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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.

### **ADDICTION/SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

Attorney General Mike DeWine on Monday accused major drug companies of neglecting their duties under the law to control the diversion of opioids in Ohio for illicit purposes. DeWine filed a lawsuit that seeks compensatory and punitive damages as well as stiffer reporting requirements on drug distributors. He filed the lawsuit against AmerisourceBergen Drug Corporation, Cardinal Health, Inc. and its subsidiaries, McKesson Corporation and Miami-Luken, Inc. in Madison County, which has seen a much higher volume of opioids distributed in it compared to the statewide average.

The Kasich administration's \$8 million Ohio Opioid Technology Challenge launched its second phase Wednesday for eventual testing of high-tech applications in the fight against the state's heroin and pain pill epidemic. This Challenge Phase, which will take proposals in four categories until July 2018, follows the announcement of Idea Phase winners in January.

## **AFFORDABLE CARE ACT/HEALTH CARE REFORM**

Ohio's Gov. John Kasich joined Colorado's Democratic Gov. John Hicklenlooper and Alaska's Independent Gov. Bill Walker Friday on C-SPAN to unveil a six-page "framework" for improving the nation's health care system in the hopes of kick-starting a debate at the federal level. Guiding principles include affordability, stability, state flexibility and improved regulations. Also signatories on the document are Pennsylvania's Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf and Nevada's Republican Gov. Brian Sandoval, though they did not participate in the morning's webcast from the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.

## **ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Attorney General Mike DeWine announced Friday that his initiative to test DNA evidence from thousands of once-forgotten rape kits spanning four decades is "complete." Forensic scientists with the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) have now analyzed all 13,931 rape kits submitted by local law enforcement for genetic testing as part of the Sexual Assault Kit (SAK) Testing Initiative, which predates DeWine's administration. A total of 8,648 DNA profiles have been uploaded to the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) as a result of the testing, and 5,024 matches to offender DNA and/or DNA collected from the scenes of other crimes have occurred to-date. Charges have been filed against hundreds of attackers.

## **AUDITOR OF STATE**

Ohio Auditor Dave Yost said he hopes for passage of SB218 (Lehner) before the end of the current General Assembly, pointing to a newly released report on the costs of Medicaid noncompliance in a Tuesday press conference. The bill would require Medicaid providers to obtain surety bonds, with exceptions for individuals providing care to a loved one. That way, in a case of improper payment, money could be recouped from the insurance company if other attempts to collect fail, Yost said.

## **BALLOT ISSUES**

Two congressional members and a representative of the League of Women Voters of Ohio are joining the General Assembly's four legislative leaders as co-chairs of the campaign pushing for passage of Issue 1, the congressional redistricting reform amendment authorized through SJR5 (Huffman-Sykes).

## **FY19-20 CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS**

Lawmakers introduced the \$2.6 billion capital budget for FY19-20 Monday, highlighting a \$222 million portion dedicated to addiction and other health and human services purposes. Both chambers held hearings this week on their respective measures -- SB266 (Oelslager) and HB529 (Ryan) -- as the General Assembly looks to make quick work of the bill. To that end, Budget Director Tim Keen

briefed both committees, reviewing in greater detail major spending proposals for prisons, schools, dam safety and health and human services facilities. Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina) told reporters Monday he hopes to finish work on the bill in the third week of March. The House version is expected to be the final vehicle.

## **CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

State Reps. Adam C. Miller (D-Columbus) and Jim Hughes (R-Columbus) introduced HB520 to increase penalties for those convicted of solicitation from a third to a first-degree misdemeanor. As Ohio's opioid crisis has worsened in recent years, the number of prostitution-related arrests has increased by more than 30 percent across the state. A companion bill, SB267, was introduced in the Senate by Sens. Edna Brown (D-Toledo) and Stephanie Kunze (R-Hilliard).

