**Coalition of Ohio Regional Districts
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**H2Ohio Expansion Plans**

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) Director Brian Baldridge recently [announced](https://h2.ohio.gov/governor-dewine-announces-statewide-h2ohio-expansion-plans/) the statewide expansion of H2Ohio’s incentive program for agriculture producers. The new program will be led by ODA and provide funding to producers to help offset the financial risk associated with implementing H2Ohio’s proven agricultural best management practices (BMPs) that work to improve Ohio’s water quality. Currently available only to farmers in the Western Lake Erie Basin, producers anywhere in the state will be eligible to participate in H2Ohio beginning in 2024. Enrollment for farmers outside of the Western Lake Erie Basin will be limited to a total of 500,000 new acres statewide. Incentives for new H2Ohio participants will be offered for the completion and implementation of Voluntary Nutrient Management Plans (VNMPs), H2Ohio’s cornerstone practice that reduces the risk of the over-application of nutrients while also allowing producers to use practices that best fit their farming operations. Local Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) work directly with each producer to approve VNMPs, assess the compatibility of implementing additional BMPs, and provide conservation education. Producers in the original H2Ohio project area (Allen, Auglaize, Defiance, Fulton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Lucas, Mercer, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert, Williams, and Wood counties) are currently eligible to enroll or re-enroll acreage into VNMPs and other BMPs including overwintering crop cover and subsurface phosphorus placement.

**Neighborhood Revitalization and Critical Infrastructure Grants**

Gov. DeWine, Lt. Governor Jon Husted, and Ohio Department of Development (DOD) Director Lydia Mihalik recently announced that nearly two dozen communities will receive funding to complete critical infrastructure and neighborhood improvement projects that improve quality of life for local residents. More than $13.8 million in Neighborhood Revitalization and Critical Infrastructure grants will be awarded to 23 communities for projects such as new community centers, upgraded water infrastructure, road and bridge improvements, new fire hydrants, and recreation enhancements. The most recent round of [projects](https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/OHIOGOVERNOR/2023/09/15/file_attachments/2616045/Program%20Year%202023%20Community%20Development%20Block%20Grant%20Project%20Summaries.pdf) include the improvement of flood and drainage facilities, water and sanitary sewer facilities, bridge reconstruction, parks and recreation facilities, street reconstruction, and sidewalks. More eligible activities include public facility improvements, such as construction, reconstruction, or rehabilitation of infrastructure, fire protection facilities, and community centers in low- and moderate-income areas. Projects must be in critical or poor condition to be considered eligible. The grant awards are funded through the federal Community Development Block Grant program.

**November 7th General Election**

Ohioans will have the opportunity to vote on two statewide issues during this year’s General Election on November 7th. [Issue 1](https://www.ohiosos.gov/globalassets/ballotboard/2023/certified-language-9-21-ballot-board.pdf) is a citizen-initiated, proposed constitutional amendment that would establish an individual right to one’s own reproductive medical treatment. [Issue 2](https://www.ohiosos.gov/globalassets/ballotboard/2023/issue-2-certified-language---08-24-23.pdf) is a proposed initiated statute to commercialize, regulate, legalize, and tax the adult use of cannabis. The Secretary of State and the Ohio Ballot Board have also released [certified arguments](https://www.ohiosos.gov/legislation-and-ballot-issues/ballot-board/) both for and against both issues that will appear on the November ballot. The deadline to register to vote in Ohio ends on Oct. 10th, and early voting begins on Oct. 11th. More information on the election, voter registration, sample ballots, or voting in Ohio can be found on the Secretary of State’s website [here](https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/).

