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**June in Ohio: News to Know**

From the conclusion of Governor DeWine’s special session to the passage of capital budget legislation for FY 25-26, June has proved to be a busy month for politics in Ohio. Below is a succinct summary of legislative news and important updates regarding the upcoming General Election in November.

**135th General Assembly Special Session Comes to a Conclusion**

On Sunday, June 2, 2024, Governor Mike DeWine signed House Bill 1 and House Bill 2 into law, both of which made it to the governor’s desk as a result of the 135th General Assembly’s Special Session deliberations. HB 1, sponsored by State Representative Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati), modifies the campaign finance law regarding foreign nationals and ballot issues. HB 2, sponsored by House Representative David Dobos (R-Columbus), delays the deadline for a major political party to certify its presidential and vice-presidential candidates to the Secretary of State for the 2024 general election. Special Session legislation will take effect on Saturday, August 31, 2024—90 days after Governor DeWine signed the bills.

**November Election: Voter Purge Information**

In other Ohio news, Secretary of State Frank LaRose published [a list of over 150,000 inactive voter registrations](https://registrationreadiness.ohiosos.gov/)  who are eligible to be removed, or purged, from the Statewide Voter Registration Database. LaRose said that those on the list “are eligible for removal under the law because records show they’re no longer residing or active at the registered address for at least the last four consecutive years.” County boards of elections must complete their voter purge by July 22, 2024. To ensure that someone is able to vote in Ohio’s 2024 general election on November 5th, the following steps can be taken:

* Confirm or update voter registration at [VoteOhio.gov](https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/) by mail or in-person at your local county board of elections.
* Update or confirm your address with your county board of elections.
* Submit an absentee ballot application.

**State Senator Rulli Heads to U.S. Congress**

On Tuesday, June 11, 2024, voters in Ohio’s 6th Congressional District elected State Senator Michael Rulli (R-Salem) to be their next congressman, filling the district’s vacant seat after former GOP U.S. Representative Bill Johnson resigned late last year to become president of Youngstown State University. Although turnout was low--with just 59,689 (about 11%) of the 6th District's 532,899 registered voters casting ballots--Rulli won nearly 55% of the votes in the district, according to [Secretary of State Frank LaRose](https://www.gongwer-oh.com/directories/bio.cfm?nameid=111202)'s office. Rulli was officially sworn in as the U.S. House representative for Ohio’s 6th Congressional District on Tuesday, June 25, 2024, to fulfill the remainder of former Rep. Bill Johnson's term. The 6th District’s seat will be up for another election in November, with Rulli anticipated to run against Democratic candidate Michael Kripchak, an Air Force veteran.

**Changes in the Ohio Statehouse**

In light of former State Sen. Rulli’s election to the U.S. House of Representatives, Senate President Matt Huffman (R-Lima) explained that because Rulli was less than two years into his term, his state senatorial seat will have to go on the November ballot. GOP county chairs for Carroll, Columbiana and Mahoning counties picked former State Representative Al Cutrona (R-Canfield) to replace Rulli on the ballot. On Wednesday, June 26, 2024, Cutrona was officially appointed to Rulli’s seat in the Ohio Senate for the remainder of the 135th General Assembly.

With Sen. Cutrona joining the Senate, Cutrona's House seat remains open, and a ballot replacement will be needed for the 59th House District in November. The Mahoning County Republican party said the process of choosing that replacement will begin in the near future. The ballot replacement will face Beloit Councilwoman Laura Schaeffer in November.

On Wednesday, June 26, 2024, House Republicans voted unanimously to seat Representative Tex Fischer--founder of Republican consulting firm H&F Strategies LLC and a first vice chair of the Mahoning County Republican Party--to replace the vacant House seat for the remainder of Cutrona’s term. Rep. Tex Fisher thanked colleagues for their support saying, "I'm looking forward to working with all of you. Let's get to work."

In other news, Ohio House Speaker Jason Stephens (R-Kitts Hill) named Speaker Pro Tem Scott Oelslager (R-North Canton) as the temporary chair of the House Health Provider Services Committee. Senator Shane Wilkin (R-Hillsboro) will succeed Rulli as the new chair of the Senate General Government Committee.

**State Capital Budget FY 25-26**

Lastly, the Ohio House and Senate made a coordinated effort this month to complete work on a comprehensive capital budget package before legislators break for the summer. The capital budget legislation (**HB 2**) entails about $3.5 billion in new capital appropriations, $2 billion in reappropriations for previously authorized ongoing capital projects, $700 million in special One-Time Strategic Community Investment Fund (OTSCIF) initiatives, and $150 million for community projects. The final version of the bill resulted in a $6.2 billion spending package, making it the largest capital appropriations measure in state history.

