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Senator Sawyer Responds Final Budget Passage

Columbus – Senator Tom Sawyer (D-Akron) issued the following statement today after voting “no” on the final version of the biennial state budget (HB 153) as reported by the Conference Committee:

“The single most pervasive characteristic of this budget is the amount of policy that is included within it. It has been packed with so much policy that we have drifted from the fundamental fiscal intent of what a budget is supposed to be. This is not the way to make law.”

“Although there was some significant language removed by the Conference Committee, there is some language that remains intact that is quite disturbing. Charter schools currently have to be sponsored by a specific independent entity in order to begin operation. Language in the current budget would allow operation without a sponsor which takes away from the fundamental oversight principle of sponsorship.”