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**State Operating Budget – F.Y. 2024-2025**

Governor Mike DeWine signed Ohio's F.Y. 2024-2025 state operating budget bill ([HB 33](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/135/hb33)) into law early July 4, 2023. The signing occurred at the very end of the three-day interim budget enacted by the legislature to give time both for enrolling the final version of the budget and for the governor to review what ended as an over 6,000-page budget. Before his final signature, Gov. DeWine issued 44 line-item vetoes to the bill; a significant increase from two years in 2021 when the governor issued only 14 line-item vetoes. During a [press conference](https://ohiochannel.org/video/governor-mike-dewine-7-5-2023-discussing-fy-2024-2025-state-budget) on the final budget bill, Gov. DeWine and Lt. Gov. Jon Husted recounted the enactment of their priorities through the new budget, and Gov. DeWine offered more explanation on his veto decisions. Gov. DeWine said during the conference that HB 33 supports the priorities of the DeWine-Husted Administration by making significant investments in nursing homes, literacy, education, behavioral health, housing, children's initiatives, career tech, college scholarships, and more. He further went on to say "This budget is one that makes historic investments in Ohioans and builds on Ohio’s momentum. We are building on our efforts to make sure Ohio continues to be the heart of it all -- the best place to live, work, raise a family, and start a business."

While addressing some of the veto decisions, Gov. DeWine and Office of Budget and Management (OBM) Director Kim Murnieks described the governor’s vetoes of tax-related language as mostly “technical.” Vetoed language on new Commercial Activity Tax (CAT) exclusions is meant to protect against potential interpretations of the exclusions as applying to quarterly rather than annual figures, and against splitting businesses into smaller entities to avoid exceeding the exclusions, according to Gov. DeWine. Gov. DeWine also addressed his veto of language related to the proposed new sales tax holiday, saying it was difficult to predict how many people would take advantage of the holiday or shift their normal spending to align to it. The veto will allow a shorter sales tax holiday in 2024 that will then provide data to inform the duration of future holiday. Gov. DeWine’s full veto messages can be found [here](https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/OHIOGOVERNOR/2023/07/04/file_attachments/2544480/Final%20Veto%20Messages.pdf).

**State Issue 1 – Aug. 8th Election**

This August, Ohioans will have the opportunity to vote on [State Issue 1](https://www.ohiosos.gov/globalassets/ballotboard/2023/certified-ballot-language-for-issue-1.pdf), which is a General Assembly-initiated proposed constitutional amendment. If approved, Issue 1 would “elevate the standards by which the Constitution of the State of Ohio may be amended,” according to the ‘[Certified Explanation for Issue 1](https://www.ohiosos.gov/globalassets/ballotboard/2023/certified-explanation-for-issue-1.pdf)’ provided by the Secretary of State. The proposed language includes three things:

1. Require that any newly proposed constitutional amendment placed on a statewide ballot must receive at least 60 percent of the vote to be approved
2. Require that any initiated petition proposing to amend the Constitution of the State of Ohio that is filed with the Secretary of State on or after Jan. 1, 2024, must contain the signatures of at least five percent of eligible voters residing in each county of the state.
3. Specify that new signatures may not be added to an initiative petition proposing to amend the state constitution once it has been filed with the Secretary of State on or after Jan. 1, 2024.

The Secretary of State and the Ohio Ballot Board have also released certified arguments both [for](https://www.ohiosos.gov/globalassets/ballotboard/2023/05-22-23_issue-1_argument-in-support.pdf) & [against](https://www.ohiosos.gov/globalassets/ballotboard/2023/05-22-23_issue-1_no-argument.pdf) Issue 1. The special election for Issue 1 will be held on August 8th, and more information on the election, voter registration, sample ballots or voting in Ohio can be found on the Secretary of State’s website [here](https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/).

**Water Infrastructure Projects**

Governor Mike DeWine, Lt. Governor Jon Husted, and Ohio Department of Development Director (DOD) Lydia Mihalik recently announced grant awards totaling $135 million to support 90 critical water infrastructure projects in 64 counties throughout the state. The grants are included in the [fifth round](https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/OHIOGOVERNOR/2023/07/20/file_attachments/2560320/Ohio%20BUILDS%20Water%20Infrastructure%20Grant%20Projects%20-%20Round%205.pdf) of grants included as part of the Ohio BUILDS (Broadband, Utilities, and Infrastructure for Local Development Success) [water infrastructure program](https://development.ohio.gov/community/economic-development/water-and-wastewater-infrastructure-grant). Since its inception, the program has provided nearly $500 million to support 343 local water projects impacting each of Ohio’s 88 counties. The grant money aims to help reduce or eliminate the financial burden community leaders face regarding critical infrastructure needs such as new water distribution systems, waterline extensions, water tower replacements, and new pipes and water mains. Grants will also fund projects to replace sanitary sewer systems, prevent system backups, and extend sewer lines to support economic growth. The DeWine-Husted Administration launched the Ohio BUILDS water infrastructure program in 2021 as a continuation of Governor DeWine's H2Ohio initiative, which launched in 2019 to focus on ensuring plentiful, clean, and safe water for communities across the state. In total, nearly $1.3 billion has been dedicated to the initiative. On the funding, Gov. DeWine commented: “From the first dollar awarded through this program to now, we’ve made hundreds of transformative investments in the future of our communities. Having a strong water infrastructure not only safeguards the health and well-being of our residents, but it makes our neighborhoods more resilient and better prepares local leaders for sustainable economic growth.”

