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| **GOVERNMENTAL POLICY GROUP, INC.**  17 SOUTH HIGH STREET – SUITE 245  COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215-3413  PHONE: 614-461-9335  FAX: 614-461-9336  **CORD**  Legislative Activities Report  **March 2022** |

On February 17th, Governor DeWine signed a much anticipated bill (HB 51) that reauthorized the ability for Ohio public entities to meet remotely. The language was amended into HB 51 by the Senate and contains an emergency clause. The provision mirrors language in an emergency measure passed last General Assembly as the COVID-19 pandemic was surging. The legislation would allow public entities to meet remotely through June 30th. Public entities were forced to return to in-person meetings when the previous authority to meet remotely expired on July 1, 2021. The surging Omicron variant of COVID-19 has made it difficult for many public bodies to meet in-person, hence the need for the change. The provision took effect immediately upon the governor’s signature.

CORD was successful in lobbying members of the Ohio House State and Local Government Committee on amending legislation to protect fiscal officers of 6119 districts from being held to strict liability for missing funds. SB 15, would protect treasurers and fiscal officers of public entities from lost public funds if they performed their required duties “with reasonable care.” Under the bill, fiscal officers and treasurers would only be liable for funds lost due to negligence or a wrongful act. CORD worked closely with the bill’s sponsor, Senate Steve Wilson, the Ohio Auditor’s Office, the County Treasurers Association of Ohio, and members of the committee on an amendment that would expand the protections to fiscal officers of 6119 regional districts. Fortunately, that amendment was accepted during the bill’s second hearing in the committee.

Another bill pending before the House State and Local Government Committee is HB 422, which was introduced to restrict municipalities’ ability to certify delinquent charges and place liens on renter-occupied property. While laws are already in the books to prevent this action by municipalities, the practice continues. During the bill’s 3rd hearing before the committee, it was amended to specify the information that must be submitted to the county auditor before a lien can be placed on a property and to apply the bill’s provisions to county-run systems as well. The bill also creates an appeals process for billing and lien disputes through the Environmental Review Appeals Commission (ERAC). Fortunately, regional 6119 districts have been excluded from the bill. A 4th hearing has been scheduled and it is expected opponents will testify against the bill’s provisions.

A bill designed to protect property owners from being forced to shoulder the burden of municipal utility bills, including waste collection, has received three hearings in the House State and Local Government Committee. HB 422, introduced by Rep. Mark Fraizer (R-Newark) and Rep. Thomas West (D-Canton), is being pushed by real estate investors who claim they are being held responsible for unpaid bills left by their tenants. Rep. Fraizer said, “The circumstances have been well defined in the legislation to ensure individuals who have contracted for service are held responsible for any unpaid debts.” Opponents, who are expected to be local government organizations, are scheduled to present testimony against the measure during the bill’s 4th committee hearing.

The future of Ohio’s legislative and congressional maps continues to remain in flux as the Ohio redistricting commission failed to comply with the Ohio Supreme Court’s order to adopt new legislative maps by February 17th. Ohio Supreme Court Chief Justice Maureen O’Connor responded to the missed deadline by ordering members of the Ohio Redistricting Commission to attend a March 1st hearing, which marked another step closer to a potential contempt of court ruling. Despite the missed deadline, commission members reconvened and adopted a proposal that would give Republicans a 54-45 advantage in the House and an 18-15 advantage in the Senate. Those maps were approved by a 403 vote, with Auditor Keith Faber joining the Democrats in opposition.

In addition to the court-imposed deadline, commission members were under pressure to approve new maps quickly due to the uncertainty tied to whether holding the May 3rd primary election was even feasible. Secretary of State Frank LaRose has said it seems impossible to see a way to hold a complete primary on May 3rd. President Matt Huffman has said if the commission can approve Statehouse and congressional maps before March 4th – the deadline for congressional candidates to file paperwork to run – then the election could proceed. The commission is expected to meet on Tuesday, March 1st to approve the congressional maps.

Governor Mike DeWine has announced he will be giving his first State of the State address since 2019. The governor’s speech to the General Assembly will be held at noon on March 23rd in the House Chamber. In his prior address, the governor laid out his case for raising the state's gas tax and making additional investments in infrastructure and water-quality initiatives. Speeches in 2020 and 2021 were put off amid the coronavirus pandemic.

