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Week in Review

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As a service to the clients and friends of Governmental Policy Group, Inc. and RH Resources we would like to extend the following weekly update of events happening around Capitol Square.

AGRICULTURE

Congressional agriculture leaders have an "agreement in principle on the 2018 Farm Bill," lawmakers announced Thursday. "We are working to finalize legal and report language as well as Congressional Budget Office (CBO) scores, but we still have more work to do. We are committed to delivering a new Farm Bill to America as quickly as possible," said a joint statement from U.S. House Committee on Agriculture Chairman Mike Conaway (R-TX), U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture Chairman Pat Roberts (R-KS) and ranking members U.S. Rep. Collin Peterson (D-MN) and U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow (DMI).

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Attorney General Mike DeWine said Wednesday he has joined a bipartisan coalition of 32 attorneys general in filing an amicus brief in the United States Supreme Court supporting states' rights to regulate and address the rising cost of prescription drugs to ensure access to affordable prescription drugs.

In *Rutledge v. Pharmaceutical Care Management Association*, the attorneys general argue that in order to protect the wellbeing of consumers, states should be free to act as needed, depending on a state's circumstances, to regulate pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs). PBMs act as gate-keepers between pharmacies, drug manufacturers, health insurance plans, and consumers for access to prescription drugs. The brief argues that regulation of PBMs is a matter for state authority in protecting the access to and affordability of prescription drugs.

BALLOT ISSUES

Rep. Sarah LaTourette (R-Chesterland), co-sponsor of HJR19, which proposes a constitutional amendment to make it harder to get constitutional amendments on the ballot but easier for initiated statutes, told Hannah News late Wednesday that she believes there still is time to pass the resolution in this General Assembly. "But if not, it is still important to start the conversation ... to get feedback."

BUSINESS/CORPORATE

Production will be shut down at General Motors' Lordstown assembly plant in in 2019, the company announced Monday. Other plants that will be "unallocated" next year include facilities in Michigan, Maryland and Canada. The Lordstown plant has been building and shipping the Chevrolet Cruze since 2010. Approximately 16.5 million vehicles have been manufactured at Lordstown since 1966, according to GM. Reaction was quick with Gov. John Kasich said members of his administration will "do everything we can to help the families affected" get access to other job opportunities" while Gov.-elect Mike DeWine and Lt. Gov.-elect Jon Husted both said they'd work to convince the company to continue utilizing the plant in the future.

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

Alleged victims of former Ohio State University (OSU) physician Richard Strauss and tort attorney Gloria Allred of comedian Bill Cosby's sex assault trials joined Sen. Joe Schiavoni (D-Boardman) at the Statehouse Wednesday to announce legislation abolishing Ohio's statute of limitations on criminal and civil rape cases.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Ohio Development Services Agency (DSA) recently awarded 23 communities grants totaling more than \$11 million through the Community Development Downtown Revitalization and Neighborhood Revitalization Competitive Set-Aside programs and the Critical Infrastructure Program. The grants will improve streets, sidewalks, bridges and other public facilities as well as rehabilitate buildings in a community's central business district, according to DSA.

EDUCATION

Ohio State University's Center on Education and Training for Employment and the Ohio Department of Education are looking for parents, guardians and caretakers to join a statewide advisory council. The Statewide Family Engagement Center Advisory Council will gather representatives of families, high school students, school administrators, teachers, businesses and others. In its first year, it will develop a family engagement framework to help guide schools' efforts to involve families.

Because of their implications for graduation, state testing requirements, report card and other areas, alternative assessments should be a regular agenda item for the State Board of Education's Achievement and Graduation Requirements Committee, a board member said Monday. Board member Charlotte McGuire, who leads the board's Alternative Assessment Impact Team, included that recommendation Monday in her suggestions of what to put in the impact team's final report to the board in December.

The Ohio Department of Education is taking applications for schools seeking designations as STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) or STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) schools. To be eligible, schools must show evidence of a working partnership with public and private entities, including higher education and business organizations, and evidence of a qualifying curriculum that emphasizes the relevant disciplines, personalized learning and teamwork, among other criteria. Letters of intent from those seeking the designation are due by 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19. Final proposals are due Wednesday, March 6.

