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**July in Ohio: Things Are Heating Up!**

The weather is not the only thing warming up in Ohio this summer. The beginning of July officially concluded Fiscal Year 2024, with OBM releasing its final monthly revenue report for FY 2024. By the second week of July, OSHP released traffic incident data recorded over the Fourth of July holiday weekend. In the third week of the month, U.S. Senator J.D. Vance (OH-R) was formally chosen as former President Donald Trump’s running mate for the upcoming November election. Lastly, we wrap up the month with the release of OBM’s FY 2026-2027 Operating Budget Guidance, as well as news that a highly contested constitutional amendment pertaining to redistricting will be on the November ballot.

**How Did Ohio Perform in FY 2024?**

The last day of June brought an official close to Fiscal Year 2024 in Ohio. The Office of Budget & Management (OBM) closed the books on FY 2024 with $1.1 billion cash balance, a rather positive conclusion despite tax revenues that never fully recovered from five months of underperformance and finished the year $484.7 million (1.7%) short of anticipated levels, the final [preliminary monthly revenue report](https://obm.ohio.gov/wps/wcm/connect/gov/d30023f2-a5b0-4e31-8d53-1ff9710aa6c7/PRD_July.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CONVERT_TO=url&CACHEID=ROOTWORKSPACE.Z18_79GCH8013HMOA06A2E16IV2082-d30023f2-a5b0-4e31-8d53-1ff9710aa6c7-p2iz4hV) of the year shows. While the fiscal year started strong with five consecutive months of above-projection tax receipts, the numbers took a turn in December, when historic levels of personal income tax refunds resulted in a $263 million deficit for the month.

OBM’s [June financial report](https://archives.obm.ohio.gov/Files/Budget_and_Planning/Monthly_Financial_Report/2024-07%20mfr.pdf) reveals that while some monthly shortcomings for the year were due to law changes impacting personal income taxes, the primary culprit last month was sales taxes, which combined brought in $53.1 million (4.3%) less than expected. Personal income tax brought in $916.9 million last month, or $29.1 million (3.3%) more than forecasted. As has been the case in other months, poor performance in tax receipts was negated and then some by earnings on investment, which totaled $111 million in June – over three times more than was projected. Adding investments and other state sources to tax receipts, the monthly variance jumped to a positive $5.6 million (0.2%).

Looking at the entire year, non-auto sales taxes were nearly on target, coming in just $4.7 million shy of an $11.8 billion estimate, OBM reported. Auto sales taxes saw a deficit of $85.9 million (4.3%) against a $2 billion projection. The commercial activity tax also underperformed in June by $4.2 million (37.5%) but finished the year $93 million (4.1%) above estimate. The personal income tax category remains $457.8 million (4.6%) below estimate for the year, making it the primary driver of the total tax receipts' YTD negative variance. Investment earnings for the year were $289.3 million (175.3%) more than anticipated, bringing total state sources to $135.3 million (0.5%) in the black at the end of the year.

**Stay Safe, Buckle Up!**

Following the 4th of July holiday weekend, the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) released statistical data over traffic incidents that occurred during the July Fourth reporting period, which began Wednesday, July 3 at midnight and ended Sunday, July 7 at 11:59 p.m. Based on the OSHP report, a total of 16 people were killed in 15 vehicle accidents. In nine of the deaths where safety belts *could have been* used, seven of the fatalities were *not* wearing their seatbelts. A comparison of traffic fatalities during the same reporting period over the past four years shows that the 2024 death toll (16 fatalities) is greater than the 2023 data (12 people), equivalent to the 2022 data (16 people), and less than the 2021 data (23 people).