The House seated Shayla Davis as the replacement for former Rep. Stephanie Howse. Davis was selected to succeed Howse out of a field of applicants that included Sen. Sandra Williams (D-Cleveland). However, Williams said on Twitter that she had been offered the appointment by the House but declined, recommending that Davis serve the remainder of the term. Williams is running for the House this year, but whether it will be the same seat is undetermined due to the prolonged redistricting process. Davis, a former Garfield Heights councilwoman, noted in her first floor speech that her district is one of the poorest in the state and her hope is to serve those needy residents.

U.S. Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH) endorsed former Ohio Republican Party Chair Jane Timken to replace him in the U.S. Senate. "I believe Jane Timken is the best candidate to advance conservative GOP policies to help Ohio workers and families. Jane is smart and hardworking, and understands the needs of Ohioans. I believe Ohioans would be proud to have her representing us in the United States Senate," Portman tweeted.

Below is a list of legislation we are currently tracking during the 134th Ohio General Assembly:

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| **HB13** | **MODIFY THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAW** (GRENDELL D, FRAIZER M) To modify the campaign finance law and to declare an emergency. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 4/15/2021 - House Government Oversight, (Second Hearing) |
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| **HB20** | **PROHIBIT FORECLOSURES, EVICTION DURING COVID-19** (LELAND D, CROSSMAN J) To prohibit foreclosure activity and the eviction of residential and commercial tenants during the state of emergency declared regarding COVID-19, to refer such proceedings caused by the state of emergency to mediation, and to declare an emergency. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 3/23/2021 - House Civil Justice, (Second Hearing) |
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| **HB43** | **PUBLIC BODIES - ELECTRONIC MEETINGS** (SOBECKI L, HOOPS J) To authorize public bodies to meet via teleconference and video conference. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 2/11/2021 - House Government Oversight, (First Hearing) |
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| **HB51** | **VALUATION ADJUSTMENTS, OPEN MEETINGS** (LAMPTON B) To amend the law governing valuation adjustments for destroyed or injured property, to expressly incorporate changes in the Internal Revenue Code since March 31, 2021, into Ohio law, to provide temporary authority, expiring July 1, 2022, for members of a public body to meet by means of teleconference or video conference, and to declare an emergency. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 2/17/2022 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; eff. Immediately |
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| **HB63** | **AMEND EMINENT DOMAIN LAWS** (CUTRONA A, STOLTZFUS R) To amend the law regarding eminent domain and to declare an emergency. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 3/2/2021 - House Civil Justice, (Second Hearing) |
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| **HB90** | **OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNOR'S AND HEALTH ORDERS** (WIGGAM S, EDWARDS J) To establish legislative oversight of the Governor's executive orders, certain public health orders, and emergency rules, including by establishing the Ohio Health Oversight and Advisory Committee. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 2/24/2021 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED**, House State and Local Government, (Third Hearing) |
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| **HB91** | **AUTHORIZE CERTAIN PUBLIC-PRIVATE INITIATIVES** (PATTON T) To authorize certain public entities to enter into public-private initiatives with a private party through a public-private agreement regarding public facilities. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 9/29/2021 - House Infrastructure and Rural Development, (Third Hearing) |
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| **HB103** | **REGARDS ADOPTION/DURATION EMERGENCY RULES** (MERRIN D) Regarding the adoption and duration of emergency administrative rules. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 3/24/2021 - House State and Local Government, (Second Hearing) |
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| **HB110** | **OPERATING BUDGET** (OELSLAGER S) To make operating appropriations for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023, to levy taxes, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 7/1/2021 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; effective 7/1/21 |
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| **HB146** | **REGARDS APPLYING PREVAILING WAGE LAW TO PUBLIC PROJECTS** (RIEDEL C, MANCHESTER S) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 6/23/2021 - House Commerce and Labor, (Second Hearing) |
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| **HB158** | **PROHIBIT USE OF CERTAIN FIREFIGHTING FOAM FOR TESTING/TRAINING** (BALDRIDGE B) To prohibit the use of class B firefighting foam containing intentionally added PFAS chemicals for testing and training purposes. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 2/15/2022 - **REPORTED OUT**, Senate Veterans and Public Safety, (Fourth Hearing) |
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| **HB167** | **PROVIDE RENT, UTILITY ASSISTANCE** (OELSLAGER S) To provide rent and utility assistance and to make an appropriation. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 5/11/2021 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; eff. immediately |