On Wednesday, June 26, 2024, **HB 2** was passed by the Senate (30-1) with the House concurring (90-5) during their respective sessions. The legislation also included an emergency clause, which passed in both the Senate (30-1) and the House (89-5). Now, the bill awaits Governor DeWine’s signature. Once signed, the emergency clause dictates that the law becomes effective immediately.

**Legislative Updates**

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| [HB](https://legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/135/sb91) 257 | **Virtual Meetings** (Hoops, Claggett) |

CORD testified in support of HB 257, the bill that would allow governmental entities, including 6119 districts, to meet virtually. On June 25, the Senate Government Oversight Committee had its second hearing on the bill and heard proponent testimony from around ten different organizations, including CORD, in support of having a virtual meeting option.

To review the testimony, please [follow this link.](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/135/hb257/committee)

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

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| **HB2** | **STATE FUNDING-CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS** (CUTRONA A, UPCHURCH T) To provide authorization and conditions for the operation of certain state programs, to make capital appropriations and reappropriations for the biennium ending June 30, 2026, to make other appropriations, and to declare an emergency. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/26/2024 - Consideration of Senate Amendments; House Does Concur, Vote 90-5; Emergency Clause 89-5 |
|   | ***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:*** | 1/24/2024 - Consideration of Governor's Veto; Senate Overrides Veto, Vote 24-8 |
|   | ***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:*** | 4/24/2024 - House Public Utilities, (First Hearing) |
|   | ***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:*** | 2/6/2024 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED**, House Civil Justice, (Fifth 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:*** | 5/21/2024 - Senate Local Government, (First 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:*** | 6/25/2024 - House Commerce and Labor, (First Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-96> |
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| **HB101** | **APPROPRIATIONS, STATE PROGRAM OPERATIONS** (BIRD A) To make appropriations and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs, and to amend the versions of sections 2950.11, 3301.53, and 3301.55 of the Revised Code that are scheduled to take effect January 1, 2025, to continue the provisions of this act on and after that effective date. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 1/30/2024 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; eff. Immediately |
|   | ***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:*** | 4/9/2024 - Senate Small Business and Economic Opportunity, (Second 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:*** | 5/7/2024 - House Commerce and Labor, (First Hearing) |
|   | ***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> |
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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:*** | 10/11/2023 - 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 make changes to the law governing real property valuation and tax complaints, to temporarily modify the computation of the homestead exemption, to abate property taxes on certain municipal and community improvement corporation property, to make an appropriation, and to declare an emergency. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 12/6/2023 - **PASSED BY SENATE**; Vote 31-0, Emergency Clause 29-2 |
|   | ***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:*** | 5/22/2024 - **BILL AMENDED**, House Public Utilities, (Seventh 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:*** | 6/26/2024 - Senate Workforce and Higher Education, (First 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:*** | 6/25/2024 - **BILL AMENDED**, House State and Local Government, (First Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-211> |
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| **HB212** | **PROPERTY PROTECTION ACT** (KING A, KLOPFENSTEIN R) To extend the law that prohibits certain governments, businesses, and individuals from acquiring agricultural land to certain other property and to name this act the Ohio Property Protection Act. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/4/2024 - House Civil Justice, (Fourth Hearing) |
|   | ***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:*** | 6/26/2024 - **PASSED BY SENATE**; Vote 31-0 |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-226> |
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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:*** | 12/5/2023 - House Ways and Means, (Third Hearing) |
|   | ***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. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/26/2024 - Senate Government Oversight, (Second 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:*** | 2/6/2024 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED**, House Ways and Means, (Fourth 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:*** | 6/26/2024 - Senate Judiciary, (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:*** | 4/23/2024 - **BILL AMENDED**, House Ways and Means, (Third 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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| **HB315** | **TOWNSHIP LAW CHANGES** (HALL T, SEITZ B) To make various township law changes and to make an appropriation. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/26/2024 - **PASSED BY HOUSE**; Vote 93-0 |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-315> |
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| **HB319** | **CONSCIENTIOUS RIGHT TO REFUSE ACT** (GROSS J, WIGGAM S) To prohibit discrimination against an individual for the refusal of certain medical interventions for reasons of conscience, including religious convictions, and to name this act the Conscientious Right to Refuse Act. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/11/2024 - House Health Provider Services, (Second Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-319> |
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| **HB327** | **REQUIRE CERTAIN CONTRACTORS TO USE E-VERIFY** (WIGGAM S) To require government contractors, private nonresidential contractors, and certain employers to use E-verify. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/25/2024 - Referred to Committee Senate General Government |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-327> |
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| **HB331** | **VILLAGE DISSOLUTION** (MATHEWS A, YOUNG T) To modify the law regarding village dissolution. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/25/2024 - Referred to Committee Senate Local Government |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-331> |
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| **HB349** | **NATURAL GAS PIPELINES** (BARHORST T, JONES D) To authorize the creation of areas within which incentives are available to encourage the development of natural gas pipelines and other infrastructure and to make an appropriation. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/26/2024 - **PASSED BY HOUSE**; Vote 63-33 |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-349> |