**Redistricting**

The Ohio Redistricting Commission approved new Ohio House and Senate district lines in a unanimous, bipartisan vote on September 26th. The vote came after the introduction of new maps dubbed the "Unified Bipartisan Redistricting Plan" by Sen. Rob McColley (R-Napoleon), and hours after the panel went into a lengthy recess at the conclusion of its fourth and final opportunity for public comment on the prior working version of its redistricting proposal. Co-Chair of the Commission, State Auditor Keith Faber, said the revised Senate plan features 23 districts that favor Republicans, three of which are considered toss-ups, and 10 that favor Democrats, one of which is considered a toss-up, according to prior election results. ([Map](https://davesredistricting.org/maps#viewmap::93f4c07f-286a-4073-8da9-5f1865557f34); [Index](https://www.gongwer-oh.com/public/135Senindex.pdf)) The updated House proposal includes 61 districts that favor Republicans, with three of those considered toss-ups. Democrats have the advantage in 38, with eight of those considered toss-ups. ([Map](https://davesredistricting.org/maps#viewmap::6c57f54e-eee4-4f75-83b8-5f825f6cf9e2); [Index](https://www.gongwer-oh.com/public/135HouseIndex.pdf)) Co-Chair Sen. Nickie Antonio (D-Lakewood) said under the newly approved map, there is "definitely a path" for Senate Democrats to cut into the GOP supermajority by winning 13 seats. After the commission meeting adjourned, Co-Chair Faber told reporters that the intent is for the map to last eight years, but it will ultimately be up to the courts to decide. He went on to add that he commended the commission for showing future commissions a bipartisan way on how to get it done. Pending any legal actions, the new maps will be in place for the 2024 election cycle, and remain effective until 2030.

