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Get that degree: editorial

Only 26 percent of Ohio adults have a four-year college degree, compared with 31 percent nationwide. Each percentage point by which the state lags the national rate costs the Ohio economy an estimated \$2.5 billion a year.

By 2018, a recent study projects, this state will have nearly a million new jobs that will require education after high school. If Ohio is to remain competitive in the national and global economies, it will have to graduate more of its residents from college, and keep more of them here once they earn their degrees.

A new program by the Ohio Board of Regents, which oversees the state's system of public higher education, offers the prospect of addressing both objectives.

A task force report commissioned by the regents proposes 20 student-centered ideas for increasing college progress and completion in Ohio. Among them: Each public university should develop a specific plan for degree completion. Universities and public schools should work more closely together to prepare students for higher education, to reduce the need for remedial classes later.

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