## **EDUCATION**

As they continue drafting a five-year strategic plan for education, the Ohio Department of Education and the State Board of Education are inviting comment on the plan at 11 regional hearings scheduled for March and April. All hearings are scheduled for 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., as follows:

- Wednesday, March 14, Portsmouth: SOMC Friends Community Center, 1202 18th St., Rm. B
- Thursday, March 15, Marietta: Marietta High School, 115 Academy Dr.
- Monday, March 19, Massillon: R.G. Drage Career Center, 2800 Richville Dr. SW
- Tuesday, March 20, Zanesville: Zanesville High School, 1701 Blue Ave.
- Wednesday, March 21, Defiance: Defiance High School, 1755 Palmer Dr.
- Monday, March 26, Toledo: Radisson Hotel at the University of Toledo, 3100 Glendale Ave.
- Tuesday, March 27, Independence: Cuyahoga County ESC, 6393 Oak Tree Blvd.
- Thursday, March 29, Dayton: Stivers High School, 1313 E. Fifth St.
- Tuesday, April 3, Jefferson: A-tech Ashtabula County Technical and Career Center, 1565 OH-167
- Thursday, April 5, Columbus: Columbus State Conference Center, 315 Cleveland Ave.
- Tuesday, April 17, Cincinnati: Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency, 1740 Langdon Farm Rd.

The state is now taking applications through Monday, April 2 for organizations interested in becoming charter school sponsors, according to the Ohio Department of Education (ODE). Those interested may contact ODE's Office of Community Schools at [community.schools@education.ohio.gov](mailto:community.schools@education.ohio.gov), 614-466-7058 or toll free at 877-644-6338 at least three weeks before submitting a completed application for information on setting up an account. Applications and the scoring rubric are available at <http://tinyurl.com/yat2c8k6>.

Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow (ECOT) suffered another courtroom defeat Tuesday as the 10th District Court of Appeals rejected its claims that the State Board of Education violated sunshine laws while seeking to claw back money from the online charter school.

Legislation that would consolidate several education-related state agencies into the Ohio Department of Learning and Achievement (DLA) was praised by Kasich administration officials, a former State Board of Education (SBOE) president and a variety of other witnesses on Tuesday. During the House Government Accountability and Oversight Committee's second hearing on HB512 (Reineke), lawmakers heard a general theme that the state's current system of governance is not efficient and requires an organizational revamp to better prepare students for work and life.

While the administration and GOP lawmakers push a proposal to consolidate state education agencies, Superintendent Paolo DeMaria told the governor in a letter this week he can more quickly move toward his goal of greater workforce alignment by adding DeMaria to the panel that advises him on such issues. DeMaria notes that Higher Education Chancellor John Carey, Job and Family Services Director Cynthia Dungey and Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Director Kevin Miller all hold seats on the Governor's Executive Workforce Board (GEWB).

## **ELECTIONS 2018**

Republican attorney general candidate and current Auditor Dave Yost announced his campaign's three-point plan aimed at increasing school security on Monday. Calling the plan the "School Entry Control and Urgent Response (SECUR) Program," Yost's campaign said the plan will bolster security at Ohio public schools and better protect students.

Secretary of State Jon Husted released on Tuesday the official title of state Issue 1, the congressional redistricting reform constitutional amendment passed by the General Assembly as SJR5 (Huffman-Sykes): "Creates a bipartisan, public process for drawing congressional districts."

Additionally, Husted announced the complete list of write-in candidates who will be on the May primary election ballot. Write-in candidates that are eligible include Green Party member Paul Curry for state treasurer, Green Party member Philena Irene Farley for U.S. Senate, and Republican Timothy Pinion for U.S. Senate. Disqualified from running as a write-in for the Green Party for state auditor was Kelli Prather because she had originally filed to run as a Democrat.

Cleveland Clinic physician Jon Heavey and his running mate Adam Hudak Wednesday officially filed their legal challenge to Secretary of State Jon Husted's disqualification of their candidacies for governor and lieutenant governor, respectively.

Saying the Ohio Democratic Party (ODP) is clearly taking sides in the governor's race and that voters are responding to his message of legalizing marijuana and using the revenue to fund opiate treatment facilities, former Ohio Justice and current Democratic gubernatorial candidate William O'Neill Thursday pushed back on state party criticism of his candidacy. According to a memo authored by Chairman David Pepper and sent to members of the party's state Executive Committee, all of the gubernatorial candidates except for O'Neill satisfied the committee that there was not an

issue or pattern of issues that risked the basic viability of their candidacy or their Democratic ticket should they win the nomination.

