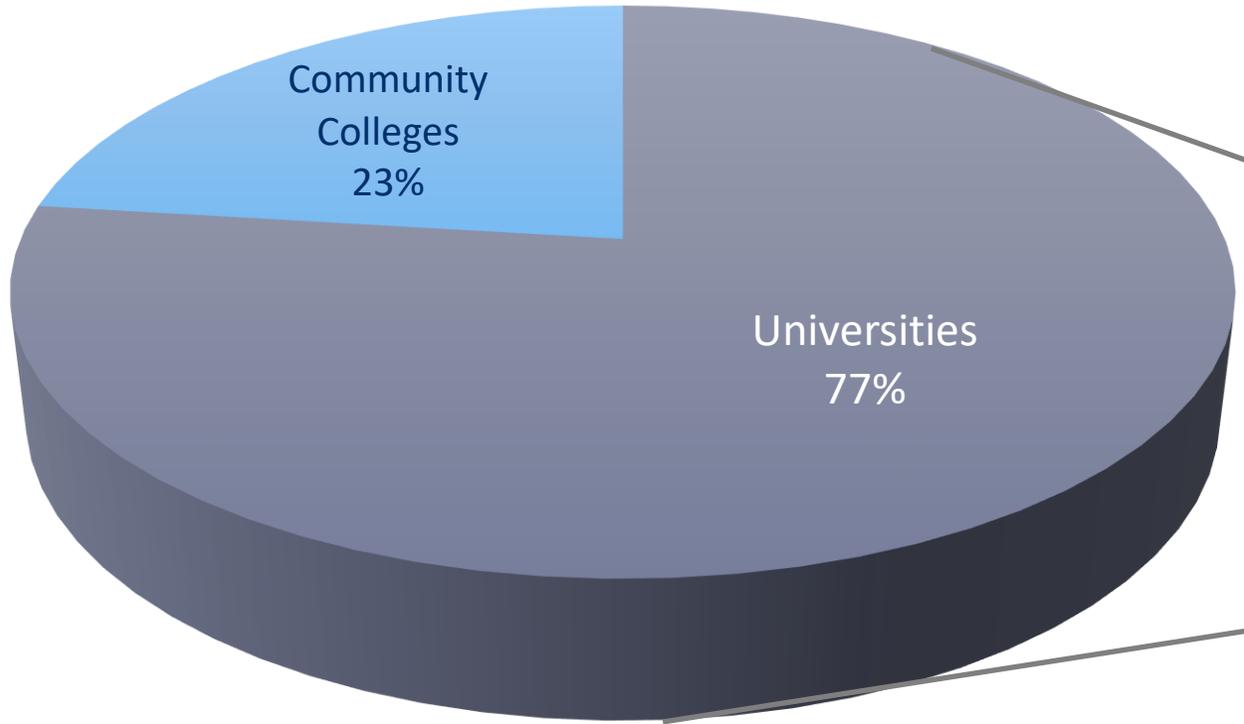
- Creates the Ohio Computer Science Promise Program which will allow any Ohio student in grades 7-12 to enroll in one computer science course per year that is not offered by the school. No costs can be charged to the student

### **ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

- Exempts colleges and universities from submitting rules through JCARR process

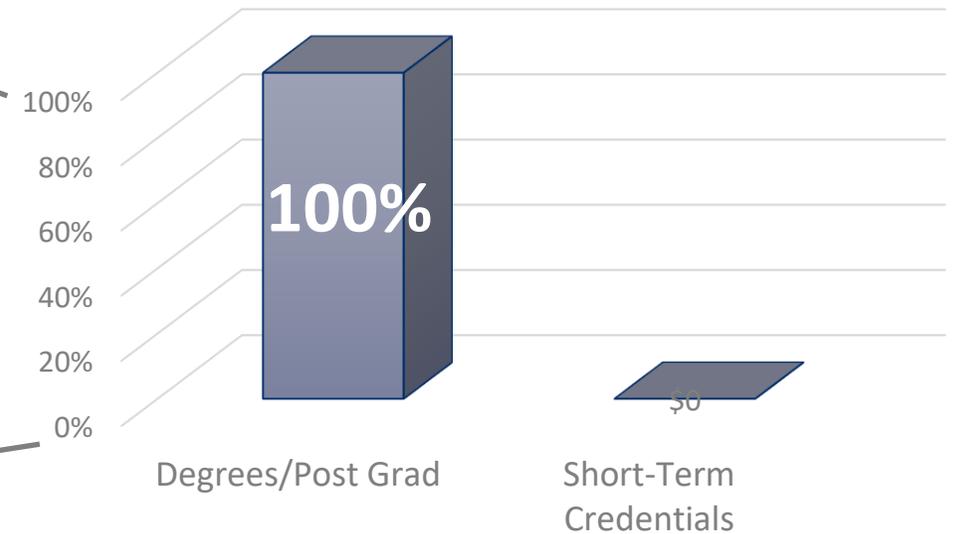
# OACC REACTION TO BUDGET: "THUNDER ROAD"

