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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

The Kasich administration's effort to change nutrient management rules for distressed watersheds was dealt a blow Monday, as the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR) voted 8-1 to "authorize" the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODAg) to "revise and refile" the package. The earliest the department could reappear before the committee is in late January, about a week after Gov.-elect Mike DeWine is sworn in as governor on Monday, Jan. 14, JCARR Chairman Sen. Joe Uecker (R-Loveland) told reporters following the meeting.

FY18-19 BUDGET

According to preliminary figures released by the Office of Budget and Management (OBM), Ohio's revenue continues to come in over estimates. November's tax revenues were 3.3 percent over estimates or nearly \$66.3 million over, which brought the month's total tax receipts to over \$2 billion. For the year, the state is running 1.8 percent over estimates or \$166.9 million. Total receipts

so far this fiscal year -- which began July 1, 2018 -- are \$9.5 billion. This total is a half-billion more than this time last year when the state had brought in just over \$9.0 billion.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Gov. John Kasich announced Monday the approval of assistance for eight 12 projects set to create 1,454 new jobs and retain 3,341 jobs statewide. During its monthly meeting, the Ohio Tax Credit Authority (TCA) reviewed economic development proposals brought to the board by JobsOhio and its regional partners. Collectively, the projects are expected to result in more than \$69 million in payroll and spur more than \$909 million in investments across Ohio.

EDUCATION

State Superintendent Paolo DeMaria announced that 57 schools have been recognized in the fourth round of the Ohio Department of Education's (ODE) Purple Star Award for "military-friendly" schools.

A hearing scheduled for Monday on East Cleveland Schools' request to halt a state takeover was delayed at the parties' request. Both East Cleveland and the state agreed on the need to cancel the hearing, but not on the reasons for doing so.

At least 10 percent of the class of 2018 high school graduates used the flexibility lawmakers granted in earning a diploma, and the state's overall graduation rate went up about 1 percent compared to 2017, according to the Ohio Department of Education (ODE). Chris Woolard, lead accountability official for the department, said Ohio's 2018 graduation rate reached 85.3 percent, compared to 84.1 percent the previous year.

The State Board of Education Tuesday asked Attorney General and Gov.-elect Mike DeWine's office for legal advice on who should be able to participate in the board's leadership election in January. The board also voted to name member Stephanie Dodd as temporary chair to preside over that election. Board President Tess Elshoff and Vice President Nancy Hollister are not returning as board members, as Elshoff faces term limits and Hollister declined to run for re-election, clearing the way for new leadership and creating the need for a temporary chair to preside in January.

Gov.-elect Mike DeWine said Wednesday his staff has been in discussions with Gov. John Kasich's office about the upcoming appointment of four State Board of Education members whose terms would start in Kasich's last days in office but stretch through DeWine's four-year term as governor. Kasich does intend to make appointments to the board before leaving office, according to an email from his spokesman, Jon Keeling.

ELECTIONS 2018

The Ohio Elections Commission (OEC) has dismissed complaints from the Libertarian Party of Ohio (LPO) and the Ohio Green Party that the Ohio Debate Commission illegally excluded the third parties' gubernatorial candidates.

Secretary of State and Lt. Gov.-elect Jon Husted certified results Friday from the 2018 General Election. Complete certified results, including absentee and provisional ballot figures, can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/y8cpwclD>.

EMPLOYMENT/UNEMPLOYMENT

The federal unemployment rate held steady at 3.7 percent in the month of November as the nation added 155,000 jobs, according to figures released by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics on Friday. The number of unemployed persons was little changed at 6.0 million, BLS said.

GAMING/GAMBLING

Revenues for casinos and video lottery terminals (VLTs) were up in October and November of 2018 over those months in 2017, according to figures released by the Ohio Casino Control Commission (OCCC) and the Ohio Lottery Commission (OLC). Ohio's four casinos pulled in \$67.7 million in November 2018 and \$66.6 million in October 2018, compared to \$66.4 million in November 2017 and \$66.5 million in October 2017.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY/STATEHOUSE

The Senate Wednesday passed eight bills, agreed to House amendments on two others, and passed the conference committee report on an omnibus bill creating various highway designations as it looks to wrap up most of its lame duck agenda this week. The chamber broke on party lines on two bills, HB494 (Antani), which specifies that a franchisor is not the employer or employee of a franchisee or the employee of a franchise for purposes of the Minimum Fair Wage Standards Law and other federal laws; and HB119 (Henne) addressing eligibility and benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the Medicaid program.

Other bills that passed during Wednesday's session included the following:

- HB271 (McColley-Rezabek), which addresses the filing of civil actions against businesses that are out of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, giving those with minor violations a chance to correct them.
- HB411 (Seitz-Sykes) modifying the state's wrongful imprisonment law to allow defendants to collect compensation if their case was dismissed because the prosecution did not turn over evidence during their trial.
- HB464 (Lipps) establishing protocols for assessment, treatment and transport to hospitals of stroke patients.
- HB541 (Patterson-LaTourette) authorizing health professionals licensed in other states to provide volunteer health services during charitable events.
- SB251 (Schiavoni), prohibiting the nonconsensual dissemination of private sexual images, often known as "revenge porn." Sponsor Sen. Joe Schiavoni (D-Boardman) expressed hope a version of the bill will pass during lame duck. He said the bill was necessary because, in the past, law enforcement and prosecutors had to be creative in charging the cases, but now have a statute they can pursue. He said the bill had been watered down from what he introduced by taking out protections for those affected by revenge porn, but he urged passage of the bill.