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| **HB370** | **STATE HIGHWAYS IN VILLAGES, CITIES** (EDWARDS J) To clarify and amend the laws related to the Director of Transportation's responsibilities for state highways located in villages and cities. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/26/2024 - **PASSED BY HOUSE**; Vote 96-0 |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-370> |
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| **HB406** | **BLOCKCHAIN BASICS ACT** (DEMETRIOU S) To prohibit certain state and local government actions respecting digital asset mining, to exempt certain digital currency transactions from state and local income taxes, to prohibit local charges on digital assets, to require the state retirement systems to evaluate certain digital asset investments, and to name this act the Ohio Blockchain Basics Act. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 5/21/2024 - House Financial Institutions, (First Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-406> |
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| **HB426** | **STORMWATER AWARENESS WEEK** (PETERSON B, KLOPFENSTEIN R) To designate the first week of October as "Stormwater Awareness Week." |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/11/2024 - House State and Local Government, (First Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-426> |
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| **HB469** | **CREATE RIVER COMMISSION** (ROBB BLASDEL M, JONES D) To create the Ohio River Commission of Ohio. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/25/2024 - House Economic and Workforce Development, (First Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-469> |
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| **HB491** | **STATE, LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE DATABASE REQUIREMENTS** (YOUNG T, PETERSON B) To require a political subdivision or state retirement system to provide information on expenditures to the Treasurer of State for inclusion in the Ohio State and Local Government Expenditure Database. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/11/2024 - House State and Local Government, (Second Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-491> |
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| **HB507** | **LEGAL SAFE HARBOR FOR POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS** (HILLYER B) To extend legal safe harbor to political subdivisions that implement a specified cybersecurity program. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/26/2024 - House Technology and Innovation, (Second Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-507> |
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| **HB519** | **CLEAN OHIO FUND** (HALL T, SWEENEY B) To restore the Clean Ohio Fund to be administered by the Department of Development and the Clean Ohio Council. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/20/2024 - House Finance, (First Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-519> |
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| **HB534** | **LEAD LINE REPLACEMENT PROGRAMS** (JARRELLS D) To establish a program regarding lead service line replacement and to name this act the Lead Line Replacement Act. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 5/21/2024 - Referred to Committee House Energy and Natural Resources |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-534> |
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| **HB568** | **CREATE HEALTHY SOILS TASK FORCE** (BRENT J, DEAN B) To create the Healthy Soils Task Force. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/4/2024 - House Agriculture, (First Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-568> |
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| **HB573** | **INCREASE TAX REVENUE ALLOCATED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND** (ROBINSON P, BRENT J) To increase the proportion of state tax revenue allocated to the Local Government Fund from 1.7% to 3.68% beginning July 1, 2026. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 5/21/2024 - Referred to Committee House Finance |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-573> |
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| **HB598** | **EXEMPT PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT FROM INCOME TAX** (ROBINSON P) To exempt retirement income of public safety personnel from state income tax and to reimburse the Local Government Fund and Public Library Fund for resulting revenue losses. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 5/21/2024 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-598> |
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| **HB616** | **WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS** (CLAGGETT T) To allow for the creation of water improvement districts and to declare an emergency. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/11/2024 - Referred to Committee House State and Local Government |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-616> |
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| **HB629** | **CAPITAL BUDGET** (EDWARDS J) To amend Sections 307.80 and 423.120 of H.B. 33 of the 135th General Assembly to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of certain state programs, to make capital appropriations and reappropriations for the biennium ending June 30, 2026, to make other appropriations, and to declare an emergency. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/20/2024 - **BILL AMENDED**, House Finance, (Second Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-629> |
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| **HB635** | **WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION** (SWEARINGEN D) To re-establish the Water and Sewer Commission and the Water and Sewer Fund. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/25/2024 - Referred to Committee House State and Local Government |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-635> |
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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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| **HCR14** | **URGE CONGRESS - ENACT GREAT LAKES RESTORATION INITIATIVE** (PATTON T, SKINDELL M) To urge the United States Congress to enact the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Act of 2024. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/26/2024 - **ADOPTED BY HOUSE**; Vote 97-0 |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HCR-14> |
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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 and to prohibit the expenditure of local tax revenues upon a vote of residents or without an appropriation. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 12/28/2023 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; eff. 90 days |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-SB-91> |