Achievement gaps and the paucity of students meeting post-secondary readiness benchmarks are worrying signs for Ohio, the Fordham Institute says in its recent analysis of 2017-2018 state report cards for schools. The report, "Checking Ohio's educational vital signs," also focuses on results among Ohio's Big Eight urban school districts: Akron, Canton, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Toledo and Youngstown.

Democratic legislators and community members Wednesday called for consideration of HB626 (K. Smith-Fedor), which was introduced in May and has not received a hearing. The bill would establish a moratorium on academic distress commissions, and the press conference focused on the effects of those commissions in Youngstown, Lorain and East Cleveland.

Policy experts gave Ohio lawmakers an overview of states' e-school policies and some best practices and incentives to consider Thursday, but generally said no one state has figured out a model that fully addresses the challenges of this educational approach. The Joint Committee on E-School Funding, created earlier this year to study the topic in the wake of the ECOT saga, heard presentations from Micah Wixom of the Education Commission of the States (ECS); Benjamin Erwin of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL); Russ Simnick of the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools (NAPCS); and Chad Aldis, the Fordham Institute's Ohio vice president.

ELECTIONS

While stopping short of criticizing Secretary of State Jon Husted's directive telling county boards of elections to continue the judicially-upheld but oft-decried process of purging inactive voters from the rolls, Sen. Frank LaRose (R-Copley) said he will improve the procedure when he takes over as elections chief.

Secretary of State Jon Husted said Thursday that he has sent guidance to county boards of elections so they may begin acquiring new voting equipment through the Voting Equipment Acquisition Program in his office. The program was created after the passage of SB135 (LaRose), which allocated \$104.5 million in funding for counties to purchase new equipment.

ELECTIONS 2018

The Hamilton County Board of Elections Wednesday certified a win for Democrat Jessica Miranda in the 28th House District over incumbent Rep. Jonathan Dever (R-Cincinnati), but the 56-vote margin is well within the margin to trigger an automatic recount. Under state law, an automatic recount must happen in state representative contests where the final margin is less than half of a point. The Hamilton County Board of Elections announced it will do a random draw of precincts for the automatic recount on Monday, Nov. 26, and will conduct the recount on Friday, Nov. 30.

In what is perhaps the biggest upset in the 2018 election cycle, Democrat Tina Maharath was certified the winner of the 3rd Ohio Senate District, defeating Rep. Anne Gonzales (R-Westerville), who was looking to switch chambers. Tuesday was the deadline for county boards of elections to complete their official canvass of the Nov. 6 general election and certify the results. Other close races showed the election night winner holding on, though the Ohio House 43rd District is headed to an automatic recount, the second one of this cycle along with the 28th Ohio House District. In the 43rd House District, covering Montgomery and Preble counties, Rep. J. Todd Smith's (R-Germantown) lead over Montgomery County Commissioner Dan Foley shrank to 143 votes, down from a 462-vote margin on Election Day and putting the race within the half of a percentage point margin of error to trigger a recount.

The National Conference of State Legislatures' (NCSL) election specialists Tim Storey and Wendy Underhill recap the outcomes of the Nov. 6 election and examine what it means for state legislatures as whole. According to them, "Democrats scored significant wins in state legislatures on Nov. 6, beating Republicans handily and notching some key chamber flips. Yet, it was hardly a 'thumping,' as President George W. Bush described the results of his 2006 midterm elections, or a 'shellacking,' as President Barack Obama referred to his first midterms.

FEDERAL

U.S. Rep. Marcia Fudge (D-Cleveland) will not pursue the speakership and will support U.S. Rep. Nancy Pelosi's (D-CA) bid for the position, Fudge announced in a statement.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY/STATEHOUSE

"Not decided yet." That was the answer from Rep. Jim Butler (R-Dayton) to multiple questions from Hannah News about when the House Republicans might meet to elect a speaker and other leadership for the 133rd General Assembly. As the House Republican caucus dean, it is up to Butler to set the caucus meeting, but that has not come as Speaker Ryan Smith (R-Bidwell) and Rep. Larry Householder (R-Glenford) vie for the support of their colleagues.

Reform to unemployment compensation laws probably won't be completed during the lame duck session, Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina) said Wednesday, Nov. 21. Speaking to reporters following a non-voting session, Obhof said Sens. Randy Gardner (R-Bowling Green) and Bob Peterson (R-Sabina) have been working on the issue.

