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John Kasich creates task force that will focus on containing higher education costs

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COLUMBUS, Ohio -- Gov. John Kasich signed an executive order Tuesday creating a task force to take on the costs of higher education across the state.

The Ohio Task Force on Affordability and Efficiency in Higher Education will be composed of nine people whose mission is to identify ways that two-year and four-year institutions can reduce costs without cutting education levels.

"Everybody knows -- every student, every parent, every university and community college president -- anybody who is not living on the moon understands the fact that everybody feels the pressure of rising college and university costs," Kasich said. "I don't like to predict the future, but Mom and Dad and students need to know that we are very very aware of these costs."

Geoff Chatas, chief financial officer at Ohio State University, will chair the committee. Kasich said he selected Chatas because the university already has been addressing cost containment.

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