## TOAL SSI FUNDING



■ Universities ■ Community Colleges

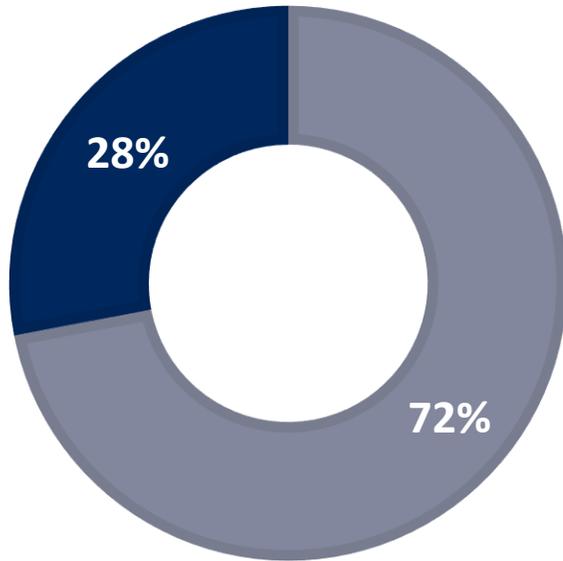
## CREDENTIALS FUNDED



# NEW SPENDING SKEWED TOWARD BACHELOR DEGREES

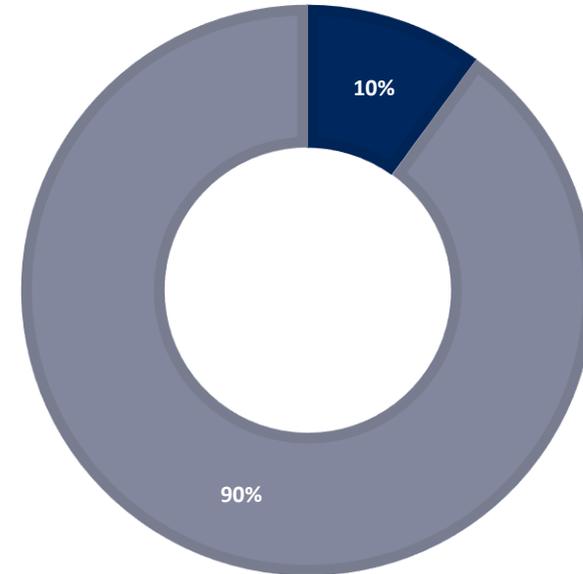
**NEW SPENDING  
FY 2024-25**

■ UNIVERSITIES ■ COMMUNITY COLLEGES



**EST. NEW SPENDING AFTER PHASE-IN  
FY 2026-27**

■ COMMUNITY COLLEGES ■ UNIVERSITIES





“The Times They  
Are a-Changing”

**LIKELY OACC PRIORITY  
REQUESTS FOR HOUSE  
TO HELP OUR COLLEGES  
RESPOND TO THE NEEDS  
OF EMPLOYERS AND  
STUDENTS**

1. Establish a new Ohio Workforce Ready Grant Program
2. Separate the SSI Line Item into SSI -Universities and SSI – Community Colleges
3. Provide State Support for Short-Term Workforce Education Programs at our Community Colleges
4. Create a Statewide Innovative Waiver Pilot Program to Enable More Students to Pursue Credentials in High-Demand Jobs
5. Support the Governor’s Proposed Funding for Wrap-Around Services

QUESTIONS?