Legislation providing \$54 million in new spending and creating a Lake Erie Improvement District passed the House by a vote of 66-21 on Wednesday. The House Finance Committee had introduced

the Christmas tree omnibus amendment on Tuesday, attaching it to SB51 (Skindell-Eklund) -- legislation creating a Lake Erie improvement district. The omnibus amendment included \$20 million for reconstruction of the Statehouse underground parking garage; \$15 million for Blanchard River flood mitigation; \$15 million for construction of a new stadium for the Columbus Crew; \$2 million for upgrades and repairs for the governor's residence; a \$1 million increase in the litigation line item for FY19; and a \$1 million increase to expand the Hurt to Hope program. The House also passed SB273 (Hackett), which addresses insurance rating agencies.

A bill that originally only increased benefits for surviving family members of fallen law enforcement officers now includes compensation increases for members of the General Assembly, statewide executive officeholders, Ohio Supreme Court justices and other elected officials. Rep. Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati) offered the amendment to increase compensation by varying amounts through 2028 and to create the Public Office Compensation Advisory Commission to make future recommendations. The bill, SB296 (LaRose) cleared the committee and passed both the House and Senate by sizable majorities on Thursday. Questions remain about whether the governor will veto it.

House Speaker Ryan Smith (R-Bidwell) told reporters Wednesday following session that lawmakers are "running out of time" to pass HJR19 (LaTourette-Holmes), a resolution proposing a ballot vote to modify the initiative petition process, during this General Assembly. He said it will be a priority in the 133rd General Assembly, though.

The Conference Committee on SB86 (Hackett) approved several changes to the naming bill but rejected a pair of Democratic amendments Wednesday before reporting the bill on a unanimous vote. Members first approved a Republican amendment that removes several designations already adopted in other legislation and that adds several more, including the annual designation of the week of July 20 as "One Small Step Week" in honor of Ohio native Neil Armstrong's moon walk on that day in 1969. It was agreed to by the Senate on Wednesday and the House on Thursday, sending it on to the governor for his signature.

The Joint Education Oversight Committee (JEOC) heard testimony Tuesday on the Ohio Department of Education's (ODE) recommendations of definitions related to online learning which Superintendent Paolo DeMaria delivered to the General Assembly and JEOC last month. Chairwoman Sen. Gayle Manning (R-North Ridgeville) said the purpose of the meeting was to satisfy provisions of SB216 (Huffman).

Saying it is time to look at the history and achievements of African Americans in Ohio and the nation in order to focus on how to help that community moving forward, members of the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus (OLBC) introduced legislation Tuesday that would create a new study committee. Sen. Charleta Tavares (D-Columbus) was joined at a press conference Tuesday morning by Sen. Vern Sykes (D-Akron), Sen. Sandra Williams (D-Cleveland), Rep. Emilia Sykes (D-Akron) and OLBC President Rep. Stephanie Howse (D-Cleveland) to announce SB346 (Tavares), which would create an African American progress committee.

In addition to voting on two abortion measures and a pay raise for elected officials, the House on Thursday voted to pass SB201 (Bacon-O'Brien), creating longer prison sentences for violent offenders, with an amendment that inserted the language HB719 (Pelanda), creating a sexual assault kit tracking system; SB214 (Terhar-Lehner), a ban on female genital mutilation, with an amendment that added the language of HB451 (Retherford), to shield explicit materials resulting from sex crimes cases from public release; SB259 (Hackett), which changes laws governing the practice of physician

assistants; SB229 (Huffman), regarding regulation of controlled substances; HR518 (Stein), encouraging the federal government to allow states to develop nuclear technologies; SCR21, urging Congress to advance development of the Appalachian storage hub for energy resources, passed 80-6; SB21 (Uecker), allowing fewer poll workers at voting locations with electronic poll books; HB461 (Fedor-Galonski), eliminating disparate treatment of minors suspected of being trafficking victims based on their age; SB265 (Dolan), recognizing pharmacists as health care providers for reimbursement; SB268 (Wilson), increasing penalties for theft in public office; and SB255 (McColley), requiring regular review of occupational licensing and regulatory requirements.

Thursday's Senate session, in addition to action on the pay raise legislation, included passage of HB402 (Hills), regarding telephone company regulations; HB41 (Pelanda) addressing voting laws, including the challenge to voter registration and appointments of observers; HB92 (Schaffer), addressing classification for offenders charged with public indecency; HB96 (Hughes), increasing the penalty for sexual imposition by offenders who have previously been convicted of the offense three or more times; HB131 (Gavarone-Reineke), modifying physical therapy laws; HB156 (Schuring), addressing limitations imposed by health insurers on vision care services; HB454 (Patterson-Arndt), requiring a township to offer compensation to owners of certain unused cemetery lots and right; HB497 (Rogers-Manning), which bans the nonconsensual dissemination of private sexual images, an offense often known as "revenge porn"; HB502 (Anielski), addressing educator in-service training on youth suicide awareness and prevention; HB595 (Cupp-Rezabek), an omnibus bill brought by the Ohio State Bar Association that addresses various wills and trust laws; SB320 (Beagle-Lehner), which addresses state occupational licensing boards; HB480 (Hill) establishing requirements for multi-parcel auctions; and HB500 (Carfagna), making changes to township laws and providing appropriations for police and fire survivor benefits and Pike County murder prosecutions .

Bills that cleared both houses of the General Assembly this week and are on their way to the governor include the following:

- HB41 (Pelanda), addressing voting procedures.
- HB58 (Brenner-Slaby), requiring the Ohio Department of Education to include cursive handwriting instructional materials in the state's model curriculum.
- HB119 (Henne), regarding eligibility for Medicaid and nutrition assistance.
- HB131 (Gavarone-Reineke), addressing the practice of physical therapy.
- HB156 (Schuring), regarding vision insurance,
- HB286 (LaTourette), creating the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Council and a related education program.
- HB291 (Wiggam), addressing employee dishonesty insurance.
- HB402 (Hill), regarding regulation of telephone companies
- HB411 (Seitz-Sykes), changing the law on wrongful imprisonment.