**Below is a list of legislation we are tracking on your behalf:**

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| **HB2** | **LEGISLATIVE INTENT-STATE FUNDING** (CUTRONA A, UPCHURCH T) To declare the intent of the General Assembly to direct state funds to projects across the state for economic growth and community development. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 2/16/2023 - Referred to Committee House Finance |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-2> |
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| **HB17** | **STATE EMPLOYEE TIKTOK BAN** (SCHMIDT J, SWEARINGEN D) To prohibit state officials, employees, and contractors from using TikTok, WeChat, or any other application or service owned by an entity located in China. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/21/2023 - Referred to Committee Senate Financial Institutions and Technology |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-17> |
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| **HB23** | **TRANSPORTATION BUDGET** (EDWARDS J) To make appropriations for programs related to transportation for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of those programs. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 3/31/2023 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; eff. 3/31/23 |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-23> |
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| **HB31** | **WORKERS' COMPENSATION BUDGET** (EDWARDS J) To make appropriations for the Bureau of Workers' Compensation for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025, to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of the Bureau's programs, to make changes to the Workers' Compensation Law, and to enact a three-day interim budget. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/30/2023 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; eff. immediately |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-31> |
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| **HB32** | **INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION BUDGET** (EDWARDS J) To make appropriations for the Industrial Commission for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of Commission programs. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/30/2023 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; eff. immediately |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-32> |
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| **HB33** | **FY24-25 OPERATING BUDGET** (EDWARDS J) To make operating appropriations for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025, to levy taxes, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 7/3/2023 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; eff. immediately |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-33> |
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| **HB41** | **UTILITY BILLING TRANSPARENCY** (SKINDELL M) To enact "The Consumer Utility Billing Transparency Act" requiring the itemization of all riders, taxes, and other costs on certain utility bills. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 2/16/2023 - Referred to Committee House Public Utilities |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-41> |
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| **HB64** | **EMINENT DOMAIN LAW CHANGES** (KICK D, CREECH R) To modify the law regarding eminent domain. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 5/23/2023 - House Civil Justice, (Fourth Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-64> |
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| **HB93** | **LIMITATIONS ON RECOVERY, LIEN IMPOSITION** (JOHNSON M, MCCLAIN R) Regarding limitations on recovery and lien imposition by municipalities against property owners of non-owner-occupied properties for unpaid water, sewer, and disposal services rates and charges. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/27/2023 - **REPORTED OUT AS AMENDED**, House State and Local Government, (Fifth Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-93> |
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| **HB94** | **RETIREMENT SERVICE CREDIT** (CLICK G, WILLIS B) Regarding transfers or purchases of certain retirement service credit. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 10/3/2023 - House Pensions, (Third Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-94> |
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| **HB96** | **INCREASE MINIMUM WAGE** (JARRELLS D, MOHAMED I) To increase the state minimum wage. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 3/14/2023 - Referred to Committee House Commerce and Labor |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-96> |
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| **HB101** | **VILLAGE DISSOLUTION** (BIRD A, SCHMIDT J) To modify the law regarding village dissolution. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 9/26/2023 - **BILL AMENDED**, Senate Local Government, (Third Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-101> |
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| **HB105** | **MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX RETURNS EXTENSIONS** (THOMAS J) To modify the law regarding extensions for filing municipal income tax returns and to limit penalties for late filings. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 5/31/2023 - Referred to Committee Senate Ways and Means |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-105> |
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| **HB106** | **PAY STUB PROTECTION ACT** (JARRELLS D, LIPPS S) To enact the Pay Stub Protection Act requiring employers to provide earnings and deductions statements to each of the employer's employees. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 9/26/2023 - Senate Small Business and Economic Opportunity, (First Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-106> |
| **HB115** | **EQUAL PAY ACT** (MIRANDA J, BRENT J) To address wage disparities in public and private employment and to name this act the Ohio Equal Pay Act. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 3/22/2023 - Referred to Committee House Commerce and Labor |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-115> |
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| **HB116** | **TAXPAYER DEDUCTIONS** (PETERSON B, CLAGGETT T) To allow taxpayers to deduct in a single year the full bonus depreciation and enhanced expensing allowances the taxpayer deducts for federal income tax purposes. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 5/2/2023 - **REPORTED OUT**, House Ways and Means, (Fourth Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-116> |
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| **HB121** | **REMOTE WORKERS - MODIFIED MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX** (ROBB BLASDEL M, MATHEWS A) To allow businesses with remote workers to use a modified municipal income tax apportionment formula. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/21/2023 - Referred to Committee Senate Ways and Means |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-121> |
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| **HB126** | **TAX EXEMPTION - MILITARY PAY** (MATHEWS A, MILLER A) To expand a municipal income tax exemption for military pay. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 5/23/2023 - House Ways and Means, (Third Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-126> |
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| **HB134** | **REQUIRE NOTICE TO LIENHOLDERS** (DELL'AQUILA R, GALONSKI T) To require notice to lienholders in tax certificate sales. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 4/18/2023 - House Ways and Means, (First Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-134> |
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| **HB153** | **ABANDONED LAND - FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS** (HILLYER B) To limit which abandoned land may be subject to certain expedited foreclosure proceedings. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/20/2023 - House State & Local Government, (Second Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-153> |