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| **HB168** | **UNEMPLOYMENT DEBT** (FRAIZER M) To remit funds from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund to repay unemployment advances, to provide funds to support improvements at pediatric behavioral health care facilities, to require the Development Services Agency to establish the Water and Sewer Quality Program, and to make appropriations. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 6/29/2021 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; eff. immediately |
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| **HB169** | **SUPPORT PANDEMIC RECOVERY** (CUTRONA A, SWEARINGEN D) To make appropriations to support recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 12/23/2021 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; eff. 12/23/21 |
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| **HB175** | **DEREGULATE CERTAIN EPHEMERAL WATER FEATURES** (HILLYER B) To deregulate certain ephemeral water features under various water pollution control laws. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 11/30/2021 - Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources, (Second Hearing) |
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| **HB177** | **ALLOW GOVERNMENTS TO USE BLOCKCHAIN** (CARFAGNA R, FRAIZER M) To allow a governmental entity to utilize distributed ledger technology, including blockchain technology. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 12/1/2021 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; eff. 90 days |
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| **HB202** | **VOID ORDERS REQUIRING FACIAL COVERINGS** (POWELL J) To void the order of the Interim Director of Health requiring the use of facial coverings throughout the state and prohibit the Governor or other administrative department heads from requiring the use of facial coverings without approval by the General Assembly. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 4/22/2021 - House Government Oversight, (First Hearing) |
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| **HB203** | **REQUIRE OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE IF EXPERIENCED IN OTHER STATE** (POWELL J) To require an occupational licensing authority to issue a license or government certification to an applicant who holds a license, government certification, or private certification or has satisfactory work experience in another state under certain circumstances and to amend the version of section 3319.22 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect on April 12, 2023, to continue the changes on and after that date. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 1/26/2022 - House State and Local Government, (Fifth Hearing) |
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| **HB218** | **COVID-19 VACCINE - QUALIFIED IMMUNITIES** (CUTRONA A) To address medical requirements for employees and students; to address qualified civil immunity regarding certain coronaviruses; to authorize emergency medical technicians to administer COVID-19 tests; to expressly cover COVID-19 vaccine injuries under the workers' compensation system; and to repeal sections 3792.05, 3792.07, and 3792.08 of the Revised Code on September 30, 2025. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 12/7/2021 - Senate General Government Budget, (Second Hearing) |
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| **HB232** | **OHIO EQUAL PAY ACT** (HOWSE S, MIRANDA J) To enact the Ohio Equal Pay Act to address wage disparities in public and private employment. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 6/22/2021 - House Commerce and Labor, (First Hearing) |
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| **HB245** | **EXPAND ELIGIBILITY - COUNTY SEWER DISCOUNTED RATES** (INGRAM C) To expand eligibility for county sewer discounted rates or charges. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 4/14/2021 - Referred to Committee House State and Local Government |
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| **HB247** | **REVISE PLUMBING INSPECTION LAW** (WEST T, KELLY B) To amend the law related to plumbing inspections. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 5/26/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Health |
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| **HB248** | **VACCINE CHOICE ACT** (GROSS J) To authorize an individual to decline a vaccination and to name this act the Vaccine Choice and Anti-Discrimination Act. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 8/24/2021 - House Health, (Sixth Hearing) |
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| **HB267** | **LIMIT PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS** (JORDAN K) To limit the duration of public health orders and to allow the General Assembly to act via concurrent resolution in response to a public health emergency if the Governor or Department of Health does not. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 5/4/2021 - Referred to Committee House State and Local Government |
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| **HB269** | **REPEAL SB22** (GALONSKI T) To repeal the version of Section 3 of S.B. 22 of the 134th General Assembly scheduled to take effect on June 23, 2021, to repeal the changes made by S.B. 22 of the 134th General Assembly to the laws governing legislative oversight of certain orders and rules issued by the executive branch, including the establishment of the Ohio Health Oversight and Advisory Committee, and to declare an emergency. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 5/4/2021 - Referred to Committee House State and Local Government |
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| **HB275** | **EXPAND POLITICAL SUBDIVISION JOINT PURCHASING AUTHORITY** (LAMPTON B) To expand political subdivision joint purchasing authority to expressly include purchases for construction services. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 5/12/2021 - House Commerce and Labor, (First Hearing) |