- HB454 (Patterson-Arndt), regarding cemetery plots.
- HB464 (Lipps), regarding stroke care.
- HB480 (Hill), regarding multi-parcel auctions.
- HB494 (Antani), specifying that franchisor corporations are not the joint employers of their franchisees' workers.
- HB497 (Rogers-Manning), prohibiting dissemination of "revenge porn."
- HB500 (Carfagna), which changes township laws and was amended to include appropriations for police and firefighter survivor benefits and the Pike County murder prosecutions.
- HB502 (Anielski), regarding educator training for suicide prevention.
- HB522 (Lanese), revising liquor control laws.
- HB541 (LaTourette-Patterson), regulating the practice of volunteer medical professionals from out of state.
- HB572 (Scherer-Howse), a pensions omnibus measure.
- HB595 (Cupp), updating probate and trust laws.
- SB51 (Skindell), original meant to address Lake Erie shoreline improvements but now acting as the Christmas Tree bill of the session, including appropriations for repairs to the Statehouse parking garage and governor's residence and development of a new soccer stadium in Columbus.
- SB119 (Hackett) Regarding naltrexone and medication-assisted treatment.
- SB145 (Huffman), outlawing a certain abortion procedure often used in second trimester abortions.
- SB158 (Wilson), regarding elder fraud.
- SB201 (Bacon-O'Brien), portions of the Reagan Tokes law that allow for indefinite prison terms based on an inmate's behavior in prison.
- SB229 (Eklund-Lehner) addressing the regulation of controlled substances.
- SB259 (Hackett) revising the law regulating physician assistant practice.
- SB263 (Huffman), the Notary Public Modernization Act.

Business and industry leaders in the state expressed concern Wednesday about the open question of who will serve as the Ohio House speaker in the 133rd General Assembly. In a letter addressed to Rep. Jim Butler (R-Dayton), various Ohio business and manufacturing organizations said that the uncertainty about who will lead the House next year is preventing the body from aligning its goals

with those of Gov.-elect Mike DeWine. Butler, as House Republican Caucus dean, is responsible for scheduling the vote for speaker. Butler declined to comment on the letter to *Hannah News* Thursday. He said in November that he had not yet decided on setting a speaker vote as the two lead contenders attempt to garner support.

In other action, the House Ways and Means Committee reported out HB566, which deals with cigarette minimum pricing; the House Insurance Committee reported out SB227 (Huffman), which deals with insurance companies' release of certain claim information; the Senate Transportation, Commerce and Workforce Committee reported out HB211 (Hughes) which deals with licensure of home inspectors; and the Senate Ways and Means Committee reported out HB343 (Merrin) which deals with challenges to property tax valuations; and HB361 (Greenspan), which deals with the handling of property tax complaints; House State and Local Government Committee reported out HB765 (Kick), designating the Monarch butterfly as the official state butterfly; and HB675 (Barnes), regarding the Hope for a Smile dental program; HB484 (Brenner), regarding credit card use by health districts;

GOVERNOR

With 34 days left in his term, Gov. John Kasich spoke Monday at the JobsOhio December board meeting about the need to protect it from efforts to use it toward more political ends, as well as further work needed to ensure Ohio's position as a center for diverse industries in the U.S. and worldwide.

For the second time in a week, Gov. John Kasich Tuesday called the failure of public education to embrace workforce development Ohio's biggest obstacle to future growth as he prepares to turn over the executive office to Gov.-elect Mike DeWine. Kasich led the final meeting of his Governor's Executive Workforce Board at Cristo Rey Columbus High School, which has adopted the sort of cooperative education model advanced by Kasich. In an informal address to school administrators, faculty and students, he took stock of eight years of policy initiatives in calling workforce development "the biggest problem in the state."

Appointments made during the week include the following:

- Brendan P. Fitzgerald of Westlake (Cuyahoga County) to the Accountancy Board for a term beginning Dec. 7, 2018 and ending Oct. 20, 2025.
- Ann M. Slone of Cincinnati (Hamilton County) to the State Speech and Hearing Professionals Board for a term beginning Dec. 7, 2018 and ending March 22, 2020.
- Karil M. Morrissey of Perrysburg (Wood County) to the Owens Community College Board of Trustees for a term beginning Dec. 7, 2018 and ending Sept. 21, 2024.
- Matthew Lane of Columbus (Franklin County) and Karen M. Manci of Columbus (Franklin County) reappointed to the Sewage Treatment System Technical Advisory Committee for terms beginning Jan. 1, 2019 and ending Dec. 31, 2021.
- Lisa M. Gossett of Marysville (Union County) to the Columbus State Community College Board of Trustees for a term beginning Dec. 11, 2018 and ending Aug. 31, 2021.

- Ronald L. Clark of Hilliard (Franklin County) to the Ohio Private Investigation and Security Services Commission for a term beginning Dec. 11, 2018 and ending Dec. 31, 2020.

- Harun A. Rashid of Hudson (Summit County) to the Stark State College of Technology Board of Trustees for a term beginning Dec. 11, 2018 and ending Nov. 2, 2021.

- Robert Cantrell of Winchester (Adams County) to the Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Release Compensation Board for a term beginning Dec. 12, 2018 and ending July 10, 2020.

- Johnathan R. Haggerty of Hicksville (Defiance County) to the State Chiropractic Board for a term beginning Dec. 13, 2018 and ending Nov. 1, 2022.

- Monica J. Turner of West Chester (Butler County) to the University of Cincinnati Board of Trustees for a term beginning Dec. 13, 2018 and ending Jan. 1, 2026.