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

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| **HB2** | **LEGISLATIVE INTENT-STATE FUNDING** (CUTRONA A, UPCHURCH T) To declare the intent of the General Assembly to direct state funds to projects across the state for economic growth and community development. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 2/16/2023 - Referred to Committee House Finance |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-2> |
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| **HB17** | **STATE EMPLOYEE TIKTOK BAN** (SCHMIDT J, SWEARINGEN D) To prohibit state officials, employees, and contractors from using TikTok, WeChat, or any other application or service owned by an entity located in China. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/21/2023 - Referred to Committee Senate Financial Institutions and Technology |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-17> |
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| **HB23** | **TRANSPORTATION BUDGET** (EDWARDS J) To make appropriations for programs related to transportation for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of those programs. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 3/31/2023 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; eff. 3/31/23 |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-23> |
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| **HB31** | **WORKERS' COMPENSATION BUDGET** (EDWARDS J) To make appropriations for the Bureau of Workers' Compensation for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025, to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of the Bureau's programs, to make changes to the Workers' Compensation Law, and to enact a three-day interim budget. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/30/2023 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; eff. immediately |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-31> |
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| **HB32** | **INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION BUDGET** (EDWARDS J) To make appropriations for the Industrial Commission for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of Commission programs. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/30/2023 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; eff. immediately |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-32> |
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| **HB33** | **FY24-25 OPERATING BUDGET** (EDWARDS J) To make operating appropriations for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025, to levy taxes, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 7/3/2023 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; eff. immediately |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-33> |
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| **HB41** | **UTILITY BILLING TRANSPARENCY** (SKINDELL M) To enact "The Consumer Utility Billing Transparency Act" requiring the itemization of all riders, taxes, and other costs on certain utility bills. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 2/16/2023 - Referred to Committee House Public Utilities |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-41> |
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| **HB64** | **EMINENT DOMAIN LAW CHANGES** (KICK D, CREECH R) To modify the law regarding eminent domain. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 5/23/2023 - House Civil Justice, (Fourth Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-64> |
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| **HB93** | **LIMITATIONS ON RECOVERY, LIEN IMPOSITION** (JOHNSON M, MCCLAIN R) Regarding limitations on recovery and lien imposition by municipalities against property owners of non-owner-occupied properties for unpaid water, sewer, and disposal services rates and charges. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/27/2023 - **REPORTED OUT AS AMENDED**, House State and Local Government, (Fifth Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-93> |
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| **HB94** | **RETIREMENT SERVICE CREDIT** (CLICK G, WILLIS B) Regarding transfers or purchases of certain retirement service credit. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 5/9/2023 - House Pensions, (First Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-94> |
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| **HB96** | **INCREASE MINIMUM WAGE** (JARRELLS D, MOHAMED I) To increase the state minimum wage. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 3/14/2023 - Referred to Committee House Commerce and Labor |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-96> |
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| **HB101** | **VILLAGE DISSOLUTION** (BIRD A, SCHMIDT J) To modify the law regarding village dissolution. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/28/2023 - Senate Local Government, (First Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-101> |
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| **HB105** | **MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX RETURNS EXTENSIONS** (THOMAS J) To modify the law regarding extensions for filing municipal income tax returns and to limit penalties for late filings. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 5/31/2023 - Referred to Committee Senate Ways and Means |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-105> |
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| **HB106** | **PAY STUB PROTECTION ACT** (JARRELLS D, LIPPS S) To enact the Pay Stub Protection Act requiring employers to provide earnings and deductions statements to each of the employer's employees. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/30/2023 - **PASSED BY HOUSE**; Vote 96-0 |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-106> |
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| **HB115** | **EQUAL PAY ACT** (MIRANDA J, BRENT J) To address wage disparities in public and private employment and to name this act the Ohio Equal Pay Act. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 3/22/2023 - Referred to Committee House Commerce and Labor |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-115> |
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| **HB116** | **TAXPAYER DEDUCTIONS** (PETERSON B, CLAGGETT T) To allow taxpayers to deduct in a single year the full bonus depreciation and enhanced expensing allowances the taxpayer deducts for federal income tax purposes. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 5/2/2023 - **REPORTED OUT**, House Ways and Means, (Fourth Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-116> |
