

## *College Credit Plus changes debated*

Representatives of Ohio's K-12 public and higher education communities bring different perspectives to the discussion of changes to Ohio's College Credit Plus program addressed in the state's biennial budget bill (H.B. 49).

The proposed changes include limiting participation to students demonstrating college readiness, as well as allowing the chancellor of the Board of Regents and the Ohio Department of Education's superintendent of public instruction to determine which courses are offered through the program.

Representatives of the K-12 public education community have raised concerns regarding a provision in the bill, which would eliminate their ability to negotiate tuition rates less than the \$40-per-credit-hour limit.

Higher education stakeholders have voiced opposition to a provision that would require institutions to rent textbooks for \$10 per credit hour or based on agreements made with districts.

It's difficult to predict whether the Kasich Administration's proposed changes will be ultimately be supported by members of the Ohio House and Senate. Some of the College Credit Plus changes included in H.B. 49 were proposed in a bill considered, but not passed, by the House of Representatives in 2016.