- Ellen Marrison of Pickerington (Fairfield County) and Stephen M. White of Dublin (Franklin County) to the STEM Committee for terms beginning Dec. 13, 2018 and continuing at the pleasure of the governor.

The governor signed the following bills this week:

- **HB202** DAY DESIGNATION-VETERANS SUICIDE AWARENESS (THOMPSON A, LANESE L) To designate the first Saturday of May as "Veterans Suicide Awareness Day."

- **HB250** ELECTRIC BIKE REQUIREMENTS (BRINKMAN T) To establish requirements for the use of electric bicycles.

- **HB315** DAY DESIGNATION- SMART PARENT DAY (ARNDT S) To designate October 6 as "S.M.A.R.T. Parent Day."

- **HB329** PYRAMID PROMOTIONAL SCHEMES (PELANDA D) To modify the law governing pyramid promotional schemes.

- **HB414** DAY DESIGNATION-ATOMIC VETERANS (SCHAFFER T) To designate July 16 as "National Atomic Veterans Day" in Ohio.

- **SB223** UNSAFE USED TIRES PROHIBITION (LAROSE F) To prohibit the installation of unsafe used tires on certain motor vehicles.

JUDICIAL

The U.S. Supreme Court (SCOTUS) will not hear Planned Parenthood defunding cases from Louisiana and Kansas, leaving in place lower court rulings that blocked the states from withholding Medicaid dollars for non-abortion health services at the clinics. Chief Justice John Roberts and Justices Brett Kavanaugh, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Sonia Sotomayor, Elena Kagan and Stephen Breyer voted to deny certiorari in *Gee v. Planned Parenthood of Gulf Coast Inc.* and *Anderson v. Planned Parenthood of Kansas and Mid-Missouri*. Four votes are needed to grant certiorari. A three-judge panel of the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled a similar Ohio law -- 131-HB294

(Patmon-Conditt) -- unconstitutional, but a majority of that court's judges voted to rehear the case en banc. The matter is still pending before the court.

Ohio Supreme Court Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor unveiled her plan for drug sentencing reform Thursday among the many recommendations now competing on Capitol Square following defeat of Issue 1. Backed by the Ohio Judicial Conference (OJC), O'Connor's proposal would maintain the carrot-and-stick approach of "intensive" court supervision, prioritized treatment and threatened felony incarceration, along with statutory changes supporting repeated interventions-in-lieu-of-conviction for relapsed offenders who cooperate with the criminal justice system.

The Board of Commissioners of the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection returned \$240,000 to 16 victims of attorney theft in its latest round of awards, implicating eight former or suspended members of the Ohio bar.

MARIJUANA

Columbus City Council has passed legislation addressing medical marijuana dispensaries, defining where they can be located and proximity and operation requirements.

The Ohio Medical Marijuana Control Program (MMCP) registered 1,948 patients during the patient and caregiver registry's first week, the Ohio Board of Pharmacy (OBP) announced Monday. Of those with a recommendation, 1,062 patients have activated their registry card, OBP said.

The Ohio Board of Pharmacy (OBP) has awarded its first medical marijuana dispensary certificate of operation, the agency announced Wednesday. Cresco Labs' CY+ in Wintersville, an Eastern Ohio village near the city of Steubenville, can now sell medical marijuana products.

As several medical marijuana cultivators harvest plants and the first dispensary gets the green light to open, patients now only need testing laboratories to begin operating so they can find cannabis on Ohio store shelves. North Coast Testing Laboratories in Portage County and Hocking College in Athens County are scheduled to be inspected next week, Ohio Department of Commerce (DOC) spokesperson Kerry Francis told *Hannah News* following Thursday's Medical Marijuana Advisory Committee (MMAC) meeting.

MEDICAID/MEDICAID REFORM

The Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee (JMOC) Thursday set the Medicaid growth rate at 3.3 percent for FY20 and 3.4 percent for FY21, an amount between the highest and the lowest actuarial bounds. JMOC first considered Sen. Lou Terhar's (R-Cincinnati) motion to target the growth rate at the lowest actuarial bound -- 2.8 percent for FY20 and 2.9 percent for FY21 -- but that motion was not accepted.

The Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) recently released its 2018 Managed Care Plans Report Card, breaking down the performance of Ohio's five managed care providers across a variety of performance factors. The plans scored largely the same, most earning three stars for average performance in Getting Care, which is defined as how well the plan provides access and how well patients report getting the care they need when they need it. Only Molina Healthcare scored below three, earning two stars for low performance.

NEWS MEDIA

Monica Nieporte, the president and publisher of the APG Ohio media group in Athens, will become the next president and executive director of the Ohio News Media Association in 2019. The announcement was made by Ron Waite, publisher of the *Sandusky Register* and chair of the ONMA search committee that was charged to find a replacement for Executive Director Dennis Hetzel. Nieporte and Hetzel will work together from mid-January until April when Hetzel will depart.

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

The Women's Fund of Central Ohio's Board of Directors announced that Kelley Griesmer has been selected the organization's new president and chief executive officer (CEO). She begins her new role on Monday, Dec. 17.

PEOPLE

Sen. Frank LaRose (R-Copley) announced that he was recently presented the 2018 Award for Civility in State Governance by the National Institute for Civil Discourse (NICD) National Summit in Columbus.

The funeral for former State Rep. Rose Vesper was held Monday, Dec. 10 following her death on Tuesday, Dec. 4. Vesper was 81. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Dr. Lee Vesper, and three daughters and their families.

STATE GOVERNMENT

The Ohio Inspector General's Office announced Thursday that consultants exerted "improper influence" in the hiring process for an information technology (IT) consultant at the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC), with the report sent to the Ohio Auditor of State for further consideration and six recommendations offered to BWC and the Ohio Department of Administrative Services (DAS).