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| **HB181** | **RECORDED INSTRUMENTS, POWERS OF ATTORNEY** (HILLYER B, WILLIAMS J) To make various changes regarding recorded instruments, powers of attorney, judgment liens, mortgage subrogation, law enforcement towing laws, and state stock banks, and to make an appropriation. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 10/4/2023 - House Finance, (Second Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-181> |
| **HB187** | **PROPERTY TAX SALES-ASSESSMENT RATIO STUDIES** (HALL T, BIRD A) To modify the procedures used by the Tax Commissioner to conduct property tax sales-assessment ratio studies. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 9/19/2023 - **REPORTED OUT AS AMENDED**, House Ways and Means, (Fifth Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-187> |
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| **HB193** | **BIOSOLID LAGOONS, BIODIGESTION FACILITIES** (MILLER K, LAMPTON B) To establish procedures and requirements governing biosolid lagoons and biodigestion facilities, including granting county and township zoning authority over those lagoons and facilities, and to modify the CAUV eligibility requirements for certain land used to produce biofuels. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/13/2023 - House Agriculture, (First Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-193> |
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| **HB197** | **SOLAR PROGRAMS** (HOOPS J, RAY S) To establish the community solar pilot program and the solar development program. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 9/20/2023 - House Public Utilities, (Second Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-197> |
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| **HB199** | **PERSONAL INCOME TAX JOINT FILER CREDIT** (YOUNG T, DEAN B) To modify the computation of the personal income tax joint filer credit. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 9/19/2023 - House Ways and Means, (Fifth Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-199> |
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| **HB200** | **PASS-THROUGH ENTITY TAXES** (CALLENDER J, YOUNG T) To modify the income tax treatment of income subject to other states' pass-through entity taxes. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/27/2023 - House Ways and Means, (Second Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-200> |
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| **HB203** | **TIMELY PAY OF CONTRACTORS** (ROEMER B, SWEENEY B) To require owners of private construction projects to timely pay contractors. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 10/3/2023 - House Commerce and Labor, (Fourth Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-203> |
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| **HB211** | **PUBLIC COMMENT REQUIREMENTS** (GROSS J) To name this act the Free to Speak Act and to require a public body to permit members of the public to comment or testify about matters of public concern before the public body at its public meeting. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/20/2023 - Referred to Committee House State and Local Government |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-211> |
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| **HB212** | **PROHIBIT FOREIGN ADVERSARIES FROM OWNING REAL PROPERTY** (KING A, KLOPFENSTEIN R) To prohibit foreign adversaries and certain businesses from owning real property in Ohio and to name this act the Ohio Property Protection Act. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/20/2023 - Referred to Committee House Civil Justice |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-212> |
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| **HB226** | **CUSTOMER-OWNED WATER SERVICE LINES** (ROBB BLASDEL M, JARRELLS D) To permit water-works companies to bear the costs for replacing certain customer-owned water service lines. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 9/12/2023 - Referred to Committee House Public Utilities |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-226> |
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| **HB237** | **LAW CHANGES-VEHICLE TYPES** (MILLER K, PLUMMER P) To make changes to the laws governing all-purpose vehicles, off-highway motorcycles, snowmobiles, utility vehicles, and mini-trucks. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 10/4/2023 - House Homeland Security, (Second Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-237> |
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| **HB241** | **VACANT POLICE POSITION HIRING** (MILLER J, MILLER K) Regarding filling a vacant police department position without a competitive examination. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 10/4/2023 - House Homeland Security, (Second Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-241> |
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| **HB254** | **HOMESTEAD TAX EXEMPTION - DISABLED VETERANS** (RICHARDSON T, HOLMES A) To expand and enhance the homestead property tax exemption for disabled veterans. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 9/12/2023 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-254> |
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| **HB257** | **VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR PUBLIC BODIES** (HOOPS J, CLAGGETT T) To authorize certain public bodies to meet virtually, and to declare an emergency. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 10/3/2023 - House Government Oversight, (First Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-257> |
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| **HB263** | **PROPERTY TAX FREEZE** (ISAACSOHN D, HALL T) To authorize a property tax freeze for certain owner-occupied homes. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 10/3/2023 - House Ways and Means, (First Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-263> |
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| **HB265** | **EXEMPTIONS FOR PUBLIC RECORDS LAW** (WIGGAM S, HALL T) To exempt redaction request forms, affidavits, and the records of the work schedules of designated public service workers from disclosure under public records law. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 9/26/2023 - Referred to Committee House Civil Justice |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-265> |
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| **HB280** | **LEAD TESTING** (THOMAS J, DEMETRIOU S) To revise the law governing lead testing, certification, and tax credits. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 9/26/2023 - Introduced |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-280> |
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| **HCR4** | **TRAINS - HAZARDOUS MATERIALS** (BIRD A, PLUMMER P) To urge the United States Congress to pass legislation requiring railroad companies and the U.S. Department of Transportation to inform local and state government officials when trains carrying potentially hazardous materials travel through their respective jurisdictions. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 3/14/2023 - House Government Oversight, (First Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HCR-4> |
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| **HJR1** | **REQUIRE 60 PERCENT VOTE-CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT** (STEWART B) Proposing to amend Sections 1b, 1e, and 1g of Article II and Sections 1 and 3 of Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to require a vote of at least 60% of the electors to approve any constitutional amendment and to modify the procedures for an initiative petition proposing a constitutional amendment. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 4/19/2023 - **REPORTED OUT**, House Constitutional Resolutions, (Third Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HJR-1> |
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| **HR33** | **TRAINS - HAZARDOUS MATERIALS** (ROBB BLASDEL M, MCNALLY L) To urge the United States Congress to pass legislation requiring railroad companies to inform local and state government officials when trains carrying potentially hazardous materials travel through their respective jurisdictions. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 3/23/2023 - **ADOPTED BY HOUSE**; Amended on Floor, Resolution Vote 94-1 |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HR-33> |