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| **HB299** | **CONSUMER UTILITY BILLING TRANSPARENCY ACT** (SKINDELL M) To enact "The Consumer Utility Billing Transparency Act" requiring the itemization of all riders, charges, taxes, and other costs on certain utility bills. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 5/19/2021 - House Public Utilities, (First Hearing) |
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| **HB309** | **FAIR, OPEN COMPETITION ACT** (BRINKMAN T) To enact the Fair and Open Competition Act regarding project labor agreements in public improvement contracts. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 5/18/2021 - Referred to Committee House Commerce and Labor |
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| **HB327** | **STOP TEACHING OF DIVISIVE CONCEPTS** (GRENDELL D, FOWLER S) To enact "The Promoting Education, Not Indoctrination Act" regarding the promotion of divisive concepts by primary and secondary schools, state institutions of higher education, political subdivisions, and state agencies. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 2/16/2022 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED**, House State and Local Government, (Fifth Hearing) |
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| **HB350** | **PROHIBIT MANDATORY COVID-19 VACCINE** (CUTRONA A) To prohibit mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations, requiring proof of COVID-19 vaccination, and certain other actions relating to an individual's COVID-19 vaccination or health status and to declare an emergency. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 6/22/2021 - House Civil Justice, (First Hearing) |
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| **HB364** | **WATERWORKS INFRASTRUCTURE APPLICATION** (PATTON T) To make changes to the application process for the waterworks infrastructure improvement surcharge. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 2/9/2022 - House Public Utilities, (First Hearing) |
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| **HB365** | **DRINKING WATER SAFETY RULES** (LIGHTBODY M, RUSSO A) To require the Director of Environmental Protection to adopt rules establishing maximum allowable contaminant levels in drinking water and water quality standards for certain contaminants. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 2/15/2022 - House Agriculture and Conservation, (First Hearing) |
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| **HB376** | **OHIO PERSONAL PRIVACY ACT** (CARFAGNA R, HALL T) To enact the Ohio Personal Privacy Act. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 2/22/2022 - Re-Referred to Committee |
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| **HB385** | **PROHIBIT DISCHARGE OF WASTE INTO OHIO WATERS** (CROSS J) To prohibit a municipal corporation located within the Western Basin of Lake Erie from discharging any amount of waste into Ohio waters. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 9/28/2021 - House Agriculture and Conservation, (First Hearing) |
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| **HB388** | **REGARDING VACCINE REFUSAL** (JORDAN K) To prohibit taking certain actions against an individual because the individual refuses to be vaccinated against a disease. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 8/12/2021 - Introduced |
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| **HB401** | **EMPLOYER-MANDATED COVID VACCINATION INJURY** (EDWARDS J) To exempt an injury or disability caused by an employer-mandated COVID-19 vaccination from the Workers' Compensation Law and to allow the employee to sue the employer for damages. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 8/24/2021 - Introduced |
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| **HB411** | **INDIVIDUAL PRIVACY, ANTI-DISCRIMINATION ACT** (CLICK G, GRENDELL D) To prohibit mandatory disclosures related to an individual's COVID-19 vaccination status, to name the act the Individual Privacy and Anti-Discrimination Act, and to declare an emergency. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 9/8/2021 - Introduced |
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| **HB422** | **BILLING - MUNICIPAL SERVICES** (FRAIZER M, WEST T) To limit the amount municipal corporations can recover from property owners of non-owner-occupied properties for unpaid municipal utility and other service rates and charges and to create an appeals process for improper billing of municipal services. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 3/2/2022 - House State and Local Government, (Fourth Hearing) |
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| **HB424** | **COVID-19 VACCINE - QUALIFIED IMMUNITIES** (KOEHLER K) To prohibit a political subdivision, public official, public school, state agency, or state institution of higher education from taking certain actions related to the COVID-19 vaccine, to codify the qualified civil immunities under H.B. 606 of the 133rd General Assembly permanently, to repeal section 3792.05 of the Revised Code on the date that is two years after the effective date of that section, and to declare an emergency. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 9/20/2021 - Introduced |
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| **HB435** | **VACCINE REQUIREMENTS** (CARFAGNA R, SEITZ B) To address COVID-19 vaccine requirements for employees and students; to extend certain timelines for qualified civil immunity and expand immunity to include hearing aid dealers and hearing aid fitters; to authorize emergency medical technicians to administer COVID-19 tests; to expressly cover COVID-19 vaccine injuries under the workers' compensation system; and to repeal sections 3792.05, 3792.06, 3792.07, and 3792.08 of the Revised Code on June 30, 2023. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 10/13/2021 - Bills for Third Consideration; (Pending Committee Report) |