TRANSITION

Speaking to associations representing county commissioners and county engineers Monday, Gov.-elect Mike DeWine said he wouldn't make promises on whether he would restore cuts to the Local Government Fund made under the Kasich administration, but said he would look at it and promised some services will get more state support. He said while he wouldn't make promises on the Local Government Fund, he will be significantly increasing the amount of money going to counties for children's services, noting that Ohio is 50th in states that send state money to children services. He also said that his administration will be looking to fund more multi-county task forces that will go after Mexican drug cartels and other suppliers of the drug crisis.

Gov.-elect DeWine Wednesday announced the following members of his cabinet and staff: Thomas Stickrath, director of the Department of Public Safety; Sheryl Creed Maxfield, director of the Department of Commerce; Kimberly Murnicks, director of the Office of Budget and Management; and Matthew Donahue, chief legal counsel to the governor.

Treasurer-elect Robert Sprague announced senior staff for his administration Monday, including Jody Foltyn, his campaign manager, as chief of staff; term-limited Sen. Bill Beagle (R-Tipp City) as senior director of policy and program administration; House Chief Counsel Michael Lenzo as chief legal counsel; Sam Rossi as communications director; and House Chief Administrative Officer Kim Flasher as chief administrative officer. Beagle was elected in November as Miami County commissioner, but a spokesman for Sprague told *Hannah News* that Beagle will not be taking the commission seat.

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY:

SENATE:

PASSED BY SENATE

- HB41 VOTING PROCESS (Rep. Dorothy Pelanda) To modify the law concerning challenges to voter registrations, the appointment of observers, and absent voting, and to change the manner in which counties may use reimbursements for voting.
Vote 31-0
- HB92 PUBLIC INDECENCY CLASSIFICATION (Rep. Tim Schaffer) To require an offender who knowingly commits the offense of public indecency under certain circumstances involving exposure of private parts likely to be viewed by minors and for the purpose of sexual arousal or gratification to register as a Tier I sex offender/child-victim offender if the judge orders registration.
Vote 31-0
- HB96 SEXUAL IMPOSITION-REPEAT OFFENDERS (Rep. Jim Hughes) To increase the penalty for sexual imposition when the offender previously has been convicted or pleaded guilty three or more times of any of several specified sex offenses and to repeal the corroboration requirement for a sexual imposition conviction.
Vote 31-0
- HB131 PHYSICAL THERAPY LAWS (Rep. Theresa Gavarone, Rep. William Reineke) To modify the laws governing the practice of physical therapy.
Vote 31-0
- HB156 VISION INSURANCE LIMITATIONS (Rep. Kirk Schuring) Regarding limitations imposed by health insurers on vision care services.
Vote 31-0
- HB402 TELEPHONE COMPANY REGULATION (Rep. Brian Hill) To revise state regulation of telephone companies.
Vote 23-8
- HB454 UNUSED CEMETERY LOTS-TOWNSHIPS (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Steve Arndt) To require a township to offer compensation to responsive owners of certain unused cemetery lots and rights.
Vote 31-0
- HB480 MULTI-PARCEL AUCTIONS (Rep. Brian Hill) To establish requirements governing multi-parcel auctions and to amend Ohio's foreclosure procedures.
Amended on floor, Bill Vote 31-0
- HB497 SEXUAL IMAGE DISSEMINATION (Rep. John Rogers, Rep. Nathan Manning) To prohibit the nonconsensual dissemination of private sexual images, to require that certain property involved in the offense be criminally forfeited, and to create certain legal rights and employment protections of a victim of the offense.
Amended on Floor, Bill Vote 31-0

- HB500 TOWNSHIP LAW (Rep. Rick Carfagna) To make various changes to township law, to make an appropriation for Pike County capital case litigation, and to make an appropriation for Death Benefit Fund beneficiaries.
Vote 31-0
- HB502 YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING-PUBLIC (Rep. Marlene Anielski) With regard to educator in-service training on youth suicide awareness and prevention in public schools.
Vote 31-0
- HB595 WILLS AND TRUST LAW (Rep. Bob Cupp, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To permit nonelderly, disabled applicants or recipients of Medicaid benefits or their spouses to establish their own special needs trust on or after December 13, 2016, to specify domestic relations and juvenile court jurisdiction in certain matters, and relative to procedures for the waiver of certain fees for indigent litigants in civil actions, procedures for a testator to file a declaratory judgment action to declare the validity of a will prior to death and the settlor of a trust to file such an action to declare its validity, exceptions to antilapse provisions in class gifts in wills and trusts, admission of authenticated copies of wills of persons not domiciled in Ohio, incorporation of a written trust into a will, testimony of witnesses in admission of will to probate, trusts for a minor, arbitration of trust disputes, the creation of county and multicounty guardianship services boards, the coroner's disposition of person dying of suspicious or unusual death, an application for the release of medical records and medical billing records, adding involuntary manslaughter not resulting from a felony vehicular homicide offense to the list of offenses excluding an individual from inheriting from a decedent, attorney-client privilege when the client is acting as a fiduciary, and the placement of fiduciary funds in interest on lawyer's trust accounts.
Vote 31-0
- SB320 TEMPORARY LICENSES-MILITARY (Sen. Bill Beagle, Sen. Peggy Lehner) 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 31-0
- HB119 SNAP AND MEDICAID BENEFITS (Rep. Michael Henne) Regarding eligibility and benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance program and the Medicaid program and the use of the term substance abuse disorder in statutes regarding the Board of Nursing.
Vote 23-9
- HB258 ABORTION-DETECTABLE HEARTBEAT (Rep. Christina Hagan) To generally prohibit an abortion of an unborn human individual with a detectable heartbeat and to create the Joint Legislative Committee on Adoption Promotion and Support.
Vote 18-13
- HB271 ACCESSIBILITY LAW VIOLATION NOTICE (Sen. Robert McColley, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To authorize an alleged aggrieved party to provide a notice of an alleged accessibility law violation in advance of filing a civil action and to establish the circumstances under which an alleged aggrieved party is entitled to attorney's fees in a civil action based on the violation.
Vote 31-0
- HB411 WRONGFUL IMPRISONMENT LAW (Rep. Bill Seitz, Rep. Emilia Sykes) To modify the state's wrongful imprisonment law and to modify the purpose of violation sanction centers.