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| **SB94** | **MORTGAGE, JUDICIAL PRACTICES, TOWING** (BRENNER A, LANDIS A) To make various changes regarding recorded instruments, powers of attorney, judgment liens, mortgage subrogation, law enforcement towing laws, state stock banks, liquor control laws, motor vehicle sales and leases, designation of public depositories, community reinvestment areas, motor vehicle certificates of title, and higher education cost and aid disclosure forms; to provide for the electronic filing of pleadings or documents in courts of common pleas except a probate or juvenile court; in municipal courts, and in county courts, to permit an elected clerk to disburse funds for the computerization of the clerk's office without the court's authorization; to permit municipal and county courts to increase the maximum amount of their additional fees from ten dollars to twenty dollars to cover the computerization of the clerk's office; to enact the "CAMPUS" Act regarding the prevention of harassment and intimidation at institutions of higher education; to establish campus safety and community programs; to provide additional funding to support responsibilities of the Chancellor of Higher Education related to educator preparation programs and the science of reading; and to make appropriations. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/26/2024 - Consideration of House Amendments; Senate Does Concur, Vote 30-1 |
|   | ***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:*** | 6/11/2024 - **REPORTED OUT**, House Commerce and Labor, (Fourth 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:*** | 6/11/2024 - House Armed Services and Veterans Affairs, (Second Hearing) |
|   | ***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:*** | 6/25/2024 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED**, Senate Energy and Public Utilities, (Second 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 and to revise boating law to encourage boating safety. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/26/2024 - Consideration of House Amendments; Senate Does Concur, Vote 31-0 |
|   | ***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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| **SB185** | **PUBLIC SERVICE WORKERS-RECORDS EXEMPTION** (LANDIS A) 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:*** | 1/24/2024 - Senate Government Oversight, (First Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-SB-185> |
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| **SB226** | **EXTENDING PROPERTY PROTECTION LAWS** (JOHNSON T) To extend the law that prohibits certain governments, businesses, and individuals from acquiring agricultural land to certain other property and to name this act the Ohio Property Protection Act. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/26/2024 - **PASSED BY SENATE**; Vote 30-1 |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-SB-226> |
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| **SB227** | **CONSUMER UTILITY BILLING TRANSPARENCY** (SMITH K) To enact "The Consumer Utility Billing Transparency Act" requiring the itemization of all riders, taxes, and other costs on certain utility bills. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 2/28/2024 - Referred to Committee Senate Energy and Public Utilities |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-SB-227> |
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| **SB235** | **DESIGNATE PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK** (SYKES V, KUNZE S) To designate the first full week in May "Public Service Recognition Week." |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/25/2024 - Senate General Government, (First Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-SB-235> |
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| **SB237** | **ENACT UNIFORM PUBLIC EXPRESSION PROTECTION ACT** (GAVARONE T, MANNING N) To enact the Uniform Public Expression Protection Act relating to legal actions concerning protected speech. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/18/2024 - Referred to Committee House Civil Justice |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-SB-237> |
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| **SB243** | **INTENT TO ADDRESS ZONING REGULATIONS** (REYNOLDS M, CRAIG H) To declare the General Assembly's intent to enact legislation addressing local zoning regulations that impede the development of housing in this state. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 4/24/2024 - Referred to Committee Senate Select Committee on Housing |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-SB-243> |
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| **SB244** | **PROPERTY TAX-RESIDENTIAL STABILITY ZONES** (REYNOLDS M, CRAIG H) To authorize local governments to create residential stability zones where homeowners may qualify for a partial property tax exemption. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/25/2024 - Senate Ways and Means, (Second Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-SB-244> |
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| **SB246** | **RENAME DEPARTMENT TO HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT** (REYNOLDS M, CRAIG H) To rename the Department of Development the Department of Housing and Development and to otherwise modify the law related to housing, and to amend the versions of sections 3742.32 and 5104.30 of the Revised Code that are scheduled to take effect January 1, 2025, to continue the changes after that date. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 4/24/2024 - Referred to Committee Senate General Government |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-SB-246> |
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| **SB249** | **ASSISTANCE GRANTS-HOUSING COSTS** (REYNOLDS M, CRAIG H) To provide grants to qualifying applicants for mortgage, property tax, and utility bill assistance. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 4/24/2024 - Referred to Committee Senate General Government |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-SB-249> |
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| **SB286** | **CREATE OHIO RIVER COMMISSION** (WILKIN S) To create the Ohio River Commission. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/25/2024 - Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources, (First Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-SB-286> |
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| **SB288** | **SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS-BIENNIUM ENDING 2025** (DOLAN M) To make certain supplemental operating appropriations for the biennium ending June 30, 2025. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/12/2024 - Senate Finance, (Second Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-SB-288> |
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| **SB292** | **CAPITAL BUDGET** (DOLAN M) To amend Sections 307.80 and 423.120 of H.B. 33 of the 135th General Assembly to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of certain state programs, to make capital appropriations and reappropriations for the biennium ending June 30, 2026, to make other appropriations, and to declare an emergency. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/25/2024 - Referred to Committee Senate Finance |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-SB-292> |
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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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