



Senate Republicans' plan speeds up Ohio income-tax cut

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Columbus - The state will have extra money available this year, and Republicans are pouring much of it into income-tax cuts.

Among a slew of amendments approved in a Senate committee yesterday is an accelerated phase-in of the state income-tax reduction passed in June, increasing the cut to 10 percent this year instead of in 2015.

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<http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2014/05/20/senate-republicans-propose-changes-to-budget-bill.html>



Kasich backs tax cut package, school penalty delay as bills move through Ohio Senate

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COLUMBUS -- As he heads into a fall re-election bid, Ohio Gov. John Kasich on Tuesday backed a package of new tax cuts and a one-year reprieve from school district and teacher penalties related to the state's new education and teacher evaluation standards.

Those and a host of other proposals were woven into four midterm budget bills moving through the GOP-led Ohio Senate. All four bills have already cleared the Ohio House, but state representatives would have another chance to review the changes.

Kasich's tax proposal includes accelerating a planned 10 percent income-tax reduction by six months by reducing withholding rates on the final 1 percent in July rather than January.

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Kasich proposes added \$17M for school security

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COLUMBUS — Ohio schools would see additional grant money made available for security upgrades and face penalties for failing to submit safety plans under a package of school safety initiatives being proposed by Gov. John Kasich.

The administration planned to announce details Wednesday.

State Superintendent Richard Ross said 3,000 schools took advantage of \$12 million made available last summer for entryway security and communications.

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