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| **HR108** | **URGE CONGRESS - CREATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK** (GRIM M, BRENNAN S) To urge the United States Congress to create a National Infrastructure Bank to finance urgently needed infrastructure projects. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 4/25/2023 - Referred to Committee House Infrastructure |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HR-108> |
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| **SB3** | **COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROGRAM** (SCHURING K) To create the Ohio Community Revitalization Program, authorizing nonrefundable income tax credits for undertaking community projects. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 1/17/2023 - Referred to Committee Senate Ways and Means |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-SB-3> |
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| **SB10** | **INTERNAL REVENUE CODE CHANGES** (BLESSING III L) To amend section 5701.11 of the Revised Code and to amend Sections 225.12, 265.10, 265.20, and 701.10 of H.B. 45 of the 134th General Assembly to expressly incorporate changes in the Internal Revenue Code since February 17, 2022, into Ohio law, to make changes to the Emergency Rental Assistance program, to revise an existing earmark, to modify the requirements for a temporary arts economic relief grant program, and to declare an emergency. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 3/15/2023 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; eff. immediately |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-SB-10> |
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| **SB23** | **PURCHASING AUTHORITY-CONSTRUCTION SERVICES** (LANG G) To expand political subdivision joint purchasing authority to expressly include purchases for construction services. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 4/19/2023 - **REPORTED OUT**, Senate Government Oversight, (Fourth Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-SB-23> |
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| **SB47** | **LEAVE USE PROHIBITION-UNION ACTIVITIES** (HUFFMAN S) To prohibit a public employer from providing paid leave or compensation for a public employee to engage in certain union activities. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 2/8/2023 - Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-SB-47> |
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| **SB85** | **SEWER DISCOUNTED RATE ELIGIBILITY** (INGRAM C) To expand eligibility for county sewer discounted rates or charges. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/28/2023 - Senate Local Government, (First Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-SB-85> |
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| **SB87** | **ELECTIONS-STATE LEGAL HOLIDAY** (SMITH K) To establish the day of each general election as a legal holiday for which government employees receive paid leave. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 3/23/2023 - Referred to Committee Senate General Government |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-SB-87> |
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| **SB88** | **AGGRAVATED MENACING EXPANSION-UTILITIES** (SMITH K, CIRINO J) To expand the offense of aggravated menacing to prohibit threatening a utility worker, cable operator worker, or broadband worker with intent to obstruct the operation of a utility. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 5/9/2023 - Senate Judiciary, (Second Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-SB-88> |
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| **SB91** | **PUBLIC FUNDS ABUSE, WASTE** (SCHAFFER T) Regarding fraud, waste, and abuse of public funds. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 9/12/2023 - Referred to Committee House Government Oversight |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-SB-91> |
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| **SB94** | **STATE TREASURER, JUDICIAL PRACTICES** (BRENNER A, LANDIS A) To make various changes regarding the Treasurer of State, recorded instruments, powers of attorney, judgment liens, mortgage subrogation, law enforcement towing laws, and state stock banks, and to make an appropriation. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 5/23/2023 - **BILL AMENDED**, Senate Financial Institutions and Technology, (Second Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-SB-94> |
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| **SB96** | **LABOR LAW NOTICES-POSTING** (LANG G, WILSON S) To allow employers to post certain labor law notices on the internet. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 10/3/2023 - Senate Workforce and Higher Education, (Third Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-SB-96> |
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| **SB113** | **MSSS REQUIREMENT-PUBLIC OFFICE** (HOAGLAND F) To prohibit a person who fails to comply with the Military Selective Service System from holding a public office or employment with the state. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 9/13/2023 - Re-Referred to Committee |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-SB-113> |
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| **SB116** | **UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION LAW CHANGES** (LANG G, ROMANCHUK M) To make changes to Ohio's Unemployment Compensation Law. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/7/2023 - Senate Insurance, (Third Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-SB-116> |
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| **SB119** | **WASTE DISPOSAL LAW CHANGES** (REINEKE W) To make changes to the laws governing the transfer and disposal of solid waste and construction and demolition debris, including increasing certain fees. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 10/4/2023 - House Energy and Natural Resources, (First Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-SB-119> |
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| **SB120** | **TIF PAYMENTS-LAND BANKS** (SCHURING K) To allow a portion of tax increment financing service payments to be designated for use by land banks. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 5/17/2023 - Referred to Committee Senate Ways and Means |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-SB-120> |
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| **SB123** | **PUBLIC UTILITY REGULATION EXEMPTIONS** (BRENNER A) To exempt from regulation as a public utility certain persons or entities providing utility related services after the metered point of delivery. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/20/2023 - Senate Energy and Public Utilities, (First Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-SB-123> |
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| **SB156** | **LAW CHANGES-RIVER DESIGNATION** (REINEKE W, HACKETT R) To revise the law governing the designation of wild, scenic, and recreational rivers. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 9/26/2023 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED**, Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources, (First Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-SB-156> |
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| **SB158** | **MUNICIPAL FUNDS DISBURSEMENT** (CIRINO J) Regarding the disbursement of municipal funds by residents and to declare an emergency. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 9/27/2023 - **PASSED BY SENATE**; Vote 25-6, Emergency Clause 25-6 |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-SB-158> |
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| **SJR2** | **CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE-60 PERCENT REQUIREMENT** (MCCOLLEY R, GAVARONE T) Proposing to amend Sections 1b, 1e, and 1g of Article II and Sections 1 and 3 of Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to require a vote of at least 60% of the electors to approve any constitutional amendment. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 5/10/2023 - Consideration of House Amendments; Senate Does Concur, Vote 26-7 |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-SJR-2> |
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