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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  **Coalition of Ohio Regional Districts**  Legislative Activities Report  **February 2018** |

With Ohio’s legislators back in session, action around the Statehouse has heated up as state lawmakers work to move legislation prior to breaking for the summer to focus on the elections. Lawmakers face a number of challenging pieces of legislation, including a capital budget and a proposal to revise how congressional districts are drawn in Ohio.

Facing a February 7th deadline to qualify for the May ballot, legislators have been scrambling to find common ground on a GOP-crafted resolution (SJR 5) calling for reforms to how Ohio draws its congressional districts. The plan’s drafters would like to see the resolution move through both chambers by the deadline in order to avoid a contentiously politicized issue landing on the general election ballot. In 2015, a bipartisan agreement led to a General Assembly-backed ballot issue on legislative redistricting that was ultimately approved by more than 70% of voters.

President Larry Obhof said this year’s capital budget will be “a little bit tighter” than that of the last General Assembly. The capital budget, which is designed to fund capital improvements with state-issued debt, will likely be introduced in the next month. Lawmakers plan to have most of the details hashed out prior to the bill’s introduction in order to streamline its passage. In 2016, the General Assembly’s capital budget was $2.6 billion. President Obhof indicated that this session’s spending bill will likely be around 10% less than the previous bill.

Legislation increasing the penalty for threatening utility workers while on the job recently passed the House with overwhelming support (89-3). HB 276, which was introduced by Reps. Rezabek and Greenspan, was designed to protect utilities workers from being threatened while performing their duties. The measure now heads to the Senate for further deliberation.

New legislation modifying laws related to regional councils of government, or COGs, was recently introduced by Senator Matt Dolan. In his sponsor testimony, Dolan explained that COGS are an effective and efficient way for local jurisdictions to join together to pool resources and share services, but the Auditor of State’s office has identified problems that arise when COGs are used to benefit particular individuals. Specifically, SB 239 would: ensure councils cannot take legally binding action other than formation without notifying the auditor; prevent officers from asserting trade secret exceptions to avoid public record disclosures; and require members who are not public officials to be subject to Ohio's ethics laws aside from those pertaining to financial disclosures. During the bill’s first hearing before the Senate Government Oversight Committee, a substitute bill was accepted that ensures sovereign immunity still covers COG employees, who are only employed by a COG.

The House Energy and Natural Resources continues to debate a proposal, HB 422, aimed at properly determining the fair market value of a public water or sewer system once it is acquired. Advocates for the bill suggest that rates are unable to be accurately determined without knowing a fair market value of a utility once it is acquired. The sponsors of the bill also suggest that the legislation will encourage more private investment into water and sewer systems. The measure has received four committee hearings.

In other legislative news, debate continues in the Ohio General Assembly over two bills aimed a regulating the practice of submetering. Two separate bills, each being pushed by competing interests, are pending before lawmakers. In the Senate, SB 157 is being supported by utility resellers who say it adds adequate consumer protections. Opponents of the plan, which include utility companies and the Ohio Consumers’ Counsel claim that the bill needs to go further and fails to adequately protect consumers. The other piece of legislation is HB 249, which submeter companies argue would prohibit the practice and put them out of business. Both bills are currently pending in committee.

Governor Kasich recently announced Seventh District Court of Appeals Judge Mary DeGenaro as his pick to replace Supreme Court Justice Bill O’Neill. DeGenaro is also a declared candidate for the upcoming six-year term for the seat and has been endorse by the Republican Party. The move creates a high court with no Democrats on the bench and gives Judge DeGenaro an advantage in the general election.

In other news, the Bureau of Workers’ Compensation (BWC) recently proposed that private employer premium rates be cut by 12% starting July 1st. The proposal would save businesses $163.5 million compared to current rates. BWC rates are already at their lowest point in more than four decades. "Ohio is in an outstanding position as the cost of workers' comp coverage continues to fall, thanks to fewer workplace injury claims and slow-to-moderate growth in medical inflation," BWC Administrator/CEO Sarah Morrison said in a statement. "We know the less employers spend on premiums, the more they can invest in their communities and in safer work environments for their employees. And when that happens, we all benefit."