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| **HB121** | **REMOTE WORKERS - MODIFIED MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX** (ROBB BLASDEL M, MATHEWS A) To allow businesses with remote workers to use a modified municipal income tax apportionment formula. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/21/2023 - Referred to Committee Senate Ways and Means |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-121> |
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| **HB126** | **TAX EXEMPTION - MILITARY PAY** (MATHEWS A, MILLER A) To expand a municipal income tax exemption for military pay. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 5/23/2023 - House Ways and Means, (Third Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-126> |
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| **HB134** | **REQUIRE NOTICE TO LIENHOLDERS** (DELL'AQUILA R, GALONSKI T) To require notice to lienholders in tax certificate sales. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 4/18/2023 - House Ways and Means, (First Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-134> |
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| **HB153** | **ABANDONED LAND - FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS** (HILLYER B) To limit which abandoned land may be subject to certain expedited foreclosure proceedings. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/20/2023 - House State and Local Government, (Second Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-153> |
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| **HB181** | **RECORDED INSTRUMENTS, POWERS OF ATTORNEY** (HILLYER B, WILLIAMS J) To make various changes regarding recorded instruments, powers of attorney, judgment liens, mortgage subrogation, law enforcement towing laws, and state stock banks, and to make an appropriation. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 5/23/2023 - Referred to Committee House Finance |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-181> |
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| **HB187** | **PROPERTY TAX SALES-ASSESSMENT RATIO STUDIES** (HALL T, BIRD A) To modify the procedures used by the Tax Commissioner to conduct property tax sales-assessment ratio studies. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/27/2023 - House Ways and Means, (Third Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-187> |
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| **HB193** | **BIOSOLID LAGOONS, BIODIGESTION FACILITIES** (MILLER K, LAMPTON B) To establish procedures and requirements governing biosolid lagoons and biodigestion facilities, including granting county and township zoning authority over those lagoons and facilities, and to modify the CAUV eligibility requirements for certain land used to produce biofuels. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/13/2023 - House Agriculture, (First Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-193> |
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| **HB197** | **SOLAR PROGRAMS** (HOOPS J, RAY S) To establish the community solar pilot program and the solar development program. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/21/2023 - House Public Utilities, (First 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:*** | 6/27/2023 - House Ways and Means, (Third 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:*** | 6/27/2023 - House Commerce and Labor, (Fourth Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-203> |
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| **HB211** | **PUBLIC COMMENT REQUIREMENTS** (GROSS J) To name this act the Free to Speak Act and to require a public body to permit members of the public to comment or testify about matters of public concern before the public body at its public meeting. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/20/2023 - Referred to Committee House State and Local Government |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-211> |
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| **HB212** | **PROHIBIT FOREIGN ADVERSARIES FROM OWNING REAL PROPERTY** (KING A, KLOPFENSTEIN R) To prohibit foreign adversaries and certain businesses from owning real property in Ohio and to name this act the Ohio Property Protection Act. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/20/2023 - Referred to Committee House Civil Justice |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-212> |
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| **HB226** | **CUSTOMER-OWNED WATER SERVICE LINES** (ROBB BLASDEL M, JARRELLS D) To permit water-works companies to bear the costs for replacing certain customer-owned water service lines. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/26/2023 - Introduced |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-226> |
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| **HB237** | **LAW CHANGES-VEHICLE TYPES** (MILLER K, PLUMMER P) To make changes to the laws governing all-purpose vehicles, off-highway motorcycles, snowmobiles, utility vehicles, and mini-trucks. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 7/11/2023 - Introduced |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-237> |
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| **HB241** | **VACANT POLICE POSITION HIRING** (MILLER J, MILLER K) Regarding filling a vacant police department position without a competitive examination. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 7/11/2023 - Introduced |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HB-241> |
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| **HCR4** | **TRAINS - HAZARDOUS MATERIALS** (BIRD A, PLUMMER P) To urge the United States Congress to pass legislation requiring railroad companies and the U.S. Department of Transportation to inform local and state government officials when trains carrying potentially hazardous materials travel through their respective jurisdictions. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 3/14/2023 - House Government Oversight, (First Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HCR-4> |
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| **HJR1** | **REQUIRE 60 PERCENT VOTE-CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT** (STEWART B) Proposing to amend Sections 1b, 1e, and 1g of Article II and Sections 1 and 3 of Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to require a vote of at least 60% of the electors to approve any constitutional amendment and to modify the procedures for an initiative petition proposing a constitutional amendment. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 4/19/2023 - **REPORTED OUT**, House Constitutional Resolutions, (Third Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HJR-1> |
