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**August in Ohio: News to Know**

From the announcement of a new ODOT Director to the introduction of virtual IDs, notable changes have taken place throughout the month of August. At the statehouse, the Ohio Senate has officially set their lame duck schedule. Additionally, the Ohio House announced new committee chairs and committee assignments. To wrap up this month’s news, the details of how Ohio faired in the first month of FY 2025 were revealed by OBM’s monthly financial revenue report.

**Senate Sets Lame Duck Schedule, House Not Yet Released**

The Ohio Senate released a schedule for the rest of 2024 that includes five voting sessions. The House has yet to release its second half schedule.

The Senate’s schedule outlines committee meetings on Tuesdays and chamber sessions on Wednesdays to occur from the week after the November election to the week before Christmas, skipping Thanksgiving week.

Specifically, sessions will take place Wednesday, **Nov. 13**; Wednesday, **Nov. 20**; Wednesday, **Dec. 4**; Wednesday, **Dec. 11**; and Wednesday, **Dec. 18**.

**House Assigns New Committee Chairs and Assignments**

On July 29, 2024, the House made new chair appointments and committee assignments for the latest member to join the chamber, Rep. Tex Fischer (R-Youngstown).

Rep. Fischer was appointed as a member of the House Transportation Committee, House Technology and Innovation Committee, House Aviation Committee, and House Infrastructure Committee.

Rep. DJ Swearingen (R-Huron) is the new chair of the House Health Provider Services Committee. Rep. Monica Robb Blasdel (R-Columbiana) is the new chair of the House Pensions Committee; the position has been vacant since Rep. Adam Mathews (R-Lebanon) was named House Public Health Policy Committee chair in May.

Rep. Brian Lorenz (R-Powell) was named chair of the House Economic and Workforce Development Committee. Rep. Jack Daniels (R-New Franklin) was named vice chair of the House Ways and Means Committee. Rep. Scott Oelslager (R-North Canton) was named chair of the House Constitutional Revisions Committee.

Additional appointments include Rep. Bill Roemer (R-Richfield) to the House Finance Committee, as well as Rep. Dave Dobos (R-Columbus), Rep. Tom Patton (R-Strongsville), and Rep. Kevin Miller (R-Newark) to the House Pensions Committee.

**Ohio Introduces Virtual ID in Apple Wallet**

On the last day of July, [Governor DeWine and Lt. Governor Husted announced in a press release](https://governor.ohio.gov/media/news-and-media/governor-dewine-lt-governor-husted-announce-ohio-drivers-licenses-and-ids-can-now-be-added%2Bto-apple-wallet) that Ohioans can now add their Ohio-issued driver’s license or state identification card to Apple Wallet for use in person at select businesses, in select apps, and at Transportation Security Administration (TSA) [security checkpoints](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//www.tsa.gov/travel/digital-id/map/1/010001910a11c357-74753082-6cb2-41c8-8882-9b4643bb2fe7-000000/YaxqezwnMCO-lG4AHlg3jsTQFWa_1czNZGINpExMmr4%3D364), including at John Glenn Columbus International Airport and the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport.

By August 2, 2024, over [75,000 Ohioans had uploaded their virtual ID](https://www.cleveland.com/open/2024/08/75000-ohioans-uploaded-digital-id-cards-in-programs-first-two-days.html) onto their iPhones. It is important to note, however, that the digital version of Ohio IDs will **not** be sufficient for interactions with local law enforcement nor boards of elections. *Thus, Ohioans are still encouraged to carry their physical identification for activities such as operating a vehicle and voting.*

To add your virtual ID, Ohio residents can tap the + button at the top of the screen in Apple Wallet on their iPhone, select “Driver’s license or State ID,” and follow the on-screen instructions to start the set-up and verification process. For a step-by-step video guide, click [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aRAjyvdYidw). For more information, including access to how-to-use informational videos on Ohio driver’s licenses and state IDs in Apple Wallet, visit [bmv.ohio.gov/MobileID](https://www.bmv.ohio.gov/dl-mobile-id.aspx).