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| **HB455** | **AVOID CHARGES FOR CARRYING WEAPON INTO CERTAIN PLACES** (STOLTZFUS R) To provide an opportunity for a concealed handgun licensee or qualified military member to avoid charges for carrying a deadly weapon into a prohibited place if the person leaves upon request and to penalize failure to leave upon request or returning with a firearm. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 2/17/2022 - House Government Oversight, (Third Hearing) |
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| **HB463** | **ELIMINATE HEALTH DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCILS** (STEPHENS J) To eliminate district advisory councils for general health districts, and transfer their duties and responsibilities to boards of county commissioners. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 10/26/2021 - Referred to Committee House State and Local Government |
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| **HB464** | **ELIMINATE WATER SYSTEM PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS** (WIGGAM S) Too eliminate public water system asset management program requirements and to require the Director of Environmental Protection to rescind rules governing that program. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 10/26/2021 - Referred to Committee House Agriculture and Conservation |
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| **HB472** | **POLITICAL SUBDIVISION LIABILITY** (INGRAM C) To eliminate certain defenses to political subdivision liability for an employee's negligent operation of a motor vehicle and to reduce damages recoverable against a political subdivision in such actions by the contributory fault of the plaintiff or other parties. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 11/2/2021 - Referred to Committee House Civil Justice |
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| **HB479** | **ESTABLISH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS** (OELSLAGER S) To declare the General Assembly's intent to enact legislation establishing congressional district boundaries for the state based on the 2020 decennial census. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 11/12/2021 - , (Second Hearing) |
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| **HB481** | **COVID VACCINE, PASSPORT PROTECTION ACT** (JORDAN K) To enact the COVID-19 Vaccination and Passport Protection Act to prohibit schools, institutions of higher education, employers, and places of public accommodation from requiring COVID-19 vaccines or proof of vaccination. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 11/8/2021 - Introduced |
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| **HB485** | **REQUIREMENTS FOR DRONE OPERATION** (HOLMES A) To establish requirements and prohibitions governing the operation of unmanned aerial vehicles in Ohio. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 11/16/2021 - Referred to Committee House Criminal Justice |
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| **HB486** | **REQUIREMENTS FOR DRONE SURVEILLANCE** (HOLMES A) To establish requirements related to the use of an unmanned aerial vehicle for surveillance. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 11/16/2021 - Referred to Committee House Criminal Justice |
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| **HB489** | **INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF CONSCIENCE ACT** (CLICK G) To enact the Inalienable Rights of Conscience Act regarding students and employees who object to certain vaccines and other treatments based on reasons of conscience, including religious convictions. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 11/16/2021 - Introduced |
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| **HB498** | **ADULT USE ACT** (CALLENDER J, FERGUSON R) To enact the Ohio Adult Use Act and to levy a tax. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 12/7/2021 - Referred to Committee House Finance |
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| **HB522** | **PUBLIC RECORDS ON PUBLIC SERVICE WORKERS** (ABRAMS C, FRAIZER M) To modify the manner in which designated public service worker residential and familial information is protected from disclosure as a public record. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 1/25/2022 - Referred to Committee House Civil Justice |
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| **HB524** | **NOTIFICATIONS ISSUED BY STATE AGENCIES** (HALL T) To modify the law governing notifications issued by state agencies. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 1/25/2022 - Referred to Committee House Government Oversight |
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| **HB531** | **COUNTY PROSECUTOR LEGAL SERVICES** (GHANBARI H) To allow a county prosecutor to provide legal services to a metropolitan planning organization, regional transportation planning organization, or regional council of governments. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 3/1/2022 - House Civil Justice, (Third Hearing) |
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| **HB538** | **ALLOW VIRTUAL MEETINGS** (KOEHLER K, KELLY B) To provide temporary authority, expiring July 1, 2022, for members of a public body to meet by means of teleconference or video conference, and to declare an emergency. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 2/15/2022 - Referred to Committee House Government Oversight |
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| **HB544** | **DELAY 2022 PRIMARY** (SOBECKI L, WEST T) To repeal Section 4 of S.B. 258 of the 134th General Assembly to delay the 2022 primary election to June 7 and to declare an emergency. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 2/15/2022 - Referred to Committee House Government Oversight |
