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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  **February 2022** |

Ohio’s lawmakers recently reauthorized the ability for Ohio public entities to meet remotely. The language was amended into HB 51 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 will take effect immediately upon the governor’s signature.

Rep. Kyle Koehler, chairman of the House Agriculture and Conservation Committee, has expressed interest in addressing water quality issues as his committee returns in 2022. One measure pending in his committee is HB 385, which would propose additional fines for municipal waste systems found illegally discharging waste in Lake Erie’s western basin. The bill was introduced in response to the city of Maumee and its violations tied to dumping excess sewage into the Maumee River. Chairman Koehler said he believes the issue can be resolved without legislation, pointing to Maumee’s work with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA). Other water-related measures waiting to be addressed by the committee includes HB 464, which would modify the asset management program requirements for public water systems, and HB 365, which would require the OEPA to establish maximum allowable contaminant levels for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). “Water is our most precious resource in Ohio, so we’ll continue to address that and look for bills to come up,” Koehler said in a recent interview.

Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee Chairman Tim Schaffer has announced that HB 175 is one of several bills the committee hopes to finalize in the remaining year of the 134th GA. The legislation, which would remove ephemeral streams from the definition of “waters of the state” advanced through the House in September and has received two hearings before the Senate panel, where proponents have argued current regulations have hindered economic development. "The interested parties right now for the last month or so have been talking, negotiating, getting together to work some issues out so we can report this bill out," he said in an interview. "I think it's an important bill," he continued. "It's a priority for a lot of groups...but we've got to find the right balance with concerns of the Ohio EPA and interested parties. There are a lot of people at the table on this one."

The House State and Local Government Committee is conducting hearings on SB 15, a bill protecting public treasurers and fiscal offers from lability for lost public funding even if they performed their required duties “with reasonable care.” Under the bill, fiscal officers and treasurers would only be liable for funds due to negligence or a wrongful act. CORD is currently working with the committee on an amendment that would expand the protections to the fiscal officers of 6119 regional districts. The bill has received one committee hearing and was passed with unanimous support in the Senate in 2021.

The Ohio Supreme Court in a 4-3 ruling struck down the newly proposed state legislative maps, ordering the Ohio Redistricting Commission to redraw the maps within 10 days. The opinion states that the commission violated Article XI, Section 6 of the Ohio Constitution, which requires an attempt to enact maps that do not favor or disfavor one party and that "correspond closely" to statewide voter preferences over the last decade. The Ohio Redistricting Commission is made up of Gov. Mike DeWine, Ohio Auditor Keith Faber, Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose, Ohio House Speaker Bob Cupp, Ohio Senate President Matt Huffman -- all Republicans and two Democrats, Ohio House Minority Leader Allison Russo and Sen. Vernon Sykes.

Following the Court’s ruling, the Ohio Redistricting Commission adopted new state legislative district maps with a 5-2 vote along party lines. The approved maps – which give Republicans a 57-42 advantage in the House and 20-13 advantage in the Senate – now face scrutiny from the Ohio Supreme Court, which recently rejected maps that could have given the GOP five more House and three more Senate seats. Because the plan did not receive bipartisan support, it will last only four years instead of 10.

The Supreme Court also struck down the proposed congressional district maps. The opinion found that the proposal violated the partisan gerrymandering prohibitions contained in the Ohio Constitution. The Court went on to order the General Assembly to pass a new map for Ohio's 15 congressional districts that complies with the Ohio Constitution within the timeline required by Article XIX, Section 3(B)(1). That section gives the General Assembly 30 days to pass a constitutional plan. If it fails to do so, map-drawing responsibility goes to the Ohio Redistricting Commission.

In an effort to start the process of redrawing Ohio’s new congressional maps, the Ohio Senate introduced a placeholder bill (SB 286) that could serve as a vehicle for the new congressional district maps. President Matt Huffman said he wanted to get the bill introduced and assigned to a committee. But whether lawmakers will enact legislation or kick the responsibility to the Ohio Redistricting Commission remains uncertain. Speaker Bob Cupp has said that the timeline presents an obstacle since the bill would take 90 days to go into effect given the unlikelihood of lawmakers agreeing to an emergency clause. Passing a 10-year map requires at least three-fifths support of the chamber but an emergency clause, which requires two-thirds support, would be impossible in the House without the support of Democrats. Alternatively, a four-year map enacted with a simple majority would also be lacking required emergency support.

In light of the uncertainty surrounding the district maps, the General Assembly shifted the congressional candidate filing deadline, but they opted not to adjust the February 2nd filing deadline for state legislative candidates. Lawmakers accepted an amendment to HB 93 that would switch the congressional filing deadline to March 4th. Proponents of the change said it will provide clarity to the secretary of state’s office, local boards of election, candidates, and voters.

Republican Rep. Rick Carfagna recently announced he will be resigning his seat in the Ohio House to accept a job with the Ohio Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Carfagna, who represents the 68th District, will become the group's senior vice president of government affairs. His resignation date has yet to be finalized, however, he is expected to start the new role in late February. "The privilege to work in this capacity is one that few will ever realize," the outgoing lawmaker said in a statement. "I hope that I have governed in a manner that has made you proud. I have tried my very best to be productive, respectful, bipartisan and positive in my messaging and in my areas of focus."

The House Democrat caucus has selected Rep. Allison Russo of Columbus as the new minority leader, succeeding Rep. Emilia Sykes, who stepped down at the end of last year. Rep. Thomas West will serve as the new assistant minority leader, replacing Rep. Kristin Boggs, who is departing that position in advance of a run for the 10th District Court of Appeals. Rounding out the House minority leadership team is Rep. Jessica Miranda, who was elected minority whip, and Rep. Richard Brown, who was reelected assistant minority whip. The new minority leadership team was officially sworn in during House session on January 26th.

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:*** | 1/26/2022 - **PASSED BY SENATE**; Vote 33-0, Emergency Clause 32-1 |
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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:*** | 10/19/2021 - Senate Veterans and Public Safety, (Third 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:*** | 10/27/2021 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED**, House State and Local Government, (Fourth 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:*** | 10/27/2021 - 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:*** | 9/16/2021 - Referred to Committee House Agriculture and Conservation |
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| **HB376** | **OHIO PERSONAL PRIVACY ACT** (CARFAGNA R, HALL T) To enact the Ohio Personal Privacy Act. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 12/9/2021 - Bills for Third Consideration; (Pending Committee Report) |
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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:*** | 9/29/2021 - House State and Local Government, (First 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:*** | 2/3/2022 - House Government Oversight, (Second 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:*** | 2/1/2022 - House Civil Justice, (First 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:*** | 1/24/2022 - Introduced |
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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:*** | 1/24/2022 - Introduced |
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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:*** | 1/25/2022 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means |
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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:*** | 2/3/2022 - 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:*** | 11/17/2021 - House State and Local Government, (First 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:*** | 1/10/2022 - Senate Appoints Managers; L. Blessing Named as Conference Committee Chair. Other Senate Conferees are T. Schaffer & N. Antonio |
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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:*** | 1/26/2022 - **PASSED BY HOUSE**; Vote 92-1 |
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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:*** | 1/26/2022 - Referred to Committee Senate Government Oversight and Reform |
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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) |
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