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| **HR33** | **TRAINS - HAZARDOUS MATERIALS** (ROBB BLASDEL M, MCNALLY L) To urge the United States Congress to pass legislation requiring railroad companies to inform local and state government officials when trains carrying potentially hazardous materials travel through their respective jurisdictions. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 3/23/2023 - **ADOPTED BY HOUSE**; Amended on Floor, Resolution Vote 94-1 |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HR-33> |
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| **HR108** | **URGE CONGRESS - CREATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK** (GRIM M, BRENNAN S) To urge the United States Congress to create a National Infrastructure Bank to finance urgently needed infrastructure projects. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 4/25/2023 - Referred to Committee House Infrastructure |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-HR-108> |
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| **SB3** | **COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROGRAM** (SCHURING K) To create the Ohio Community Revitalization Program, authorizing nonrefundable income tax credits for undertaking community projects. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 1/17/2023 - Referred to Committee Senate Ways and Means |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-SB-3> |
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| **SB10** | **INTERNAL REVENUE CODE CHANGES** (BLESSING III L) To amend section 5701.11 of the Revised Code and to amend Sections 225.12, 265.10, 265.20, and 701.10 of H.B. 45 of the 134th General Assembly to expressly incorporate changes in the Internal Revenue Code since February 17, 2022, into Ohio law, to make changes to the Emergency Rental Assistance program, to revise an existing earmark, to modify the requirements for a temporary arts economic relief grant program, and to declare an emergency. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 3/15/2023 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; eff. immediately |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-SB-10> |
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| **SB23** | **PURCHASING AUTHORITY-CONSTRUCTION SERVICES** (LANG G) To expand political subdivision joint purchasing authority to expressly include purchases for construction services. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 4/19/2023 - **REPORTED OUT**, Senate Government Oversight, (Fourth Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-SB-23> |
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| **SB47** | **LEAVE USE PROHIBITION-UNION ACTIVITIES** (HUFFMAN S) To prohibit a public employer from providing paid leave or compensation for a public employee to engage in certain union activities. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 2/8/2023 - Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-SB-47> |
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| **SB85** | **SEWER DISCOUNTED RATE ELIGIBILITY** (INGRAM C) To expand eligibility for county sewer discounted rates or charges. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/28/2023 - Senate Local Government, (First Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-SB-85> |
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| **SB87** | **ELECTIONS-STATE LEGAL HOLIDAY** (SMITH K) To establish the day of each general election as a legal holiday for which government employees receive paid leave. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 3/23/2023 - Referred to Committee Senate General Government |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-SB-87> |
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| **SB88** | **AGGRAVATED MENACING EXPANSION-UTILITIES** (SMITH K, CIRINO J) To expand the offense of aggravated menacing to prohibit threatening a utility worker, cable operator worker, or broadband worker with intent to obstruct the operation of a utility. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 5/9/2023 - Senate Judiciary, (Second Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-SB-88> |
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| **SB91** | **PUBLIC FUNDS ABUSE, WASTE** (SCHAFFER T) Regarding fraud, waste, and abuse of public funds. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/28/2023 - **PASSED BY SENATE**; Vote 32-0 |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-SB-91> |
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| **SB94** | **STATE TREASURER, JUDICIAL PRACTICES** (BRENNER A, LANDIS A) To make various changes regarding the Treasurer of State, recorded instruments, powers of attorney, judgment liens, mortgage subrogation, law enforcement towing laws, and state stock banks, and to make an appropriation. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 5/23/2023 - **BILL AMENDED**, Senate Financial Institutions and Technology, (Second Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-SB-94> |
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| **SB96** | **LABOR LAW NOTICES-POSTING** (LANG G, WILSON S) To allow employers to post certain labor law notices on the internet. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/21/2023 - Senate Workforce and Higher Education, (First 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:*** | 6/28/2023 - Senate Veterans and Public Safety , (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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| **SB119** | **WASTE DISPOSAL LAW CHANGES** (REINEKE W) To make changes to the laws governing the transfer and disposal of solid waste and construction and demolition debris, including increasing certain fees. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/21/2023 - **PASSED BY SENATE**; Vote 30-0 |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-SB-119> |
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| **SB120** | **TIF PAYMENTS-LAND BANKS** (SCHURING K) To allow a portion of tax increment financing service payments to be designated for use by land banks. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 5/17/2023 - Referred to Committee Senate Ways and Means |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-SB-120> |
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| **SB123** | **PUBLIC UTILITY REGULATION EXEMPTIONS** (BRENNER A) To exempt from regulation as a public utility certain persons or entities providing utility related services after the metered point of delivery. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 6/20/2023 - Senate Energy and Public Utilities, (First Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA135-SB-123> |
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| **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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