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| **HB559** | **HOUSING DIVISION - TOLEDO MUNICIPAL COURT** (HICKS-HUDSON P) To grant the Housing Division of the Toledo Municipal Court jurisdiction in any review or appeal of a final order of an administrative body that relates to a local building, health, or safety code and concurrent jurisdiction with the Court of Common Pleas in criminal cases related to environmental pollution. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 3/1/2022 - House Civil Justice, (First Hearing) |
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| **HCR30** | **OPPOSE VACCINE MANDATES** (KOEHLER K) To urge the Congress of the United States to oppose any COVID-19 vaccine mandates made by government entities and to prohibit discrimination based on COVID-19 vaccination status. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 10/26/2021 - Referred to Committee House Government Oversight |
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| **HCR41** | **REPEAL STATE INCOME TAX WITHIN A DECADE** (BRINKMAN T) To declare the General Assembly's intention to repeal the state individual income tax within a decade. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 2/15/2022 - House Ways and Means, (First Hearing) |
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| **HR19** | **URGE CONGRESS TO CREATE NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE BANK** (SOBECKI L, STEPHENS J) To urge the United States Congress to create a National Infrastructure Bank to finance urgently needed infrastructure projects. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 2/24/2021 - House Infrastructure and Rural Development, (First Hearing) |
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| **SB9** | **REDUCE REGULATIONS** (MCCOLLEY R, ROEGNER K) To require certain agencies to reduce the number of regulatory restrictions in their administrative rules. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 2/8/2022 - **REPORTED OUT AS AMENDED**, House Government Oversight, (Sixth Hearing) |
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| **SB15** | **FISCAL OFFICERS-LIABILITY** (WILSON S) To change the circumstances in which certain fiscal officers may be held liable for a loss of public funds. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 3/2/2022 - House State and Local Government, (Fourth Hearing) |
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| **SB19** | **REGARDING PROPERTY TAXATION** (SCHAFFER T) To modify the law regarding property taxation and sales and use tax. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 2/7/2022 - House Appoints Managers; D. Merrin, R. Stoltzfus & L. Sobecki Named as House Conferees |
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| **SB22** | **LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT-PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS** (JOHNSON T, MCCOLLEY R) To establish legislative oversight of orders issued by the executive branch, including by establishing the Ohio Health Oversight and Advisory Committee. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 3/24/2021 - Consideration of Governor's Veto; House Overrides Veto, Vote 62-35 |
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| **SB27** | **AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT-DEFERRED COMPENSATION** (HOTTINGER J) To authorize automatic enrollment of new state government employees in the Ohio Public Employees Deferred Compensation Program. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 6/8/2021 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; eff. 9/7/21 |
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| **SB39** | **COOPER'S LAW - CRIMES & RECORD RETENTION** (SCHAFFER T) To eliminate the 20-year statute of limitation for felonious assault and aggravated assault if the victim is a peace officer, to modify the law regarding records retention schedules developed by counties, municipal corporations, and townships, to modify the penalties for aggravated assault, tampering with evidence, falsification, and falsification in a theft offense, and to name this act Cooper's Law. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 9/21/2021 - Senate Judiciary, (Second Hearing) |
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| **SB56** | **INDEMNITY-DESIGN CONTRACTS** (BLESSING III L) To regulate the use of indemnity provisions in professional design contracts related to public improvements, to modify the definition of "emergency call," to provide for the allocation of damages in certain provisions of the Political Subdivision Sovereign Immunity Law,and to provide a municipal corporation or county immunity from liability in any action arising from a hospital police officer acting in the discharge of duties in specified locations. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 1/26/2022 - **PASSED BY HOUSE**; Vote 91-2 |
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| **SB78** | **JUNETEENTH-LEGAL HOLIDAY** (CRAIG H, BRENNER A) To establish the nineteenth of June as Juneteenth, a legal holiday for which government employees receive paid leave. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 2/24/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Government Oversight and Reform |
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| **SB83** | **BROWNFIELDS** (WILLIAMS S, RULLI M) To require the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a study to determine where brownfield sites are located in this state and to make an appropriation. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 1/25/2022 - Re-Referred to Committee |
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| **SB84** | **CLEAN OHIO REVITALIZATION FUND** (WILLIAMS S, RULLI M) To make changes to the law relating to the Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 3/23/2021 - Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources, (Second Hearing) |
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| **SB95** | **REGULATE UTILITY RESELLERS** (MAHARATH T) To require refunds to utility customers who have been improperly charged and to regulate certain resellers of utility service. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 3/31/2021 - Senate Energy and Public Utilities, (First Hearing) |