Ohio's original and 1851 constitutions are settled in their new home in the Ohio Statehouse and is now open for public viewing. Three former Ohio governors - Dick Celeste, Bob Taft and Ted Strickland -- joined current Gov. John Kasich for the exhibit's unveiling. The new exhibit includes

more interactive features. Ohio is the only statehouse in the country to have the state's current constitution on display.

Rep. Fred Strahorn (R-Dayton) was re-elected as minority leader for the House Democratic Caucus in the 133rd General Assembly, while Rep. Emilia Sykes (D-Akron) will take over as assistant minority leader. Rounding out the leadership team are Rep. Brigid Kelly (D-Cincinnati) as minority whip and Rep. Kent Smith (D-Euclid) as assistant minority whip. Smith formerly served as the caucus's policy chair.

Organizations representing professional engineers and educators Tuesday voiced their concerns about a Senate bill that they say may open the door for essential occupational licensing boards to be disbanded, which may in turn hurt Ohio consumers. SB255 (McColley) was up for its second hearing in the House Federalism and Interstate Relations Committee Tuesday. The bill would create a five-year cycle by which new standing committees within the General Assembly would review the performance of occupational licensing boards and recommend the Legislature take action before the licensing boards automatically sunset. It would also require the Legislative Service Commission to perform assessments of bills affecting occupational licensing.

Members of the House State and Local Government Committee pondered the role of county government in Ohio as proponents provided testimony on a bill that would require voter approval for any increase in county sales tax, a power that currently lies with county commissioners. Under HB720 (Antani-T. Smith), voter approval would be necessary for a board of county commissioners to increase sales and use tax. Currently, when a rate increase is approved by the commissioners and not sent to the voters for approval, it can be appealed through a referendum process.

Sen. Bill Beagle's (R-Tipp City) tenure as chairman of the Ohio Aerospace and Aviation Technology Committee (OAATC) came to an end Tuesday during the final meeting of the 132nd General Assembly with talk of keeping the committee's momentum going into the next General Assembly. Chairmanship of the committee will revert to the House for the 133rd General Assembly, though who will chair it will be up to the next Ohio House speaker, a position that has yet to be determined.

Sen. Steve Wilson (R-Maineville) is the new chair of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina) announced Wednesday.

Meeting for the first time in more than two years, the Correctional Institution Inspection Committee (CIIC) elected its leadership and heard a presentation from the panel's single paid employee on Wednesday. Rep. Doug Green (R-Mt. Orab) is the new chair of the committee, while Sen. Gayle Manning (R-North Ridgeville) is vice chair and Sen. Edna Brown (D-Toledo) is secretary.

The Senate Judiciary Committee Thursday removed a previous change in the Ohio House to HB36 (Vitale), described as the "Pastor Protection Act," which said the bill would take precedence in the event of a conflict with the state's general public accommodation law. That provision had been added on the floor before the bill passed in the House in June and had been discussed during sponsor testimony by Rep. Nino Vitale (R-Urbana) on Tuesday.

Speaker of the House Ryan Smith (R-Bidwell) Wednesday announced the following changes to the membership of the following standing committees:

- Criminal Justice: Appoint Rep. Theresa Gavarone (R-Bowling Green).

- Federalism and Interstate Relations: Appoint Reps. George Lang (R-West Chester) and Shane Wilkin (R-Hillsboro).

The Ohio House Democratic Women's Caucus (OHDWC) this week unanimously elected State Rep. Tavia Galonski (D-Akron) chairwoman for the 133rd General Assembly, which opens in January.

GOVERNOR

Appointments made during the week include the following:

- Lucy M. Marquez of Westerville (Franklin County) to the New Americans Advisory Committee for a term beginning Nov. 20, 2018, and ending May 14, 2019.

- Andrea L. Fricks of Westerville (Franklin County) reappointed to the State Board of Career Colleges and Schools for a term beginning Nov. 21, 2018, and ending Nov. 20, 2023.

- Jeffrey L. Johnson of New Albany (Franklin County) to the Ohio Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission for a term beginning Dec. 31, 2018, and ending Dec. 30, 2021.

- John R. Corlett of Cleveland (Cuyahoga County) and John S. Mattox of Flushing (Belmont County) to the Ohio Advisory Council for Aging for terms beginning Nov. 22, 2018 and ending Nov. 21, 2021.