The House Republican Caucus recently announced its replacements for the vacancies in the 81st and 87th Districts. Former State Representative Jim Hoops was selected to replace now Senator Rob McColley in the 81st District and Riordan McClain, son of former Rep. Jeff McClain, was chosen to replace Wes Goodman in the 87th District. Mr. Hoops, of Napoleon, is currently associate vice president for Strategic Initiatives at Northwest State Community College. He also previously served as Henry County auditor. Mr. McClain, of Upper Sandusky, is director of Finance and Customer Service at Doc Investments LLC. He holds degrees from Bluffton University and the University of Findlay.

Also of note, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services recently reported that Ohio gained 2,500 jobs in December and the state’s unemployment rate dropped to 4.7%. The rate is down from 5% from the previous year, yet still lags behind the U.S. unemployment rate of 4.1%.

We have been tracking the following legislation during the 132nd General Assembly:

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| **HB3** | **DATAOHIO BOARD CREATION** (DUFFEY M, HAGAN C) To create the DataOhio Board, to specify requirements for posting public records online, to require the Auditor of State to adopt rules regarding a uniform accounting system for public offices, to establish an online catalog of public data at data.Ohio.gov, to establish the Local Government Information Exchange Grant Program, and to make appropriations. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 12/12/2017 - **REPORTED OUT**, House Finance, (Third Hearing) |
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| **HB26** | **TRANSPORTATION-PUBLIC SAFETY BUDGET** (MCCOLLEY R) To make appropriations for programs related to transportation and public safety for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of those programs. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 3/31/2017 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; Some provisions line-item vetoed, eff. 6/30/2017 |
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| **HB29** | **MUNICIPAL WATER RESERVOIR BUFFERS** (LELAND D, BOGGS K) To eliminate law authorizing the maintenance of buffers around municipal water reservoirs by contiguous property owners. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 4/25/2017 - House Energy and Natural Resources, (First Hearing) |
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| **HB31** | **CONTRACTING ADVISORY COUNCIL-ABOLITION** (CUPP B) To abolish the Government Contracting Advisory Council. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 11/21/2017 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; eff. 90 days |
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| **HB40** | **GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE DATABASE** (DEVER J, GREENSPAN D) To require the Treasurer of State to establish the Ohio State Government Expenditure Database. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 2/28/2017 - House State and Local Government, (Third Hearing) |
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| **HB49** | **OPERATING BUDGET** (SMITH R) Creates FY 2018-2019 main operating budget. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 8/22/2017 - Consideration of Governor's Veto |
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| **HB51** | **DEPARTMENT REVIEW SCHEDULE** (FABER K) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 5/16/2017 - **REPORTED OUT AS AMENDED**, House State and Local Government, (Fourth Hearing) |
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| **HB54** | **STATE REVENUE OBLIGATIONS** (BLESSING III L, GAVARONE T) To authorize the Treasurer of State to issue revenue obligations of the state for the purpose of making loans to qualifying public entities for their acquisition of permanent improvements through the Treasurer of State's purchase of public obligations of those qualifying entities. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 9/26/2017 - **BILL AMENDED**, Senate Finance, (Fourth Hearing) |
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| **HB69** | **LEVY REVENUE REIMBURSEMENT** (CUPP B) To require reimbursement of certain township fire and emergency medical service levy revenue forgone because of the creation of a municipal tax increment financing district. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 12/22/2017 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; Eff. 90 days |
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| **HB103** | **FISCAL EMERGENCY PROVISIONS** (REINEKE W) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 7/17/2017 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; Eff. 10/17/17 |
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| **HB114** | **RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARDS** (BLESSING III L) To revise the provisions governing renewable energy, energy efficiency, and peak demand reduction and to alter funding allocations under the Home Energy Assistance Program. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 1/10/2018 - Senate Energy and Natural Resources, (Fourth Hearing) |
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| **HB121** | **PIPE MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS** (EDWARDS J) To require a public authority to consider all piping materials that meet the engineering specifications for a state-funded water or waste water project. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 11/1/2017 - **BILL AMENDED**, House State and Local Government, (Fifth Hearing) |
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| **HB122** | **ESTABLISH ECONOMIC STUDY COMMITTEE** (HAMBLEY S, ROGERS J) To establish a Regional Economic Development Alliance Study Committee to study the benefits and challenges involved in creating regional economic development alliances. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 1/10/2018 - Senate Government Oversight and Reform, (Second Hearing) |
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| **HB163** | **PREVAILING WAGE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS** (ROEGNER K, RIEDEL C) 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:*** | 9/19/2017 - House Economic Development, Commerce and Labor, (Second Hearing) |