During the holiday reporting period, state troopers responded to 648 crashes and assisted 2,449 motorists. In addition to traffic accidents, troopers also made 438 arrests for impaired driving and 72 for drug-related offenses. To review more information, a statewide breakdown of enforcement and crashes during the Fourth of July reporting period can be found [here](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vZGFtLmFzc2V0cy5vaGlvLmdvdi9pbWFnZS91cGxvYWQvc3RhdGVwYXRyb2wub2hpby5nb3YvSG9saWRheVJlcG9ydF9KdWx5NHRoMjAyNF9QSU8ucGRmIiwiYnVsbGV0aW5faWQiOiIyMDI0MDcwOC45NzI5ODg4MSJ9.1zO4URm607XhDt4gC6OQS7Hu2QP2d2L5xKeGYYmcdls/s/3150860988/br/245360675502-l).

Related to road safety, Governor DeWine announced, on July 16th, the launch of a new traffic safety corridor focused on increasing seat belt usage and reducing speed-related crashes on a dangerous eight-mile stretch of I-90 between East 55th Street and East 260th Street in Cuyahoga County. Through a new partnership between OSHP, the Ohio Department of Transportation, Cleveland Police Department, Euclid Police Department, and Bratenahl Police Department, an increased number of troopers and officers will patrol this stretch of interstate—designated as the state's first Speed & Seat Belt Safety Corridor. There will be **no tolerance** for those who violate speeding and seat belt laws.

**U.S. Senator J.D. Vance Secures VP Spot**

On July 15, 2024, Donald Trump announced that U.S. Senator J.D. Vance will be his running mate in the 2024 Presidential Election. Vance, author of *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis*, was first elected to the U.S. Senate in 2022. Should the Republican ticket win the election this fall, Vance would be one of the youngest Vice Presidents in history and only the third Ohioan to hold the position.

If Vance is elected, Governor DeWine would appoint someone to replace his senatorial seat until a special election could take place in November 2026. The winner would serve out the rest of Vance's first term, which ends in 2028. When asked what he would look for in a possible Senate seat replacement, Gov. DeWine said, “I’ll look for someone who wants to get things done every day and will stay focused on it — It’s a tough job, it’s not an easy job. We also have to have someone who will be able to stay there a while.” Additionally, DeWine highlighted the importance of “building up seniority” because “a lawmaker can become more effective the longer they stay there [in office].”

**FY 2026-2027 Operating Budget Guidelines Released**

On July 22, 2024, the Office of Budget and Management (OBM) released its guidance to state agencies for the State Operating Budget for FY 2026-2027. The budget guidance and all related appendices can be viewed using this [link.](https://obm.ohio.gov/areas-of-interest/budget-and-planning/03_operating-budget/01-fiscal_years_2026-2027) In her cover letter, OBM Director Kimberly Murnieks outlined a process of a results-focused budgeting framework that builds on the state’s efforts to prioritize transparency and data-driven decision making, including the Ohio Checkbook and the DataOhio portal, to cement Ohio’s place at the forefront of evidence-based governance.

**Redistricting Amendment on Ohio’s Ballot in November**

On July 23, 2024, The Ohio Secretary of State’s Office (SSO) certified 535,005 signatures for the Citizens Not Politicians (CNP) ballot initiative that would create an independent redistricting commission and replace the Ohio Redistricting Commission made up entirely of elected officials. SSO also reported that the initiative received signatures from 58 of the 88 counties, and at least 5% of the total vote cast for governor in the last gubernatorial election. Ohio law requires measures to have signatures in at least 44 counties.

The constitutional amendment would create a 15-member independent redistricting commission and ban current or former politicians and party officials, along with lobbyists, from having a seat on the commission. Additionally, the amendment would “require the creation of fair and impartial districts, prohibiting any drawing of voting districts that discriminate against or favor any political party or individual politician,” according to CNP. The coalition says that the ballot board, which has not yet scheduled the meeting for the measure’s consideration, has until August 22nd to “write and adopt the language that will appear on the Nov. 5 ballot” based on constitutional requirements to “properly identify the substance of the proposal to be voted on.”

**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**; 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:*** | 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. 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 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**; eff. immediately |
|   | ***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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