- Louis M. Borowicz of Powell (Delaware County), Manish Srivastava of Cincinnati (Hamilton County) and Lori Wengerd of Upper Arlington (Franklin County) reappointed to the Ohio Advisory Council for Aging for terms beginning Nov. 22, 2018 and ending Nov. 21, 2021.

- Jose Camerino of University Heights (Cuyahoga County) to the Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist Board for a term beginning Nov. 21, 2018 and ending Oct. 10, 2021.

- Nicole Vitale of Mayfield Heights (Cuyahoga County) to the Children's Trust Fund Board for a term beginning Nov. 26, 2018, and ending July 2, 2021.

GREAT LAKES

A new plan to reduce nutrient loading in the Lake Erie Western Basin that farmers, environmentalists, sportsmen and other interested parties can all live with will likely be introduced in the middle of February 2019, according to the chairs of the General Assembly's agriculture committees.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

The Ohio Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist Board recently warned that if any of its licensed professionals were found practicing conversion therapy on LGBTQ patients, they could lose their licenses. The board oversees 40,000 professionals.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Thursday released four waiver concepts for states to use that CMS said will promote more affordable, flexible health insurance coverage options through State Relief and Empowerment Waivers.

HOUSING/HOMELESSNESS

Home sales in October were 3.2 percent lower than a year earlier, but up from September's figures, the Ohio Association of Realtors reported. October sales of 147,982 compare to sales of 152,864 for the same month in 2017. Sales last month were 2.6 percent ahead of the 144,217 sales seen in September of this year.

JUDICIAL

The Cincinnati Reds dodged a late-game defeat Wednesday as the Ohio Supreme Court swatted down a ruling by the Ohio Department of Taxation (ODT) and Board of Tax Appeals (BTA) that team managers must pay state use tax on bobbleheads, baseball cards and other memorabilia given away as promotional items -- an argument the Reds had struggled to contest after missing the Court's original filing deadline.

LOBBYISTS/TRADE ASSOCIATIONS

The County Treasurers Association of Ohio (CTAO) recently announced the election of its 2019 officers during its 2018 fall conference. Beginning in 2019, Ashtabula County Treasurer Dawn Cragon will serve as president of the organization. Other officer positions include the following: first vice president: Nancy Nix, Butler County treasurer; second vice president: Diane Sargent, Hocking County treasurer; CTAO treasurer: Alexander Zumbar, Stark County treasurer; CTAO secretary: Scott Zumbrink, Darke County treasurer; immediate past president: Ellery Elick, Pickaway County treasurer; and chair of the Legislative Committee: Dan Talarek, Lorain County treasurer.

MARIJUANA

Wright-Patt Credit Union (WPCU) will offer limited banking services to qualified, licensed and legally-operating businesses involved in medical marijuana, the organization has announced. The WPCU Board of Directors made the decision after consulting with the Ohio Department of Commerce's (DOC) Division of Financial Institutions (ODFI) and state elected officials, the credit union said.

MEDICAID/MEDICAID REFORM

A new analysis from Policy Matters Ohio (PMO) finds that, "as Ohio waits for permission from the federal government on new rules making it harder to access Medicaid expansion, ... the state will have almost 54,000 more full- and part-time jobs in 2019 than it would have if the state had not expanded Medicaid."

PMO goes on to explain that, under the Affordable Care Act, "the federal government provided support to states that chose to expand Medicaid coverage to people living just above the poverty line."

MENTAL HEALTH

A recent report from Mental Health America (MHA), "The State of Mental Health in America, 2019," presented data showing that while Ohio has garnered high marks for its broad access to mental health care, the prevalence of mental illness is higher than many other states. Looking at

factors such as the number of adults with any mental illness who received treatment and the number of youth with severe mental illness who received some consistent treatment, MHA ranked Ohio ninth in the nation for its access to mental health care.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Hunters checked 13,614 white-tailed deer on Nov. 26, the opening day of Ohio's deer-gun hunting season, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). That number is down significantly from last year's opening day, when hunters bagged 22,366 deer.

PENSIONS

U.S. Sens. Sherrod Brown (D-OH) and Rob Portman (R-OH) said Thursday that a committee seeking to find a solution to a pension crisis affecting 1.3 million Americans will not meet a Nov. 30 deadline to vote on a compromise package but there has been significant progress in negotiations.

PEOPLE

Heidi Fought has been selected to become the next executive director of the Ohio Township Association (OTA), the organization announced Wednesday, Nov. 21. Matthew DeTemple, the current executive director, is set to retire at the end of 2019 after serving in the role for nine years.

