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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**  **April 2022** |

Governor Mike DeWine delivered his 2022 State of the State Address on Wednesday, March 23, to a joint session of the Ohio General Assembly. The speech was the Governor’s second-ever State of the State address after being cancelled for the past two years due to the COIVD-19 pandemic. Gov. DeWine began the speech applauding the state’s successes over the past years for several areas including helping Ohio’s children and families, access to broadband services, advanced career tech programs and education, the continuation of H2Ohio programs, and welcoming manufacturing projects to the state. The Governor also praised economic developments throughout the state including the passage of the state operating budget and the state's unemployment rate falling to 4.3%. Among the highlights of the address, Gov. DeWine also stated his vision for Ohio’s future investments, specifically noting advancements in mental health, state parks, Appalachian development, mentorship programs, distracted driving legislation, law enforcement, and Ohio’s Imagination Library. You can watch the full speech [here](https://ohiochannel.org/video/state-of-the-state-address-2022), or for a full transcript of the speech, please [click here](https://governor.ohio.gov/wps/wcm/connect/gov/27cd3f50-5604-4a35-a531-32914135ec0b/2022-SOTS-Remarks.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CONVERT_TO=url&CACHEID=ROOTWORKSPACE.Z18_K9I401S01H7F40QBNJU3SO1F56-27cd3f50-5604-4a35-a531-32914135ec0b-n-Tmkj0).

The Ohio Redistricting Commission voted 4-3 to adopt a fourth set of state legislative maps on Monday, March 28. The [final maps](https://www.gongwer-oh.com/public/134HouseSenateMaps32822.pdf) are similar to the previously invalidated third-set of maps, which created a 54-45 House and 18-15 Senate split in favor of Republicans. Previously, the court ruled the maps unconstitutional because all competitive seats between 50-52% – 19 in the House and eight in the Senate – leaned Democratic, while all Republican seats were above that margin. The fourth set of adopted maps, however, contains minor changes that are closer to the 54-46% target by decreasing the number of competitive districts favoring Democrats, according to Republican members of the commission.

The Ohio Supreme Court has not yet ruled on the current maps; however, a panel of three federal judges has reserved the right to intervene on the matter. The panel met on Wednesday, March 29, and decided to not delay the May 3 primary for now. The federal judges, however, announced they will consider moving the primary to August 2 if the state has not resolved the issues by itself by April 20. The panel of judges also gave all groups involved in legal fights on the matter until April 20 to submit arguments for what they want the federal judges to do if Ohio fails to approve a state legislative map by then.

The congressional maps, however, are likely to remain in place for the May 3 primary date. The Ohio Supreme Court’s case schedule includes a timeline which orders final briefs to be due on May 20 at the latest, weeks after the currently scheduled primary. The [current map](https://www.gongwer-oh.com/public/134CongMap3222.pdf), adopted on March 2, creates 10 safe Republican districts and three safe Democratic ones, with two toss-ups favoring Democrats by 50.23% and 51.04%.

The Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee began hearings on SB 193, which would prohibit political subdivisions from certifying delinquent charges for unpaid water and sewer services. The bill was introduced by Senator Sandra Williams (D-Cleveland), who suggested during sponsor testimony that the bill ends the draconian policy of placing liens on properties with overdue water and sewer bills. Senator Williams said delinquent charges are often certified with the county auditor without the property owner ever being notified. Senator Williams introduced a similar bill last session and it never gained momentum; however, Committee Chairman Rob McColley (R-Napoleon) has said this is a significant issue for homeowners and landlords who may be unaware that charges are being accrued.

The Ohio House of Representatives is also considering its own bill (HB 422) to restrict the ability for municipal water and sewer systems from certifying delinquent charges on renter-occupied property. The measure was introduced after complaints from property owners who claim they are being held responsible for unpaid bills left by their tenants. The measure, which is limited to apply only to municipal systems, would require municipalities to verify with the county auditor that the unpaid charges have arisen from a service contract made directly with an owner who occupies the property served. The bill also creates an appeal process for billing and lien disputes through the Environmental Review Appeals Commission (ERAC). Fortunately, regional 6119 districts have been excluded from the bill. HB 422 was favorably reported by the House State and Local Government Committee on March 2, 2022. The measure now awaits action by the full House before being sent to the Senate for further deliberation.

Another bill CORD is closely watching 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. A substitute version of the bill was accepted during the 2nd hearing on the bill. The changes include increasing fines for violating NPDES permits and the creation of an operation permit for systems not required to obtain an NPDES permit. The measure is pending in the House State and Local Government Committee.

Sponsor testimony was recently given on HB 464 that would eliminate the requirement that public water systems complete asset management plans. Currently, all public water systems are required to demonstrate technical, managerial, and financial capability by implementing an asset management program. The requirements were included in SB 2 of the 132nd General Assembly, in response to the 2015 Flint, Michigan lead contamination water crisis and a 2016 incident in Sebring, Ohio where lead from pipes leaked into the water supply. The bill’s sponsor, Rep. Scott Wiggam (R-Wooster) said during sponsor testimony, “The water asset management program is an unnecessary burden and an overregulation of small, privately owned businesses… Privately owned businesses should not have to submit proprietary financial and budgeting information to the state of Ohio and the [Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)].” Wiggam said he understands the need to shut down a public water system that cannot deliver potable water and is still researching the federal basis for Ohio’s asset management program and how many states have similar requirements.

