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Ohio finalizes WIOA performance standards with the U.S. Department of Labor

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) has completed negotiations with the US Department of Labor for 2016-2017 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) performance measures. The performance targets for the WIOA Adult and Dislocated worker programs, as well as the Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program (CCMEP), were communicated via this [memo](#).

Lead agencies and local areas must now deliberate over the standards and decide:

1. If they will accept the statewide standards as their own; or
2. If they would like to negotiate new CCMEP or WIOA standards with the state.

Should a local workforce area or lead agency decide to negotiate, they must indicate this request, with data to support the reasons for an alternate standard, in a letter to the ODJFS Office of Workforce and Transformation c/o Daniel Rizo Patron **no later than the close of business on Friday, September 9, 2016**. See the memo for more details.

Save the date!

ODJFS, the Ohio Workforce Association and the Ohio Job and Family Services Directors' Association will be hosting a one-day joint CCMEP Fall Summit on Wednesday, November 16, 2016, 9:30am to 3:30pm at the Fawcett Center at the Ohio State University in Columbus.

The event will include updates about the implementation of CCMEP and an opportunity to hear about best practices from your peers. JFS and workforce directors, along with any key CCMEP management staff are encouraged to attend.

If you have questions please contact CCAO Policy Analyst [Kate Neithammer](#) at 614-220-7996.

Secretary of State to mail absentee ballot applications

Beginning this weekend, the office of the Secretary of State will start mailing the ballot applications, which were funded through a \$1.25-million appropriation in HB 64, the biennial state budget bill. The applications will be mailed to those with an "active voter status" in the Statewide Voter Registration Database and who voted in the 2012 presidential election or 2014 gubernatorial election, according to Husted spokesman Josh Eck. More than 6.65 million applications will be mailed in total.

The deadline to request a ballot is Noon on November 5th. Once a ballot is provided, it must be postmarked by November 7th or returned in person to a county board of elections before polls close at 7:30 p.m. on November 8th.

Mr. Husted is assuring voters that absentee votes are treated no differently than others and touted the process as one that's simply more convenient for some than heading to the polls on Election Day.

"Early absentee voting has many benefits," Secretary Husted said in a statement. "It is convenient for voters for sure, and when voters cast ballots by mail, it reduces the chance of lines at the polls on Election Day." "One myth we want to dispel is that absentee ballots don't get counted until after Election Day. The truth is that absentee ballots are the first votes counted on Election Night," he said. "Voting absentee is easy and convenient - you never stand in a line and you don't need to leave home to vote."

Bills Introduced



- SB 349** ■ **VETERAN ID** ([Tavares, C.](#)) To provide that any nondriver identification card that is issued to a veteran who is disabled or blind may be issued without an expiration date. Am. 4507.52.
- SB 350** ■ **ABUSE REPORTS** ([Eklund, J.](#)) To provide generally a testimonial privilege for communications between a qualified advocate rendering advocacy services and a victim of sexual violence, menacing by stalking, or domestic violence, to exempt the nondisclosure of that privileged communication from the offense of failure to report a crime, to require a qualified advocate to report knowledge or reasonable suspicion of child abuse or neglect of the victim except for privileged communications, and to specify circumstances in which the victim is considered to have waived the privilege. Am. 2151.421, 2317.02, and 2921.22.
- SB 351** ■ **HEALTH PLANS** ([LaRose, F.](#)) To require health plan issuers to release certain claim information to group plan policyholders Am. 3904.13 and to enact section 3901.88.
- HB 593** ■ **CROWDFUNDING** ([Arndt, S.](#)) To permit intrastate equity crowdfunding under certain circumstances. Am. 1707.03, 1724.02, 4582.06, and 4582.31 and to enact sections 1707.05, 1707.051, 1707.052, 1707.053, 1707.054, 1707.055, 1707.056, 1707.057, and 1707.058