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| **HB180** | **EQUAL PAY ACT** (CLYDE K, HOWSE S) To require a contractor or person submitting a bid or other proposal for a state contract or a business entity applying for a grant or other economic incentive from a state agency to obtain an equal pay certificate, to require state agencies and political subdivisions to establish a job evaluation system to identify and eliminate sex-based wage disparities among classes of employees, and to prohibit an employer from retaliating against an employee who discusses the employee's salary or wage rate with another employee. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 5/1/2017 - Referred to Committee House Government Accountability and Oversight |
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| **HB221** | **PRIVATE PROPERTY SEWER AND WATER** (HOLMES G) To expressly include, as eligible projects under the State Capital Improvements Program administered by the Ohio Public Works Commission, water and sewer laterals located on private property. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 1/9/2018 - House Finance, (First Hearing) |
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| **HB249** | **RESIDENTIAL UTILITY RESELLING** (DUFFEY M) To permit the Public Utilities Commission to adopt rules governing residential utility reselling. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 1/30/2018 - House Public Utilities, (Third Hearing) |
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| **HB254** | **POW/MIA REMEMBERANCE** (WIGGAM S) To enact the POW/MIA Remembrance Act requiring the POW/MIA flag to be displayed at certain buildings operated by the state on Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, National POW/MIA Recognition Day, and Veterans' Day. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 1/30/2018 - Senate Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs, (First Hearing) |
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| **HB262** | **INDEPENDENT BUDGET PROCESS** (BUTLER, JR. J, ROMANCHUK M) To provide for the preparation of a state biennial budget independent of that submitted by the Governor and to authorize the Legislative Service Commission, upon the request of the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President of the Senate, to arrange for an independent actuarial review of a proposed bill, specified analyses of economic policy initiatives and state benchmarking data, and a study of the state's long-range financial outlook. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 6/20/2017 - Referred to Committee House Government Accountability and Oversight |
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| **HB267** | **LOCAL LIABILITY-VEHICLE NEGLIGENCE** (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:*** | 9/20/2017 - House Civil Justice, (Second Hearing) |
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| **HB271** | **ACCESSIBILITY LAW VIOLATION NOTICE** (MCCOLLEY R, REZABEK J) To authorize an alleged aggrieved party to provide a notice of an alleged accessibility law violation in advance of filing a civil action and to establish the circumstances under which an alleged aggrieved party is entitled to attorney's fees in a civil action based on the violation. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 1/31/2018 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED & REPORTED OUT**, House Civil Justice, (Fourth Hearing) |
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| **HB276** | **THREATENING UTILITY WORKERS** (REZABEK J, GREENSPAN D) To expand the offense of aggravated menacing to prohibit threatening a utility worker with intent to obstruct the operation of a utility. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 1/31/2018 - **PASSED BY HOUSE**; Vote 94-3 |
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| **HB291** | **EMPLOYEE DISHONESTY INSURANCE** (WIGGAM S) To authorize counties, townships, and municipal corporations to purchase an employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty insurance policy, instead of a bond, for protection from loss due to the fraudulent or dishonest actions of, and the failure to perform a duty prescribed by law by, an officer, official, employee, or appointee for which a bond is required by law. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 12/13/2017 - **PASSED BY HOUSE**; Vote 93-0 |
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| **HB298** | **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE SICK DAYS** (MERRIN D) To make changes with respect to the number of sick days provided to public employees. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 1/24/2018 - House State and Local Government, (Second Hearing) |
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| **HB301** | **COURT SETTLEMENT RESTRICTIONS** (BUTLER, JR. J) To require the approval of the General Assembly for a state agency to agree to a consent decree or court-approved settlement agreement that would alter or prohibit the enforcement of a law of this state. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 1/24/2018 - House Government Accountability and Oversight, (First Hearing) |
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| **HB303** | **SERVICE ANIMAL USE** (LIPPS S, KELLY B) To prohibit places of public accommodation from preventing the use of a service animal. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 10/10/2017 - House Economic Development, Commerce and Labor, (First Hearing) |
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| **HB312** | **LOCAL GOVERNMENT CREDIT CARDS** (SCHURING K, GREENSPAN D) Regarding use of credit cards and debit cards by political subdivisions. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 1/17/2018 - Senate Government Oversight and Reform, (First Hearing) |
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| **HB342** | **LOCAL TAX ISSUES-ELECTION DATES** (MERRIN D) To permit local tax-related proposals to appear only on general and primary election ballots and not on an August special election ballot and to modify the information conveyed in election notices and ballot language for property tax levies. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 1/10/2018 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED**, House Government Accountability and Oversight, (Third Hearing) |