Sen. Troy Balderson (R-Zanesville) announced that his new campaign headquarters for his 12th District congressional campaign will be located at 2931 E. Dublin-Granville Road near Westerville. The offices are the former offices of the Tiberi for Congress campaign team.

The following endorsements were made over the week:

- The campaigns of Zack Space and Kathleen Clyde announced the endorsement of U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH) for state auditor and secretary of state, respectively.
- According to the Rob Richardson campaign, he was endorsed for Ohio Treasurer by the Ohio AFL-CIO.
- Democratic Progressives of Ohio endorsed Betsy Rader for the 14th Congressional District and Danny O'Connor for the 12th Congressional District.
- The gubernatorial campaign for Richard Cordray announced the endorsement of Columbus Mayor Andrew Ginther.
- The Ohio Federation of Teachers endorsed Richard Cordray for governor; Kathleen Clyde for secretary of state; Steve Dettelbach for attorney general; Rob Richardson for treasurer; Zack Space for auditor; Nickie Antonio for Senate District 23; Steve Holecko for House District 14; Mike Skindell for House District 13; and Lisa Sobecki for House District 45.
- The gubernatorial campaign for Mike DeWine announced the endorsements of the Brown, Clinton, Fulton and Greene County Republican parties.
- Rep. Dave Greenspan's re-election campaign announced the endorsement of Sheet Metal Workers International Association, Local Union No. 33.
- The congressional campaign of Danny O'Connor announced the endorsement of former Gov. Ted Strickland.

## **ENERGY**

National and state energy leaders will convene in March in Columbus to discuss the electric distribution system of the future and how state policy can facilitate grid enhancements, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) spokesperson Matt Schilling told *Hannah News*. More than 70 speakers are scheduled to participate in PUCO's third phase of PowerForward, which starts on Tuesday, March 6 and continues on Wednesday, March 7 and Thursday, March 8.

Then PowerForward will break for a week and reconvene for another three days from Tuesday, March 20 through Thursday, March 22.

## **GENERAL ASSEMBLY/STATEHOUSE**

Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina) announced Monday the appointment of Sen. Gayle Manning (R-North Ridgeville) as chair of the Joint Education Oversight Committee.

Speaker of the House Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville) has made an additional shift in House committee assignments with the Monday announcement that Rep. Sarah LaTourette (R-Chesterland) has been removed from the House Insurance Committee. Replacing her is Rep. George Lang (R-West Chester).

The House Wednesday unanimously voted to concur with Senate amendments to HB1 (Sykes-Manning), which Rep. Emilia Sykes (D-Akron) said will make long overdue changes to Ohio law by allowing individuals in dating relationships to obtain domestic violence civil protection orders. It now goes to the governor for his signature.

## **GOVERNOR**

Gov. John Kasich Tuesday announced the appointment of Timothy J. McNicol of Wellsville (Columbiana County) to serve as a judge on the Columbiana County Municipal Court. McNicol will assume office on Wednesday, March 7. He must run in November 2019 to retain the seat for the full term commencing Jan. 2, 2020. McNicol is replacing Judge Charles C. Amato who resigned.

Gov. John Kasich signed three bills into law Thursday:

- **SB144** (Burke) which abolishes the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Commission, Consumer Advisory Committee, and Governor's Council on People with Disabilities; establishes a state rehabilitation services council known as the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Council; and restores staggered terms of office for the employee members representing firefighters on the board of trustees of the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund.
- **HB79** (Retherford-Hagan) which provides for firearms training for tactical medical professionals; permits such a professional who has received that training and has been specifically authorized by the law enforcement agency to carry firearms while on duty; and grants such a professional the same right to carry a concealed handgun in this state as a concealed handgun licensee.
- **HB45** (Sprague) which designates May as "Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month."

