

**Coalition of Ohio Regional Districts  
*Legislative Report – October 2023***

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**Ohio Water Development Authority**

The Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) recently [announced](https://www.owda.org/docs/documents/1073/OWDA_SEPTEMBER_2023_Press_Release.pdf) that it awarded $90.6 million through low interest loans to Ohio communities to improve wastewater and drinking water infrastructure and make water quality improvements. OWDA funded 10 projects with the funding that will provide improvements and replace aging infrastructure. OWDA said the awarded projects received an interest rate ranging from 1.75 percent to 4.20 percent. OWDA also recently awarded six Research and Development Grant projects totaling $863,406.50. The projects, recommended by the Research and Development Committee, were approved for projects addressing issues related to wastewater, drinking water, water resource management, and solid waste management. A full list of the projects can be found [here](https://www.owda.org/docs/documents/1098/Exhibit%20A.pdf).

**Water Quality Improvement Project Grants**

The Ohio EPA recently announced that approximately $2.7 million in available grant money for local governments, park districts, soil & water conservation districts, and other public organizations for projects that improve and protect water quality and resources in Ohio. The grant funding is made available through Section 319 of the federal Clean Water Act. Many communities use these funds to implement agricultural nutrient reduction or water management practices (such as field drainage water management, saturated buffers, wetland treatment systems, and conservation ditches), stream restoration, and stormwater quality retrofits. The application and request for proposals are available on Ohio EPA’s [website](https://epa.ohio.gov/divisions-and-offices/surface-water/financial-assistance/319-grants), and applications will be accepted through November 9, 2023.

**October H2Ohio Updates**

Governor DeWine’s H2Ohio Initiative announced several updates over the past few weeks including the opening of enrollment for projects, a groundbreaking ceremony for a new project, and new educational opportunities. Most recently, the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) announced a new round of H2Ohio open enrollment for producers in the 14 counties of the Maumee River Watershed project area. Producers in Allen, Auglaize, Defiance, Fulton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Lucas, Mercer, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert, Williams, and Wood counties re eligible to enroll or re-enroll acreage into proven, science-based, best management practices (BMPs) that contribute toward improving water quality in Lake Erie and other bodies of water. To better suit producers’ needs and address unintended hurdles of the program, ODA has improved H2Ohio program delivery, including streamlined BMPs and updated incentives. Additionally, a new management software, MyFarms, will help producers and their advisors with the creation of VNMPs and with H2Ohio’s enrollment, certification, and verification processes. [SWCDs](https://h2.ohio.gov/h2ohio-producer-informational-meetings-2023/) are now hosting informational sessions for producers to learn more and sign up.

Also in October, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) and the University of Toledo held a groundbreaking ceremony for a new H2Ohio project to restore wetland and stream channels. The University of Toledo Center for Alumni and Donor Engagement (CADE) project will improve the flow of water to filter runoff more effectively before it enters the Ottawa River and eventually Lake Erie. The University of Toledo was awarded an H2Ohio grant of $2,229,188 in 2022 for the project. In addition to lowering the floodplain elevation and removing invasive vegetation, crews will install stream enhancement structures, such as log barriers, to allow the water to pool in floodplains longer before flowing out to the river. Further excavation and repair work to the banks of the channel will also prevent erosion. ODNR also joined the Otsego Local School District and the Black Swamp Conservancy for a ribbon cutting to celebrate the Otsego Schools’ Fox-Shank Living Laboratory Project. Under this H2Ohio Initiative, students will have the unique opportunity to learn about ecology and water quality at a restored wetland in northwest Ohio. The project, which received a total of $443,000, restored 16 acres of previously farmed land in Wood County. The result boasts two and a half acres of riparian, or wooded, habitat and eight acres of wetland habitat. The wetland will help capture runoff, including the nutrients that fuel the growth of harmful algal blooms, within the 13 square miles of watershed.

**Community Development Block Grant Allocation Program**

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine, Lt. Governor Jon Husted, and Ohio Department of Development (DOD) Director Lydia Mihalik recently announced that 51 communities across the state will receive more than $10.6 million in [allocations](https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/OHIOGOVERNOR/2023/10/05/file_attachments/2638113/Oct2023%20Allocation%20List.pdf) to support community development projects. The projects are funded by the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Allocation Program. This funding will assist communities in completing a variety of infrastructure improvements and public services aimed at spurring economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents. Eligible projects funded through this program can include water and sewer line replacements, street repairs, sidewalk improvements, parks and recreation facilities, and community centers. Public service projects can include funding for programs such as Meals on Wheels, health and wellness, and housing and homelessness assistance.