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| **HB371** | **TAXES ON UNSOLD PROPERTY** (MERRIN D) To exempt from property taxation the increased value of land subdivided for residential development until construction commences or the land is sold. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 1/16/2018 - **REPORTED OUT AS AMENDED**, House Ways and Means, (Seventh Hearing) |
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| **HB380** | **WORKERS COMP-ILLEGAL ALIENS** (SEITZ B, HOUSEHOLDER L) To prohibit illegal and unauthorized aliens from receiving compensation and certain benefits under Ohio's Workers' Compensation Law. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 12/5/2017 - **PASSED BY HOUSE**; Vote 65-30 |
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| **HB399** | **HEALTH INSURANCE SAVINGS INCENTIVES** (HENNE M, BUTLER, JR. J) To enact the Ohio Right to Shop Act to require health insurers to establish shared savings incentive programs for enrollees. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 11/28/2017 - Referred to Committee House Health |
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| **HB413** | **OPERS COLA ADJUSTMENT** (SCHERER G) Regarding Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) annual cost-of-living adjustments granted to allowance and benefit recipients and PERS service credit for services as a nonteaching school employee of a county board of developmental disabilities. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 12/13/2017 - House Aging and Long Term Care, (Second Hearing) |
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| **HB419** | **EMERGENCY VEHICLE LIGHTS AND SIRENS** (HENNE M) To modify the defense to the liability of a member of a police or fire department or emergency medical service of a political subdivision for the negligent operation of a motor vehicle in response to an emergency by requiring that the vehicle has its lights and sirens simultaneously activated. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 1/31/2018 - House Civil Justice, (Second Hearing) |
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| **HB422** | **MUNICIPAL WATER-WORKS ACQUISITIONS** (GINTER T, ROGERS J) To govern acquisitions of municipal water-works and sewage disposal system companies by certain larger nonmunicipal water-works or sewage disposal system companies. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 1/30/2018 - House Energy and Natural Resources, (Fourth Hearing) |
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| **HB460** | **RIPARIAN BUFFERS-TAX EXEMPTION** (PATTERSON J, SHEEHY M) To exempt qualifying riparian buffers in the Western Basin of Lake Erie from property taxation, to reimburse local taxing units for resulting revenue losses, and to require soil and water conservation districts to assist landowners with the creation and maintenance of riparian buffers. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 1/30/2018 - House Energy and Natural Resources, (First Hearing) |
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| **HB469** | **TAX CREDIT-MIXED USE PROJECTS** (SCHURING K) To authorize a nonrefundable insurance company tax credit for contributions of capital to transformational mixed use development projects. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 1/24/2018 - Referred to Committee House Government Accountability and Oversight |
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| **HB470** | **TAX LEVY-PUBLIC LIGHTING** (EDWARDS J) To authorize a property tax levy specifically to fund lighting for roads and public places. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 2/7/2018 - House State and Local Government, (First Hearing) |
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| **HJR7** | **PUBLIC SECTOR UNION PROHIBITIONS** (BECKER J, RIEDEL C) Proposing to enact Section 22 of Article I of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to prohibit laws, rules, and agreements that require employees of public sector employers to join or pay dues to an employee organization and to prohibit employee organizations from representing nonmember public sector employees in employment-related matters. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 1/16/2018 - Referred to Committee House Government Accountability and Oversight |
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| **HJR8** | **PRIVATE SECTOR UNION PROHIBITIONS** (BECKER J, RIEDEL C) Proposing to enact Section 22 of Article I of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to prohibit laws, rules, and agreements that require employees of private sector employers to join or pay dues to an employee organization and to prohibit employee organizations from representing nonmember private sector employees in employment-related matters. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 1/16/2018 - Referred to Committee House Government Accountability and Oversight |
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| **HJR9** | **PUBLIC CONTRACTOR WAGE PROHIBITIONS** (BECKER J, RIEDEL C) Proposing to enact Section 43 of Article II of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to prohibit a public authority from requiring a contractor on a public improvement to pay the contractor's workers the prevailing rate of wages for work performed on the public improvement. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 1/16/2018 - Referred to Committee House Government Accountability and Oversight |
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| **HJR10** | **GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS-REQUIREMENT PROHIBITIONS** (BECKER J, RIEDEL C) Proposing to enact Section 2 of Article XV of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to prohibit certain requirements or prohibitions regarding labor agreements in government contracts. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 1/16/2018 - Referred to Committee House Government Accountability and Oversight |
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| **HJR11** | **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING REPRESENTATIVE ELECTIONS** (BECKER J, RIEDEL C) Proposing to enact Section 12 of Article XV of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to subject any public employee collective bargaining representative to an annual election to remain certified as the exclusive representative. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 1/16/2018 - Referred to Committee House Government Accountability and Oversight |