Appointments made during the week include the following:

- Theresa M. Blocher of Paris (Stark County) to the State Auctioneers Commission for a term beginning Feb. 26, 2018, and ending Oct. 9, 2020.
- Lauralee S. Krabill of Sandusky (Erie County) and Patricia A. Sharpnack of Chardon (Geauga County) reappointed to the Board of Nursing for terms beginning Feb. 26, 2018, and ending Dec. 31, 2021.
- Megan Cremeans of Somerset (Perry County) to serve as a student member on the Miami University Board of Trustees for a term beginning March 1, 2018 and ending Feb. 28, 2020.
- Zachary T. Haines of Cincinnati (Hamilton County) to the Miami University Board of Trustees for a term beginning March 1, 2018 and ending Feb. 28, 2027.

- Iris Martinez Juergens of Dayton (Montgomery County) to the Central State University Board of Trustees for a term beginning Feb. 28, 2018, and ending June 30, 2026.

## **GREAT LAKES**

Neither state nor local entities will be on the hook for reimbursing the federal government for placing material dredged from the Cleveland Harbor into confined disposal facilities (CDFs) in 2016 and 2017, according to a settlement reached by the parties. A federal judge previously ruled that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) was responsible for the full cost of placing dredged material in CDFs in 2015. USACE unsuccessfully argued it was only responsible for the cost of dredging and dumping that material into Lake Erie.

## **GUNS**

Gov. John Kasich unveiled six proposals for new gun control legislation Thursday, culminating months of debate and final agreement among a "diverse" panel first convened last November. Proposals were notable for what they did include, such as a new gun violence protection order (GVPO) and firearms ban on domestic violence offenders, and for what they did not. Recommendations contain no age restrictions or limitations on military assault weapons, though the governor said the group will continue its work.

Gov. John Kasich's six legislative proposals geared towards gun control prompted positive responses from Democratic Statehouse leaders, while the Republican contenders to replace him both said they didn't support actions restricting legal gun ownership.

After a spike in 2016, fewer new concealed carry handgun licenses were issued in 2017 according to an annual report issued Thursday by Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine.

As Gov. John Kasich was preparing to announce new gun control recommendations for the state's Legislature, Columbus city leaders sent the governor a letter calling for "responsible gun laws." "As public servants in Columbus, it is our responsibility to keep our city safe - but elected officials at the Statehouse have taken away our ability to enact laws that can reduce gun violence. That must change," said Mayor Andrew Ginther, City Attorney Zach Klein and City Council President Shannon Hardin.

## **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Ohio's plan to implement work requirements for those covered under Medicaid expansion would hike government costs, increase drug overdose deaths, exacerbate the infant mortality problem and generally harm low-income individuals and families that are already struggling, witnesses told the Ohio Department of Medicaid's (ODM) Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC) on Thursday.

## **HIGHER EDUCATION**

Marion Technical College announced that Richard Prystowsky will be its new vice president of academic affairs and student services, touting his 30 years of experience in higher education and his passion for helping students.

Kent State University announced Friday the new dean of its College of Aeronautics and Engineering, Christina Bloebaum, Ph.D., who is coming from her previous job as a professor of aerospace engineering at Iowa State University.

Kent State University has an annual economic impact of more than \$1 billion on Northeast Ohio according to a new report by EY and announced by the university. The report by EY, formerly known as Ernst and Young, is the result of a comprehensive, independent study of Kent State's economic and fiscal contributions to local communities, the northeast Ohio region and the state.

## **HOUSING/HOMELESSNESS**

Decades after the enactment of the Fair Housing Act, the impact of racially-motivated redlining continues to keep black families in neighborhoods where they are exposed to dangerous toxins like lead, one advocate group said. Children and family-focused research group Child Trends highlighted the impact that redlining, the practice of using government-sponsored housing and lending policies that enforce segregation in cities, has on childhood lead exposure.

## **JUVENILE JUSTICE**

The Ohio Supreme Court announced the release Friday of a new guidebook for the state's 88 juvenile court systems. Developed by the Court's children and families staff and case management staff, the *Desktop Guide for Juvenile Court Clerks* offers direction for completing tasks required of clerks and other juvenile court personnel. Chapter topics range from visiting judge assignments, magistrates, reports, bonds, records and subpoenas, to appellate procedures and sealing/expunging juvenile records. The guide covers specific case types, including delinquency cases and traffic cases, as well as abuse, neglect and dependency cases.

