

EDITORIAL: Kasich's priority is graduation

If done right, Kasich's plan could improve Ohio's poor college completion rate

Fewer than three in 10 adults in the Greater Cincinnati region have college degrees, and only a quarter of Ohio residents do. Those low numbers put us at a disadvantage when it comes to attracting jobs, as access to an educated workforce is the top priority for many employers. That's why Gov. John Kasich's proposal to tie more state funding for higher education to graduation rates, instead of enrollment numbers, is a good idea and has the potential to boost our economic prospects.

The proposal, part of Kasich's two-year budget unveiled Monday, is based on a plan created by the presidents of Ohio's public universities. Involving the colleges in the creation of the plan should promote their buy-in better than a plan created at the top and pushed down to the schools.

Kasich's plan ties half of the state funding for colleges and universities to their graduation rates. (The governor's budget plan also slightly increases state funding to higher education at a time when many states are slashing it, and it imposes an annual cap of 2 percent on public tuition increases.)

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