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| **HJR12** | **PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS-LABOR DUES** (BECKER J, RIEDEL C) Proposing to enact Section 12 of Article XV of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to prohibit dues and other fees payable to an employee organization from being deducted from the payroll check of a public employee and to prohibit those dues and fees from being used for political purposes unless authorized by the public employee. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 1/16/2018 - Referred to Committee House Government Accountability and Oversight |
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| **SB2** | **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS LAWS** (HITE C) To revise specified laws relating to environmental protection. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 7/7/2017 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; eff. 10/6/2017 |
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| **SB3** | **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT** (BEAGLE B, BALDERSON T) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 11/6/2017 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; Eff. 90 days |
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| **SB31** | **HEALTH RULE WITHDRAW PROCESS** (EKLUND J) To authorize a board of county commissioners or municipal legislative authority to elect to withdraw the county or municipal corporation from the application of any rule adopted by the Department of Health after January 1, 2014, that governs the design of household sewage treatment systems. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 10/18/2017 - **BILL AMENDED**, Senate Energy and Natural Resources, (Second Hearing) |
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| **SB51** | **LAKE ERIE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT** (SKINDELL M, EKLUND J) To authorize the creation of a special improvement district to facilitate Lake Erie shoreline improvement. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 9/27/2017 - Senate Energy and Natural Resources, (Fourth Hearing) |
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| **SB72** | **PREVAILING WAGE LAW** (HUFFMAN M) 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:*** | 3/7/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Finance |
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| **SB79** | **STATE DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW SCHEDULE** (JORDAN K) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 9/12/2017 - Referred to Committee House Government Accountability and Oversight |
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| **SB88** | **SUBDIVISION COMMISSIONS-FISCAL EMERGENCY** (TERHAR L) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 5/9/2017 - Referred to Committee House Government Accountability and Oversight |
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| **SB95** | **STATE PROJECTS-PIPING MATERIALS** (TERHAR L) To require a public authority to consider all piping materials that meet the engineering specifications for a state-funded water or waste water project. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 10/25/2017 - Senate Energy and Natural Resources, (Second Hearing) |
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| **SB157** | **PUBLIC UTILITY RESELLING REGULATION** (BACON K) To regulate the reselling of public utility service. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 1/18/2018 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED**, Senate Public Utilities, (Fourth Hearing) |
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| **SB168** | **MEDICAID EXPANSION** (JORDAN K) To prohibit the Medicaid program from covering the expansion eligibility group and to require aggregate General Revenue Fund appropriations for state agencies to be reduced by specified amounts for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending on June 30, 2019. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 6/28/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Finance |
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| **SB174** | **WAGE PROTECTIONS-FAIR ACT** (TAVARES C) To enact the "Fair and Acceptable Income Required (FAIR) Act" and to revise the enforcement of the prohibitions against discrimination in the payment of wages. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 9/7/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Transportation, Commerce and Workforce |
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| **SB239** | **REGIONAL COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENTS** (DOLAN M) To modify the law concerning regional councils of governments. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 1/31/2018 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED**, Senate Government Oversight and Reform, (First Hearing) |
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| **SB247** | **PERS-SPOUSAL BENEFITS** (DOLAN M) To require the Public Employees Retirement System to permit certain spouses of retired or deceased members to continue receiving allowances to pay for health care expenses under the System's group health care care plans. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 1/17/2018 - Referred to Committee Senate Insurance and Financial Institutions |
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| **SB250** | **CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITY TRESPASS** (HOAGLAND F) To prohibit criminal mischief, criminal trespass, and aggravated trespass on a critical infrastructure facility, to impose fines for organizations that are complicit in those offenses, and to impose civil liability for damage caused by trespass on a critical infrastructure facility. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 1/24/2018 - Introduced |
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| **SJR4** | **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUNDING** (SCHIAVONI J) 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 sewer and water capital improvements. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 9/6/2017 - Senate Finance, (First Hearing) |