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## **DeGeeter votes for higher education reform**

State Representative Tim DeGeeter, D-15, voted today in favor of legislation that would reform Ohio's system of higher education by making the chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents an appointee of the governor and a member of his cabinet.

Under current law, chancellors are appointed by the Board of Regents, an unelected board. Newly-elected Governor Ted Strickland supports the change.

"Increased access to college is critical to our state's economic future. I believe this is an important step toward achieving that goal," DeGeeter said. "With this bill, governors will be empowered to give more direction and oversight to our state's colleges and universities."

The legislation, House Bill 2, passed with overwhelming bipartisan support Wednesday. It will next be considered by the Ohio Senate.