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| **SB96** | **PREVENT UTILITY DISTRUPTION-COVID** (WILLIAMS S) To prevent the disruption of utility service during the state of emergency declared regarding COVID-19 and to declare an emergency. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 3/31/2021 - Senate Energy and Public Utilities, (First Hearing) |
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| **SB105** | **MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES** (SYKES V, SCHURING K) To require political subdivisions to recognize state certifications of minority business enterprises, women-owned business enterprises, and veteran-friendly business enterprises. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 2/9/2022 - Consideration of House Amendments; Senate Does Concur, Vote 31-0 |
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| **SB110** | **RENT, UTILITY ASSISTANCE** (O'BRIEN S, WILSON S) To provide rent and utility assistance and to make an appropriation. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 3/24/2021 - Referred to Committee House Finance |
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| **SB111** | **VACCINATIONS, CORONAVIRUS RECOVERY INCLUDING TOWNSHIPS** (BLESSING III L, BRENNER A) To prohibit certain mandatory vaccinations and other activities related to an individual's vaccination status and to make an appropriation related to coronavirus local fiscal recovery. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 6/24/2021 - **PASSED BY HOUSE**; Amended on Floor, Bill Vote 62-34 |
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| **SB131** | **LICENSURE RECIPROCITY** (ROEGNER K, MCCOLLEY R) To require an occupational licensing authority to issue a license or government certification to an applicant who holds a license, government certification, or private certification or has satisfactory work experience in another state under certain circumstances and to amend the version of section 3319.22 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect on April 12, 2023, to continue the changes on and after that date. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 5/26/2021 - Senate Workforce and Higher Education, (Second Hearing) |
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| **SB143** | **ADOPT MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL-ALUMINUM** (O'BRIEN S) To require the Director of Environmental Protection to adopt a maximum contaminant level for aluminum in drinking water. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 6/15/2021 - Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources, (Third Hearing) |
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| **SB152** | **FRAUD, WASTE, ABUSE TASK FORCE** (HOAGLAND F) To establish the Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Task Force in the office of the Attorney General and to make an appropriation. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 11/9/2021 - Senate Finance, (First Hearing) |
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| **SB175** | **LABOR AGREEMENTS-PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS** (LANG G) To enact the Fair and Open Competition Act regarding project labor agreements in public improvement contracts. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 5/5/2021 - Introduced |
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| **SB180** | **EXPANDED DISCOUNTED SEWER RATES** (THOMAS C) To expand eligibility for county sewer discounted rates or charges. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 6/8/2021 - Senate Energy and Public Utilities, (First Hearing) |
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| **SB193** | **UNPAID WATER CHARGES** (WILLIAMS S) To prohibit political subdivisions from placing a lien on property for unpaid water charges. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 6/2/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Energy and Public Utilities |
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| **SB258** | **ESTABLISH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS** (MCCOLLEY R) To establish congressional district boundaries for the state based on the 2020 decennial census and to delay certain deadlines related to the 2022 congressional primary election. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 11/20/2021 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR** |
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| **SB260** | **LOCAL PURCHASING AUTHORITY-CONSTRUCTION** (LANG G) To expand political subdivision joint purchasing authority to expressly include purchases for construction services. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 11/10/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Local Government and Elections |
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| **SB279** | **STATE AGENCY NOTIFICATIONS** (WILSON S) To modify the law governing notifications issued by state agencies. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 3/2/2022 - Senate Government Oversight and Reform, (First Hearing) |
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| **SCR9** | **URGE HOUSING INEQUALITY RESPONSE** (WILLIAMS S) To urge the state of Ohio to take steps to address housing inequality. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 10/6/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Financial Institutions and Technology |
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| **SJR2** | **PERMIT BONDS-CLEAN WATER IMPROVEMENTS** (GAVARONE T, YUKO K) Proposing to enact Section 2t of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to permit the issuance of general obligation bonds to fund clean water improvements. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 10/19/2021 - Senate Finance, (First Hearing) |