## **MARIJUANA**

Three days after he and others filed a lawsuit over the state cultivator licensing process, CannAscend Chairman and CEO Jimmy Gould said he seeks to have the entire scoring process redone by an independent body, and for an independent investigation to be conducted regarding the original process.

## **PAYDAY LENDING**

During a news conference Wednesday, payday lending foes informed reporters they would be filing a citizen-initiated ballot issue calling for a series of constitutional amendments modifying payday lending law in light of inaction on a pending payday loan reform bill HB 123 (Koehler-Ashford). Springfield pastor Carl Ruby and Nate Coffman, executive director of the Ohio Community Development Corporations Association (OCDCA), said that it has been long enough since the second hearing of HB123 in the House Government Oversight and Reform Committee on Jan. 17, 2018, so they will be taking the issue directly to voters.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

The Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) will begin producing state driver's licenses and identification cards at a single location beginning Monday, July 2, the bureau announced Wednesday, meaning the licenses will be mailed and not available the day they are applied for.

## **STATE GOVERNMENT**

A number of Ohio state websites were down for more than four hours after they were hit with a cyber attack on Sunday, according to the Ohio Department of Administrative Services (DAS). DAS spokesman Tom Hoyt said in an email that an activist group launched a distributed denial of service (DDoS) cyber attack on state websites on Sunday shortly after 5:30 p.m. The attack caused a temporary shutdown of the state's websites and phone system, he said. The attack was addressed and services were restored by 9:50 p.m. Hoyt said the attack was not a breach and that no personal information was compromised.

The Controlling Board Monday approved two requests involving information technology (IT) services at state agencies after lawmakers questioned the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) about the savings from recent consolidations.

## **TAXATION**

Rep. Janine Boyd (D-Cleveland Heights) was the lone "no" vote Tuesday morning as the House Ways and Means Committee reported out the substitute version of SB22 (Peterson) -- the tax conformity bill updated for tax year 2017 as opposed to the tax year 2016 provisions in the original version of the bill. The substitute bill extends Ohio's income tax deduction for 529 plan contributions to include contributions made to pay for K-12 expenses in addition to those made for higher education expenses.

Reps. Ron Hood (R-Ashville) and John Becker (R-Cincinnati) joined with witness Carolyn Blow Tuesday to make the case for improving the transparency of local property tax levies by passing HB488.

Cities and villages around Ohio are appealing a trial court ruling that rejected their arguments new municipal tax laws violate home rule powers, and are asking the trial judge to stay his order and put the new laws on hold while the appeal goes forward. As promised, the communities filed an appeal this week in *City of Athens et al. v Testa* with the 10th District Court of Appeals.

## **UTILITIES**

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) Chairman Asim Haque tried to stick to policy issues his agency has the power to do something about in a talk before the Columbus Metropolitan Club Wednesday, but questioners pressed him on a variety of contentious topics anyway, including the future of coal and nuclear energy in Ohio and the role of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) in utility ratemaking.

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) approved the results of Duke Energy Ohio's wholesale auction, which ultimately will determine its retail generation rates through May 2021. At Duke Energy's Feb. 20 auction, two suppliers submitted winning bids for a one-year product at an average clearing price of \$52.06 per megawatt hour (MWh) for the service period June 2018 through May 2019. Five suppliers also won bids for a two-year product at an average clearing price of \$49.27 MWh for the period June 2018 through May 2020. Four suppliers, finally, won bids for a three-year product at an average clearing price of \$48.75 MWh for the period June 2018 through May 2021.

Cincinnati SMSA/Ameritech is predicting a flood of multi-million-dollar class action lawsuits against the state's public utility companies if the Ohio Supreme Court allows a lower court ruling to stand that awards treble damages to all retail customers of the phone provider as "indirect" victims of its regulatory lapses.

FirstEnergy customers will save more than \$35 million starting Thursday, March 1 after the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) approved an adjustment to the utility's distribution modernization rider (DMR) based on rate reductions in the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA).

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) approved a 44 percent increase in vehicle towing and storage fees Wednesday following passage of 131-HB341 (Young-Sweeney) in the final days of the 131st General Assembly.