**Legislative Update – House Bill 257**

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| [HB 257](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/135/hb257) | **Administrative Procedure** ([Hoops, J.](https://www.gongwer-oh.com/directories/bio.cfm?nameid=28702), [Claggett, T.](https://www.gongwer-oh.com/directories/bio.cfm?nameid=289702)) To authorize certain public bodies to meet virtually. CONTINUED-AMENDED (Current Status: 3rd Hearing in the House Government Oversight Committee - 10/31/2023) |

The Ohio House Government Oversight Committee began hearings on HB 257 this October. The bill, sponsored by State Reps. Jim Hoops (R-Napoleon) and Thad Claggett (R-Newark), would allow certain public bodies to meet virtually by means of teleconference, video conference, or any other similar electronic technology. During sponsor testimony, Rep. Hoops said the legislation was originally going to have a list of bodies that would be permitted to meet virtually, but realized that could be a long list and would require an amount of unnecessary housekeeping as new committees and organizations are formed. Instead, the legislation includes a list of public bodies that will be excluded from participating in public meetings at this time. The bill requires public bodies to adopt a policy before holding a virtual meeting, and that policy must specify that notification of a meeting must come in advance of the meeting, how the meeting can be accessed by the public and members of the board, and require all votes to be taken by a roll call vote. The bill has received three hearings so far and has already undergone several changes. Some of the changes that have been made by the committee include definitions, clarifications on how to report roll calls and votes, public participation, removing an emergency clause originally put in the bill, and more.

**Leadership Updates**

There were several changes to various leadership positions in state government for the month of October. Most recently, Governor DeWine named Jessica Voltolini as the interim head of the new Department of Education & Workforce (DEW), which was created through the state operating budget (HB 33). Voltolini previously served at the former Department of Education in various roles in the past including as the director of policy and legislative affairs and assistant legal counsel and most recently as chief of staff.

Gov. DeWine also nominated Mike Duffey to lead the Department of Higher Education (ODHE). Duffey, who is currently Senior Vice Chancellor at ODHE, will succeed Chancellor Randy Gardner when he retires at the end of the year. Additionally, over the summer Gov. DeWine appointed Kara Wente to serve as the Director of the newly created Department of Children and Youth. Previously, Wente has served as the Director of the Governor’s Children’s Initiative since January 2023.

In the Ohio House of Representatives, there is currently a vacant seat in House District 32. The district, located in Summit County, has been left vacant since the beginning of the month when former State Rep. Bob Young (R-North Canton) resigned after facing misdemeanor domestic violence charges. The Summit County Republican Party Executive Committee has recommended the appointment of New Franklin Councilman Jack Daniels to replace Young. Ohio House Speaker Jason Stephens (R-Kitts Hill), however, has made several comments on waiting a while longer to fill the position.

Also this month, the Great Lakes Commission (GLC) elected ODNR Director Mary Mertz to serve as the organization's chair. Mertz is the first Ohio leader to be named chair of the Great Lakes Commission since Sam Speck, who died earlier this year, served in the position from 2002-2004. The Great Lakes Commission is a binational government agency that includes leaders from state and local agencies in the U.S. and Canada. The group was established in 1955 with the task of protecting the economies and ecosystems of the Great Lakes. The GLC recommends policies and practices to "balance the use, development, and conservation of the water resources of the Great Lakes and brings the region together to work on issues that no single community, state, province, or nation can tackle alone."

**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> |
| **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:*** | 10/10/2023 - **BILL AMENDED**, Senate Local Government, (Fourth 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> |
| **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> |
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| **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:*** | 10/31/2023 - House State and Local Government, (Third Hearing) |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-153> |
| **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:*** | 10/11/2023 - House Finance, (Third Hearing) |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-181> |
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| **HB187** | **PROCEDURES FOR PROPERTY TAX VALUES** (HALL T, BIRD A) To modify the procedures used to value real property for tax purposes and to abate property taxes on certain municipal and community improvement corporation property. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 10/11/2023 - **PASSED BY HOUSE**; Vote 58-26 |
|  | ***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:*** | 10/31/2023 - House Agriculture, (Second 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:*** | 10/10/2023 - **REPORTED OUT**, House Commerce and Labor, (Fifth Hearing) |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-203> |
| **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:*** | 10/25/2023 - House Homeland Security, (Third Hearing) |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-237> |
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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:*** | 10/31/2023 - House Government Oversight, (Third 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:*** | 10/25/2023 - House Civil Justice, (First Hearing) |
|  | ***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:*** | 10/31/2023 - House Ways and Means, (Second Hearing) |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-280> |
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| **HB304** | **CREATE STATE, MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION** (HALL T, MILLER M) To create the State and Municipal Government Commission. | |
|  | ***Current Status:*** | 10/24/2023 - Referred to Committee House State and Local Government |
|  | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-304> |
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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:*** | 10/24/2023 - Referred to Committee House Commerce and Labor |
|  | ***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:*** | 10/24/2023 - Referred to Committee House Armed Services and Veterans Affairs |
|  | ***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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| **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:*** | 10/10/2023 - House Government Oversight, (Second Hearing) |
|  | ***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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