The Ohio House of Representatives welcomed Republican Shawn Stevens (R-Sunbury) to the 134th General Assembly. Stevens was appointed to the 68th House District to replace former State Rep. Rick Carfagna, who resigned earlier this year to take a lobbying position with the Ohio Chamber of Commerce. Stevens was sworn into office on March 9 and will represent parts of Delaware and Knox counties.

State revenues continue to come in well above of estimates, now exceeding original expectations by over $1 billion, or 6.5%. The Office of Budget and Management Reported that while some of the overage was attributed to lower personal income tax refunds than expected last month, the overall picture underscored the state’s fiscal health in the in the face of the pandemic.

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) |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-13> |
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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) |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-20> |
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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) |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-43> |
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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 |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-51> |
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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) |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-63> |
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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) |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-90> |
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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) |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-91> |
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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) |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-103> |
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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 |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-110> |
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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) |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-146> |
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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:*** | 3/14/2022 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; eff. 90 days |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-158> |
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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 |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-167> |
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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 |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-168> |
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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 |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-169> |
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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:*** | 3/30/2022 - **PASSED BY SENATE**; Vote 25-8 |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-175> |
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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 |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-177> |
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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) |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-202> |
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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) |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-203> |
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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) |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-218> |
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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) |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-232> |
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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 House State and Local Government |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-245> |
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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 |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-247> |
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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) |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-248> |
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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 |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-267> |
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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 |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-269> |
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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) |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-275> |
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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) |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-299> |
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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 |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-309> |
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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) |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-327> |
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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) |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-350> |
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| **HB364** | **WATERWORKS INFRASTRUCTURE APPLICATION** (PATTON T) To make changes to the application process for waterworks infrastructure improvement surcharge. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 3/30/2022 - House Public Utilities, (Third Hearing) |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-364> |
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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) |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-365> |
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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 |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-376> |
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| **HB385** | **DISCHARGE OF WASTE INTO OHIO WATERS** (CROSS J) To enhance the criminal penalties against a municipal corporation located within the Western Basin of Lake Erie that unlawfully discharges waste into waters and to establish requirements for publicly owned sewerage systems that are not required to obtain an NPDES permit. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 3/22/2022 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED**, House Agriculture and Conservation, (Second Hearing) |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-385> |
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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 |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-388> |
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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 |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-401> |
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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 |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-411> |
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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 - **REPORTED OUT AS AMENDED**, House State and Local Government, (Fourth Hearing) |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-422> |
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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 |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-424> |
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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) |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-435> |
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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) |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-455> |
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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:*** | 3/30/2022 - House State and Local Government, (First Hearing) |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-463> |
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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:*** | 3/8/2022 - House Agriculture and Conservation, (First Hearing) |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-464> |
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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 |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-472> |
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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) |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-479> |
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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 |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-481> |
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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 |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-485> |
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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 |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-486> |
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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 |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-489> |
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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 |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-498> |
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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 |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-522> |
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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 |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-524> |
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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:*** | 3/16/2022 - Referred to Committee Senate Local Government and Elections |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-531> |
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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 |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-538> |
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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 |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-544> |
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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) |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-559> |
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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 |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HCR-30> |
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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) |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HCR-41> |
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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) |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HR-19> |
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| **SB9** | **REDUCE REGULATIONS, ELECTION FUNDING** (MCCOLLEY R, ROEGNER K) To limit regulatory restrictions in administrative rules, to make various technical and corrective changes to the liquor laws, to amend the version of section 111.15 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect September 30, 2024, to continue the limitations on and after that date, and to make an appropriation. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 3/10/2022 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; Appropriations language eff. 3/10/22, Statutory language eff. 90 days |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-9> |
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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 - **REPORTED OUT**, House State and Local Government, (Fourth Hearing) |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-15> |
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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 |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-19> |
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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 |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-22> |
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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 |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-27> |
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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) |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-39> |
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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:*** | 3/2/2022 - Consideration of House Amendments; Senate Does Not Concur, Vote 0-32 |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-56> |
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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 |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-78> |
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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 |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-83> |
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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) |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-84> |
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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) |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-95> |
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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) |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-96> |
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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:*** | 3/2/2022 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; eff. 90 days |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-105> |
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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 |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-110> |
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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 |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-111> |
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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:*** | 3/22/2022 - **BILL AMENDED**, Senate Workforce and Higher Education, (Third Hearing) |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-131> |
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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) |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-143> |
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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) |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-152> |
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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 |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-175> |
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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) |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-180> |
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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:*** | 3/29/2022 - Senate Energy and Public Utilities, (First Hearing) |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-193> |
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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** |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-258> |
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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:*** | 3/22/2022 - Senate Local Government and Elections, (Second Hearing) |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-260> |
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| **SB279** | **STATE AGENCY NOTIFICATIONS** (WILSON S) To modify the law governing notifications issued by state agencies. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 3/16/2022 - Senate Government Oversight and Reform, (Second Hearing) |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-279> |
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| **SB313** | **COASTAL MANAGEMENT LAW CHANGES** (GAVARONE T, MANNING N) To alter the law governing coastal management. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 4/5/2022 - Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources, (First Hearing) |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-313> |
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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 |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SCR-9> |
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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) |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SJR-2> |
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