## **WORKERS' COMPENSATION**

Workers' comp savings from private employer rate cuts have exceeded 33 percent under the Kasich administration following Friday's vote by the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC), which approved a near-term cut of 12 percent for the policy year beginning July 1. The rate

reduction will save private employers another \$163.5 million annually following last year's zero-change vote.

**LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY:**

**SENATE:**

**PASSED BY SENATE**

- HB194** LICENSE PLATE-MILITARY SERVICE (Rep. Terry Johnson, Rep. Hearcel Craig) To establish a program for the issuance of special license plates related to military service and awards.  
*Vote 32-0*
- 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 and to eliminate the requirement that a board of elections send a notice to a person's residence address when the board cancels the person's voter registration because it received a report of the person's death.  
*Vote 28-4*
- SB66** SENTENCING MODIFICATION-REHABILITATION (Sen. John Eklund, Sen. Charleta Tavares) To modify criminal sentencing and corrections law by including rehabilitation as a purpose of felony sentencing, removing the one-year minimum for presumptive fourth or fifth degree felony community control sanctions, modifying sanctions for a violation of a community control condition, modifying the manner of calculating confinement credits, modifying eligibility criteria and procedures for granting intervention in lieu of conviction, making offenders convicted of certain multiple fourth or fifth degree felonies eligible for conviction record sealing, revising procedures for the Adult Parole Authority to grant a final release or terminate post-release control, and modifying the criteria for considering a prison term sanction for a post-release control violation.  
*Vote 32-0*
- SB125** CHILD SUPPORT LAW CHANGES (Sen. Bill Beagle) To make changes to the laws governing child support.  
*Vote 27-5*
- SR342** KEEP CREW SOCCER IN COLUMBUS (Sen. Stephanie Kunze) To urge the investor-operator and chairperson of Columbus Crew Soccer Club to keep the franchise in Columbus.  
*Vote 32-0*

**HOUSE:**

**PASSED BY HOUSE**

- 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 97-0*

**HB182** DEBT ADJUSTMENT (Rep. Bill Seitz) Regarding debt adjusting.

*Vote 60-37*

**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 96-0*

**HB309** BLINDNESS-GUARDIANSHIP AND ADOPTION (Rep. Anne Gonzales, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To generally prohibit a person's blindness from being used to deny or limit custody, parenting time, visitation, adoption, or service as a guardian or foster caregiver, regarding a minor.

*Vote 96-0*

**HB415** LOCAL GOV ROAD IMPROVEMENT (Rep. Dave Greenspan, Rep. Scott Ryan) To allocate one-half of any surplus revenue to a new Local Government Road Improvement Fund, from which money will be distributed directly to local governments to fund road improvements.

*Vote 81-15*

**HB422** MUNICIPAL WATER-WORKS ACQUISITIONS (Rep. Tim Ginter, Rep. John Rogers) To govern acquisitions of municipal water-works and sewage disposal system companies by certain larger nonmunicipal water-works or sewage disposal system companies.

*Vote 94-1*

**SB1** DRUG LAWS (Sen. Frank LaRose) To increase penalties for drug trafficking violations, drug possession violations, and aggravated funding of drug trafficking when the drug involved in the offense is a fentanyl-related compound, to revise the manner of determining sentence for certain violations of the offense of permitting drug abuse, and to add lisdexamfetamine to the list of schedule II controlled substances.

*Vote 91-7*

**SB22** INCORPORATING FEDERAL REVENUE CHANGES (Sen. Bob Peterson) To expressly incorporate changes in the Internal Revenue Code since February 14, 2016, into Ohio law.

*Vote 90-7, Emergency Clause 90-7*

## **CONSIDERATION OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

**HB1** PROTECTING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS (Rep. Emilia Sykes, Rep. Nathan Manning) To authorize the issuance of dating violence protection orders

with respect to conduct directed at a petitioner alleging dating violence, to provide access to domestic violence shelters for victims of dating violence, and to require the Attorney General's victim's bill of rights pamphlet to include a notice that a petitioner alleging dating violence has the right to petition for a civil protection order.

*House Does Concur, Vote 98-0*