Vote 31-0

HB464 STROKE CENTERS AND TREATMENT PROTOCOL (Rep. Scott Lipps) To provide for recognition of stroke centers and establishment of protocols for assessment, treatment, and transport to hospitals of stroke patients.

Vote 31-0

HB494 FRANCHISORS-COMPENSATION LAW (Rep. Niraj Antani) To specify that a franchisor is not the employer of a franchisee or employee of a franchisee for purposes of the Minimum Fair Wage Standards Law, the Bimonthly Pay Law, the Workers' Compensation Law, the Unemployment Compensation Law, and the Income Tax Law and to require the Director of Administrative Services to establish the women-owned business enterprise program.

Vote 23-9

HB541 HEALTH SERVICES VOLUNTEERS (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To authorize health professionals licensed in other states to provide volunteer health services during charitable events, to make changes in the laws administered by the State Board of Pharmacy regarding home medical equipment services and immunization administration by pharmacists and pharmacy interns, and to modify the kinship caregiver child care program earmark.

Vote 31-0

SB251 NONCONSENSUAL IMAGE DISSEMINATION PROHIBITION (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To prohibit the nonconsensual dissemination of private sexual images, to require that certain property involved in the offense be criminally forfeited, and to create certain legal rights and employment protections of a victim of the offense.

Vote 31-0

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB51 LAKE ERIE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (Sen. Michael Skindell) To authorize the creation of a special improvement district to facilitate Lake Erie shoreline improvement, to revise other laws governing taxation and public property and otherwise provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs, to make appropriations, and to declare an emergency.

Vote 29-2, Senate does concur

SB145 DISMEMBERMENT ABORTIONS BAN (Sen. Matt Huffman) To criminalize and create a civil action for dismemberment abortions.

Vote 23-9, Senate does concur

SB201 REAGAN TOKES LAW-INCARCERATION (Sen. Kevin Bacon, Sen. Sean O'Brien) To provide for indefinite prison terms for first or second degree felonies and specified third degree felonies, with presumptive release of offenders sentenced to such a term at the end of the minimum term; to generally allow the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction to reduce the minimum term for exceptional conduct or adjustment to incarceration; to allow the department to rebut the release presumption and keep the offender in prison up to the maximum term if it makes specified findings; and to name the act's provisions the Reagan Tokes Law.

Vote 31-1, Senate does concur

SB229 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES REGULATION (Sen. John Eklund, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To modify laws pertaining to the State Board of Pharmacy and the regulation of controlled substances.

Vote 32-0, Senate does concur

- SB259 PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT REGULATION (Sen. Robert Hackett) To revise the law regulating physician assistant practice.
Vote 31-0, Senate does concur
- SB263 NOTARY PUBLIC MODERNIZATION ACT (Sen. Matt Huffman) To enact the Notary Public Modernization Act.
Vote 31-0, Senate does concur
- SB273 RATING AGENCY-STATUTORY DEFINITION (Sen. Robert Hackett) To enact for the Revised Code a definition of the term "insurance rating agency"; to establish standards for data security and for the investigation of and notification to the Superintendent of Insurance of a cybersecurity event; regarding motor vehicle ancillary product protection contracts and motor vehicle service contracts; to authorize domestic surplus lines insurers; regarding cancellation of certain insurance policies; and regarding the regulatory authority of the Superintendent of Insurance.
Vote 31-0, Senate does concur
- SB296 OFFICER DEATH BENEFIT FUND REVISIONS (Sen. Frank LaRose) To revise the payments that surviving family members receive from the Ohio Public Safety Officers Death Benefit Fund and to permit surviving spouses and children to participate in the health, dental, and vision benefits offered to state employees as if the survivors were employees of this state; to increase the compensation of elected public officers through 2028; to create the Public Office Compensation Advisory Commission; to create the Office of Innovate Ohio; to allow the Lieutenant Governor to receive the salary of the head of an office within the Governor's office in lieu of the Lieutenant Governor's statutory salary; and to declare an emergency.
Emergency Clause 28-3, Bill Vote 26-5, Senate does concur
- SB119 ADDICTION TREATMENT AND PRESCRIPTIONS (Sen. Robert Hackett) Regarding naltrexone and medication-assisted treatment.
Vote 32-0, Senate does concur
- SB158 COMBATING ELDER FRAUD (Sen. Steve Wilson) To develop best practices and educational opportunities to combat elder fraud and exploitation, to modify the membership of the elder abuse commission, and to fine and require full restitution from offenders who are found guilty of certain fraud-related crimes against the elderly.
Vote 32-0, Senate does concur

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- SB86 DESIGNATION OMNIBUS (Sen. Robert Hackett) To designate multiple memorial highways and bridges, to create multiple nonstandard license plates, to create multiple special designations, and to designate John Glenn's childhood home as a state historic site.
Vote 32-0

HOUSE:

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- HB461 DELINQUENCY ABEYANCE-CHILD TRAFFICKING (Rep. Teresa Fedor, Rep. Tavia Galonski) To require a juvenile court to hold a delinquency complaint in abeyance if the court has reason to believe that the act charged might be prostitution related or that the child might be a victim of human trafficking and to provide that the same elements for the offense of trafficking in persons that apply to a victim under the age of sixteen also apply to a victim who is age sixteen or seventeen.