Connie Pillich, a former Democratic gubernatorial candidate, is starting immediately as executive director of the National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ) in Washington, D.C. Pillich previously served as a state representative and was co-chair of the Hamilton County Democratic Party until her resignation Monday, Nov. 19.

PUBLIC SAFETY

The Ohio Highway Patrol is celebrating what appears the safest Thanksgiving holiday travel season since 1991. Preliminary numbers show that from Wed., Nov. 21 at 12 a.m. to Sunday, Nov. 25 at 11:59 p.m., there were only six people killed in fatal crashes, tying 1991's record low. According to statistics from the patrol, the fatalities occurred in Clark, Cuyahoga, Hamilton, Jackson, Knox and Muskingum counties.

TOBACCO/SMOKING

Individuals who vape or use e-cigarettes as well as smoke traditional cigarettes appear no more likely to quit a nicotine habit than those individuals who solely smoke, according to a new report from Ohio State University (OSU) researchers. The study appears in the journal *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* and examined the behaviors of 617 tobacco users over 18 months. It found that, while using vaping products is generally less harmful than smoking cigarettes, there is no difference in quit rates for those who both vape and smoke cigarettes.

TRANSITION

Auditor-elect Keith Faber Tuesday announced he will keep Robert Hinkle as the office's chief deputy auditor, a position Hinkle has held since 2006. Hinkle has worked in the state auditor's office

for more than 30 years, working in the office's top financial auditing position under Auditors Mary Taylor and Dave Yost.

TRANSPORTATION/INFRASTRUCTURE

DriveOhio said Monday that a number of cities have already signed agreements with the agency to test autonomous and connected vehicles along with other smart mobility infrastructure, while the city of Springboro is close to finalizing an agreement. DriveOhio, which is supported by the Ohio Department of Transportation and serves as the state's center for smart mobility, said Athens, Columbus, Dublin, and Marysville have signed agreements and several other cities, including Dayton, Youngstown and Cleveland, have also expressed interest in participating in the Autonomous Vehicle Pilot Program. The program was created earlier this year by Gov. John Kasich and links private industry with cities interested in serving as testing sites for autonomous and connected vehicle technology.

TREASURER OF STATE

Ohio has become the first state in the nation to allow businesses to pay taxes via blockchain and the associated cryptocurrency Bitcoin, though the state government will not itself hold the cryptocurrency, Ohio Treasurer Josh Mandel announced Monday. While the payments will be accepted as Bitcoin, the blockchain ledger will enable businesses to track payments in real-time, and only the user can transfer Bitcoin to others. The state is partnering with BitPay, which will serve as a third-party payment processor transferring the Bitcoin into U.S. dollars that the state receives.

UNIONS

A major Ohio union figure and conservative think tank leader differed sharply Thursday on the wisdom of the U.S. Supreme Court's recent ruling on union fees, but they seemed in agreement that the decision isn't likely to have major effects on Ohio public unions' membership. At a forum organized by the Fordham Institute, Ohio Federation of Teachers (OFT) President Melissa Cropper and Buckeye Institute President Robert Alt debated the Janus v. AFSCME decision, which held that public sector unions can't require nonmembers to pay agency or "fair share" fees to cover the cost of bargaining activities.

UTILITIES

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) approved a \$144 million refund for Columbia Gas ratepayers under the Trump administration's Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) Wednesday following widespread support for the settlement by Columbia, Ohio Consumers' Counsel and others. At the same time, PUCO hiked customers' gas distribution charges by \$74.5 million.

Members of the telecom industry and consumer advocates both got a chance Thursday to make what could be their final public arguments on the fate of landline deregulation bill HB402 (Hill). Senate Public Utilities Committee Chairman Bill Beagle (R-Tipp City) said he intends to hold another committee meeting next week, and that could include a third hearing on HB402.

WORKFORCE

Businesses and higher education institutions have launched largely individual efforts toward producing better workers for the future and will now be taking up combined initiatives promoted by the U.S. and Ohio Business Roundtable organizations. U.S. Business Roundtable Vice President Dane Linn brought together business, education and labor leaders for a discussion with reporters Monday on the initial stages of the effort, which seeks to connect current programs and includes a focus on filling openings in STEM fields and increasing diversity in those sectors.

