Affordability and Efficiency Task Force

Governor John Kasich established the Task Force on Affordability and Efficiency in Higher Education to provide Ohio’s colleges and universities defined action steps to ensure students have access to an affordable and valuable education.

Through the Affordability and Efficiency initiative, the Ohio Department of Higher Education collects data from the colleges and universities on their operational practices to highlight how institutions are:

- efficient in both expense management and revenue generation
- offering an education of equal or higher quality
- decreasing costs to students and their families

Ohio’s 14 public universities plan to generate nearly $1.2 billion in efficiency savings and new resources over the next five years, according to action plans submitted in response to the Ohio Task Force on Affordability and Efficiency in Higher Education.

$250 million reported savings in fiscal year 2016

- Costs saved or avoided
- Student financial aid
- Reductions in tuition, fees room and board, etc.
- Help for student completion
- High value / high demand student programs
- Tools to increase efficiency and affordability

*NOTE: Only 27 out of 37 institutions reported an amount invested

Affordability & Efficiency Highlights

- **The Ohio State University**: increased utilization of preferred contracts, which translated into $2.8 million of savings that was re-directed for student aid.
- **Bowling Green State University**: generated copier/printer savings of $1.9 million in fiscal year 2016.
- **Belmont College's**: review of their organizational structure resulted in a collective savings of $1.4 million in budgeted expenditures.
- **The University of Toledo**: realized a $3.1 million savings by purchasing prescriptions at the hospital discount and passing that savings on to the university.