- Vote 82-3
- SB21 ELECTRONIC POLLBOOK USAGE (Sen. Joe Uecker) To reduce the minimum number of precinct election officials in a precinct in which electronic pollbooks are used.
- Vote 56-28
- SB145 DISMEMBERMENT ABORTIONS BAN (Sen. Matt Huffman) To criminalize and create a civil action for dismemberment abortions.
- Vote 62-27
- SB201 REAGAN TOKES LAW-INCARCERATION (Sen. Kevin Bacon, Sen. Sean O'Brien) To provide for indefinite prison terms for first or second degree felonies and specified third degree felonies, with presumptive release of offenders sentenced to such a term at the end of the minimum term; to generally allow the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction to reduce the minimum term for exceptional conduct or adjustment to incarceration; to allow the department to rebut the release presumption and keep the offender in prison up to the maximum term if it makes specified findings; and to name the act's provisions the Reagan Tokes Law.
- Amended on Floor, Bill Vote 76-0
- SB214 FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION PROHIBITION (Sen. Louis Terhar, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To prohibit female genital mutilation.
- Amended on Floor, Bill Vote 86-0, Emergency Clause Failed 2-84
- SB229 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES REGULATION (Sen. John Eklund, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To modify laws pertaining to the State Board of Pharmacy and the regulation of controlled substances.
- Vote 80-0
- SB255 OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING BOARDS REVIEW (Sen. Robert McColley) To establish a statewide policy on occupational regulation, to allow an individual who has been convicted of a criminal offense to request a licensing authority to determine whether the individual is disqualified from receiving or holding a professional license based on conviction, to require standing committees of the General Assembly to periodically review occupational licensing boards regarding their sunset, to require the Legislative Service Commission to issue reports of occupational licensing bills and state regulation of occupations, to require the licensure of home inspectors, to create the Ohio Home Inspector Board to regulate the licensure and performance of home inspectors, to require realtors who recommend home inspectors to provide a list of home inspectors, to make changes in various laws regarding state boards, commissions, councils, and agencies and their regulation of certain professions or activities, and to regulate the practice of makeup artistry.
- Amended on Floor, Bill Vote 55-27
- SB259 PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT REGULATION (Sen. Robert Hackett) To revise the law regulating physician assistant practice.
- Vote 80-1
- 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, to adopt requirements related to step therapy protocols, and to recognize pharmacist services in certain other laws.
- Vote 84-0
- SB268 THEFT IN OFFICE PENALTIES (Sen. Steve Wilson) To expand the increased penalties for theft in office based on the amount of property or services stolen, to include as restitution certain audit costs of the entity that suffered the loss involved in

the offense, for any other offense, to allow restitution for the cost of accounting or auditing done to determine the extent of economic loss, to require certain convention and visitors' bureaus to make available for inspection by the public all meeting minutes, vendor payment information, and financial information, to permit intrastate equity crowdfunding under certain circumstances, to provide for a hardship exemption from the requirement that financial statements filed under the Securities Law be audited, to replace expungement with sealing of ex parte protection orders and records under certain circumstances, and to clarify the appellate process for the court's refusal to grant certain protection orders.

Amended on Floor, Bill Vote 86-0

SB296 OFFICER DEATH BENEFIT FUND REVISIONS (Sen. Frank LaRose) To revise the payments that surviving family members receive from the Ohio Public Safety Officers Death Benefit Fund and to permit surviving spouses and children to participate in the health, dental, and vision benefits offered to state employees as if the survivors were employees of this state; to increase the compensation of elected public officers through 2028; to create the Public Office Compensation Advisory Commission; to create the Office of InnovateOhio; to allow the Lieutenant Governor to receive the salary of the head of an office within the Governor's office in lieu of the Lieutenant Governor's statutory salary; and to declare an emergency.

Vote 68-20 as Emergency Measure

SB51 LAKE ERIE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (Sen. Michael Skindell) To authorize the creation of a special improvement district to facilitate Lake Erie shoreline improvement, to revise other laws governing taxation and public property and otherwise provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs, to make appropriations, and to declare an emergency.

Amended on Floor, Bill Vote 68-26, Emergency Clause 68-20

SB273 RATING AGENCY-STATUTORY DEFINITION (Sen. Robert Hackett) To enact for the Revised Code a definition of the term "insurance rating agency"; to establish standards for data security and for the investigation of and notification to the Superintendent of Insurance of a cybersecurity event; regarding motor vehicle ancillary product protection contracts and motor vehicle service contracts; to authorize domestic surplus lines insurers; regarding cancellation of certain insurance policies; and regarding the regulatory authority of the Superintendent of Insurance.

Vote 94-0

CONSIDERATION OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB41 VOTING PROCESS (Rep. Dorothy Pelanda) To modify the law concerning challenges to voter registrations, the appointment of observers, and absent voting, and to change the manner in which counties may use reimbursements for voting.

House Does Concur, Vote 59-22

HB119 SNAP AND MEDICAID BENEFITS (Rep. Michael Henne) Regarding eligibility and benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance program and the Medicaid program and the use of the term substance abuse disorder in statutes regarding the Board of Nursing.

House Does Concur, Vote 65-20

HB131 PHYSICAL THERAPY LAWS (Rep. Theresa Gavarone, Rep. William Reineke) To modify the laws governing the practice of physical therapy.