**ODOT to Welcome New Director in October**

On August 9, 2024, Governor Dewine announced in a [press release](https://governor.ohio.gov/media/news-and-media/governor-dewine-announces-marchbanks-to-move-on-boratyn-to-replace-him-as-director-of-the-ohio-department-of-transportation) that Ohio Department of Transportation’s (ODOT) current Director, Jack Marchbanks, will step down from his role on September 30, 2024. Consequently, **Pamela Vest Boratyn will be nominated to serve as ODOT director beginning October 1, 2024.** Boratyn will need to be confirmed by the Ohio Senate. To help ensure a smooth transition for the upcoming director, Marchbanks has agreed to serve as a senior policy advisor.

According to Governor DeWine’s [press release](https://governor.ohio.gov/media/news-and-media/governor-dewine-announces-marchbanks-to-move-on-boratyn-to-replace-him-as-director-of-the-ohio-department-of-transportation), Pam Boratyn has worked at ODOT in various capacities over a 30-year career in public service. Boratyn’s past experience includes serving as ODOT’s Assistant Director and Chief of Staff. Additionally, she worked under former Attorney General DeWine for eight years as General Counsel and oversaw the Transportation Section.  Lastly, under former Attorney General Betty Montgomery, Boratyn was Chief of the Transportation Section. Currently Boratyn serves as the Deputy Executive Director of the Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund.

**OBM’s Monthly State Revenue Report: ‘Solid Start’ to FY 2025**

On August 12, 2024, the Office of Budget and Management (OBM) released its [monthly financial revenue report](https://obm.ohio.gov/home/news-and-events/Monthly%2BFinancial%2BReport%2B-%2BAugust%2B2024) sharing how the state performed in July, the first month of Fiscal Year 2025.

In an interview, OBM Director Kimberly Murnieks called last month's tax receipts a "good way to start the new year," noting a modest 0.5% growth of $10 million compared to July 2023. Auto Sales Tax collections explain much of the increase, bringing in a total of $155.3 million last month, which is $9.9 million (6.8%) bump compared to July 2023. Personal Income Tax collections also improved by $1.6 million (0.2%), for a total of $743.3 million.

The other two major categories, Non-Auto Sales and Commercial Activity Tax, fell slightly in the past year. Non-Auto Sales were down $14.1 million (-1.4%) compared to July 2023, but still brought in over $1 billion. GRF revenues from the Commercial Activity Tax were $113.3 million last month, representing a $2.6 million (-2.3%) decrease from July 2023.

**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:*** | 6/28/2024 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; eff. immediately |
|   | ***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**; appropriation sections eff. immediately; others eff. 4/30/24 |
|   | ***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:*** | 7/24/2024 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; eff. 90 days |
|   | ***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 95-0 |
|   | ***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 63-34 |
|   | ***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 97-0 |
|   | ***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) To urge the United States Congress to enact the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Act of 2024. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 7/2/2024 - Referred to Committee Senate Rules and Reference |
|   | ***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. 3/28/24 |
|   | ***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 ofattorney, judgment liens, mortgage subrogation, law enforcement towing laws,state stock banks, liquor control laws, motor vehicle sales and leases, designationof public depositories, community reinvestment areas, motor vehicle certificatesof title, and higher education cost and aid disclosure forms; to provide for theelectronic filing of pleadings or documents in courts of common pleas except aprobate or juvenile court; in municipal courts, and in county courts, to permit anelected clerk to disburse funds for the computerization of the clerk's officewithout the court's authorization; to permit municipal and county courts toincrease the maximum amount of their additional fees from ten dollars to twentydollars to cover the computerization of the clerk's office; to enact the "CAMPUS"Act regarding the prevention of harassment and intimidation at institutions ofhigher education; to establish campus safety and community programs; to provideadditional funding to support responsibilities of the Chancellor of HigherEducation related to educator preparation programs and the science of reading;and to make appropriations. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 7/24/2024 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; appropriation sections eff. immediately; others eff. 90 days |
|   | ***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:*** | 7/24/2024 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; eff. 90 days |
|   | ***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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