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY:

SENATE:

PASSED BY SENATE

- HB315 DAY DESIGNATION- SMART PARENT DAY (Rep. Steve Arndt) To designate October 6 as "S.M.A.R.T. Parent Day."
Vote 30-0
- HB414 DAY DESIGNATION-ATOMIC VETERANS (Rep. Tim Schaffer) To designate July 16 as "National Atomic Veterans Day" in Ohio.
Vote 30-0
- HB489 BANKS AND CREDIT UNION REGULATION (Rep. Jonathan Dever) To provide some regulatory and tax relief to state banks and credit unions, to provide for data analytics to be conducted on publicly available information regarding banks, credit unions, and consumer finance companies, to modify when a creditor can file a claim against an estate, to require registration of mortgage loan servicers, and to require a specified notice be given to a debtor for certain debt collection.
Vote 30-0
- HCR10 CONDEMN ANTI-SEMITISM (Rep. Andrew Thompson) To condemn the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement and increasing incidents of anti-Semitism.
Vote 30-0
- SB205 BENEFIT CORPORATION FORMATION (Sen. Matt Dolan) To allow a corporation to become a benefit corporation.
Vote 30-0
- SB207 FELONIOUS ASSAULT-OFFENSE EXPANSION (Sen. Stephanie Kunze) To expand the offense of felonious assault to include knowingly causing or attempting to cause physical harm to another person by means of strangulation or suffocation.
Vote 30-0
- SB224 GOODS TAXATION-FOREIGN DELIVERY (Sen. John Eklund) To exempt from sales and use tax goods purchased by a foreign citizen or entity if the goods are in Ohio only temporarily for package consolidation before being delivered to a foreign address, and to declare an emergency.

Vote 30-0, Emergency Clause 29-1

SB265 INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENTS FOR PHARMACISTS (Sen. Matt Dolan) To permit certain health insurers to provide payment or reimbursement for services lawfully provided by a pharmacist and to recognize pharmacist services in certain other laws.

Vote 30-0

SB307 ELIMINATE RULE OF CONSTRUCTION (Sen. Larry Obhof) To eliminate the rule of construction regarding a court's considerations in determining the intention of the legislature when a statute is ambiguous.

Vote 29-0

SB311 WOMEN VETERANS' DAY (Sen. Frank Hoagland, Sen. Sandra Williams) To designate June 12 as "Women Veterans' Day."

Vote 30-0

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB223 UNSAFE USED TIRES PROHIBITION (Sen. Frank LaRose) To prohibit the installation of unsafe used tires on certain motor vehicles.

Vote 28-1, Senate does concur

HOUSE:

PASSED BY HOUSE

HB3 DATAOHIO BOARD CREATION (Rep. Mike Duffey) To create the DataOhio Board, to specify requirements for posting public records online, to require the Auditor of State to adopt rules regarding a uniform accounting system for public offices, to establish an online catalog of public data at data.Ohio.gov, to establish the Local Government Information Exchange Grant Program, and to make an appropriation.

Vote 90-0

HB558 DOG REGISTRATION- DISABLED VETERANS (Rep. Riordan McClain) To exempt certain disabled veterans from paying a dog registration fee when application is made to the county auditor that includes proof that the dog is an assistance dog.

Vote 90-0

HB625 AUXILIARY CONTAINER REGULATION (Rep. George Lang) To authorize a person to use an auxiliary container for any purpose, to prohibit a municipal corporation, charter county, or limited home rule township from imposing a tax or fee on auxiliary containers, and to clarify that the existing anti-littering law applies to auxiliary containers.

Vote 59-30

HB716 TEMPORARY LICENSING-MILITARY (Rep. James Butler, Jr.) To require state occupational licensing agencies, under certain circumstances, to issue temporary licenses or certificates to members of the military and spouses who are licensed in another jurisdiction and have moved to Ohio for active duty.

Vote 89-0, Bill Amended on Floor

HB747 CYBER SECURITY RESERVE (Rep. Mark Romanchuk) To create the civilian cyber security reserve forces.
Vote 84-5

SB20 PERMANENTLY DISABLING CRIME SPECIFICATION (Sen. Robert Hackett) To require an additional prison term of 6 years for an offender who is convicted of or pleads guilty to felonious assault if the offender is convicted of or pleads guilty to a specification that the victim suffered permanent disabling harm and that the victim was under 10 years of age at the time of the offense.
Vote 89-1