House Does Concur, Vote 84-1

- HB258 ABORTION-DETECTABLE HEARTBEAT (Rep. Christina Hagan) To generally prohibit an abortion of an unborn human individual with a detectable heartbeat and to create the Joint Legislative Committee on Adoption Promotion and Support.
House Does Concur, Vote 53-32
- HB402 TELEPHONE COMPANY REGULATION (Rep. Brian Hill) To revise state regulation of telephone companies.
House Does Concur, Vote 64-19
- HB411 WRONGFUL IMPRISONMENT LAW (Rep. Bill Seitz, Rep. Emilia Sykes) To modify the state's wrongful imprisonment law and to modify the purpose of violation sanction centers.
House Does Concur, Vote 81-3
- HB464 STROKE CENTERS AND TREATMENT PROTOCOL (Rep. Scott Lipps) To provide for recognition of stroke centers and establishment of protocols for assessment, treatment, and transport to hospitals of stroke patients.
House Does Concur, Vote 86-0
- HB480 MULTI-PARCEL AUCTIONS (Rep. Brian Hill) To establish requirements governing multi-parcel auctions and to amend Ohio's foreclosure procedures.
House Does Concur, Vote 85-0
- HB494 FRANCHISORS-COMPENSATION LAW (Rep. Niraj Antani) To specify that a franchisor is not the employer of a franchisee or employee of a franchisee for purposes of the Minimum Fair Wage Standards Law, the Bimonthly Pay Law, the Workers' Compensation Law, the Unemployment Compensation Law, and the Income Tax Law and to require the Director of Administrative Services to establish the women-owned business enterprise program.
House Does Concur, Vote 60-25
- HB497 SEXUAL IMAGE DISSEMINATION (Rep. John Rogers, Rep. Nathan Manning) To prohibit the nonconsensual dissemination of private sexual images, to require that certain property involved in the offense be criminally forfeited, and to create certain legal rights and employment protections of a victim of the offense.
House Does Concur, Vote 85-0
- HB500 TOWNSHIP LAW (Rep. Rick Carfagna) To make various changes to township law, to make an appropriation for Pike County capital case litigation, and to make an appropriation for Death Benefit Fund beneficiaries.
House Does Concur, Vote 84-1
- HB541 HEALTH SERVICES VOLUNTEERS (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To authorize health professionals licensed in other states to provide volunteer health services during charitable events, to make changes in the laws administered by the State Board of Pharmacy regarding home medical equipment services and immunization administration by pharmacists and pharmacy interns, and to modify the kinship caregiver child care program earmark.
House Does Concur, Vote 86-0
- HB595 WILLS AND TRUST LAW (Rep. Bob Cupp, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To permit nonelderly, disabled applicants or recipients of Medicaid benefits or their spouses to establish their own special needs trust on or after December 13, 2016, to specify domestic relations and juvenile court jurisdiction in certain matters, and relative to procedures for the waiver of certain fees for indigent litigants in civil actions, procedures for a testator to file a declaratory judgment action to declare the validity of a will prior to death and the settlor of a trust to file such an action to declare its validity, exceptions to antilapse provisions in class gifts in wills and trusts, admission

of authenticated copies of wills of persons not domiciled in Ohio, incorporation of a written trust into a will, testimony of witnesses in admission of will to probate, trusts for a minor, arbitration of trust disputes, the creation of county and multicounty guardianship services boards, the coroner's disposition of person dying of suspicious or unusual death, an application for the release of medical records and medical billing records, adding involuntary manslaughter not resulting from a felony vehicular homicide offense to the list of offenses excluding an individual from inheriting from a decedent, attorney-client privilege when the client is acting as a fiduciary, and the placement of fiduciary funds in interest on lawyer's trust accounts.

House Does Concur, Vote 84-0

HB58 CURSIVE HANDWRITING INSTRUCTION (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To require the Department of Education to include supplemental instructional materials in cursive handwriting in the English language arts model curriculum.

House Does Concur, Vote 90-4

HB286 PALLIATIVE CARE PROGRAMS (Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To create the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Council and a related education program, to require identification of patients and residents who could benefit from palliative care, to authorize hospice care programs to provide palliative care in their inpatient facilities or units to non-hospice patients, to specify that Medicaid coverage for palliative care is not being expanded, to modify the pain management clinic licensing law relative to certain palliative care patients, and to authorize the Director of Health to approve the transfer of certain nursing home beds to a facility in a contiguous county.

House Does Concur, Vote 93-0

HB291 EMPLOYEE DISHONESTY INSURANCE (Rep. Scott Wiggam) To allow certain political subdivisions to adopt a policy authorizing the use of an "employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policy" instead of individual surety bonds for officers, employees, and appointees who are otherwise required by law to give bond before entering upon the discharge of duties.

House Does Concur, Vote 92-0

HB522 FLUOR PERMIT-OUTDOOR AREAS (Rep. Laura Lanese) To revise certain provisions of the liquor control laws.

House Does Concur, Vote 89-4

HB572 PERS- DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SCHOOL EMPLOYEE (Rep. Gary Scherer) To revise the laws governing the Public Employees Retirement System, the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund, the State Teachers Retirement System, and the School Employees Retirement System.

House Does Concur, Vote 92-0

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House Accepts Conference Committee Report, Vote 78-0

ADOPTED BY HOUSE

HR518 NUCLEAR EXPERIMENTATION (Rep. Dick Stein) To petition the United States Department of Energy to promulgate rules and establish programs allowing states, in

collaboration with the Department, to develop new nuclear technologies and laboratories and construct nuclear experimentation containment facility testing platforms.

Vote 73-2

SCR21 APPALACHIAN STORAGE HUB DEVELOPMENT (Sen. Troy Balderson) To urge the Congress of the United States to enact various bills advancing the development of an Appalachian storage hub.

Vote 80-6

HR611 TRAVEL ALLOWANCE (Rep. Ryan Smith, Rep. Fred Strahorn) Relative to travel allowance.

Vote 86-0