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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

The Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee spent its meeting last week reviewing addiction treatment and recovery systems in Ohio. Dr. Mark Hurst, medical director of the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS), led off a panel that also included Lori Criss of the Ohio Council of Behavioral Health Providers; Cheri Walter of the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities; Kathryn Spergel of Mental Health and Recovery of Licking and Knox Counties; and Wendy Doolittle of McKinley Hall, a Springfield provider organization.

AGRICULTURE

Legislation requiring the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODAg) to regulate pet stores statewide could make Ohio the toughest state in the nation when dealing with irresponsible pet providers, SB 331 sponsor Sen. Bob Peterson (R-Sabina) said last week. The bill was introduced after a contentious hearing on a similar amendment -- since withdrawn -- in the Senate Ways and Means

Committee. Opponents said the amendment would make it easier for pet stores to obtain animals from "puppy mills," while proponents said it would hold irresponsible pet providers accountable while ensuring responsible pet stores can remain open.

AUDITOR OF STATE

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) might be the worst run agency in state government and should have some of its functions given to other departments, Auditor Dave Yost said last Monday. Yost had called the press conference to release results of his latest spot-check of attendance at Ohio charter schools but used the platform for a broader critique of state education governance. Problems flow from the agency's varying duties as a funder, licenser, regulator, advocate and database administrator, he said.

EDUCATION

Auditor of State Dave Yost released the results of his latest spot-check of attendance at Ohio charter schools, finding 7 percent of schools with attendance severely below what the schools reported to the state, an improvement from the 23 percent figure in the previous attendance audit. The audit also reviewed 14 dropout prevention and recovery schools and found attendance rates of 50 percent or below. While those numbers are concerning, they also indicate attendance data might not be the best way to provide funding to those schools, given the at-risk population they serve, he said.

Reforms to high school equivalency programs and a funding solution to increase access for private school students to College Credit Plus are among new proposals attached to CPR instruction measure HB 113 (Grossman-Manning) after the Senate Education Committee turned it into an omnibus for school issues and reported it out last Tuesday. The bill ultimately cleared the Legislature last Wednesday and is now headed to the governor for his signature.

ELECTIONS 2018

Attorney General Mike DeWine's office responded to media reports that he had "confirmed" a run for governor in confidence, saying the revelation was nothing new. "Attorney General DeWine has stated in many recent interviews that he fully intends to run for governor in 2018 but has not yet made a formal announcement," AG spokesman Dan Tierney announced.

EMPLOYMENT/UNEMPLOYMENT

Ohio's unemployment rate was 5.2 percent in April, up from 5.1 percent in March, as the Buckeye State shed 13,600 jobs, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) announced. The April jobs report is in contrast to the March report, which showed the state gaining 18,300 jobs.

ENVIRONMENT

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) is seeking public comment on its draft Western Lake Erie Basin Collaborative Agreement Implementation Plan to reduce phosphorus entering Lake Erie by 40 percent by 2025. The document shows how the state will implement the agreement, which was signed in June 2015 by Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor, Michigan and Ontario with a goal of reducing phosphorus loading to Lake Erie by 20 percent by 2020 and by 40 percent by 2025.

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) announced it has begun a water quality study of the Huron River watershed in Crawford, Erie, Huron, Richland and Seneca counties.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY/STATEHOUSE

The Legislature's Correctional Institution Inspection Committee (CIIC) had a near miss last week as the Senate agreed to reinstate the 40-year-old entity in more or less its existing form, sans Director Joanna Saul. The Senate Ways and Means Committee re-amended CIIC into unrelated legislation, HB 390 (Schaffer-Retherford), after approving its dissolution in a substitute version of the same bill earlier. During a press gaggle, Senate President Keith Faber (R-Celina) said Saul, who would resign after firing off an angry letter to the Senate, had been "grossly insubordinate" to Hite and former senator and CIIC chairperson Shirley Smith.

GOVERNOR

The governor made the following appointments during the week:

- S. Craig Beam of Sabina (Clinton County) to the Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund Advisory Council for a term beginning May 20, 2016 and ending Jan. 31, 2019.
- Paul Schoonover of Columbus (Franklin County) to the Chemical Dependency Professionals Board for a term beginning May 20, 2016 and ending Dec. 23, 2018.
- Ronald A. George of Westerville (Delaware County) to the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood for a term beginning May 23, 2016 and ending July 30, 2017.
- Lora L. Miller of Columbus (Franklin County) reappointed to the Ohio Retirement Study Council for a term beginning May 23, 2016 and ending June 30, 2016.
- Monique R. Hamilton of Pickerington (Fairfield County) to the Community Schools Dropout Recovery Study Committee for a term beginning May 23, 2016 and continuing at the pleasure of the governor.
- Rabbi Avraham L. Goldstein of Columbus (Franklin County) to the Advisory Board of the Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives for a term beginning May 24, 2016 and ending May 4, 2017.
- Lee Ann Alexakos of Sandusky (Erie County) to the TourismOhio Advisory Board for a term beginning May 24, 2016 and ending Sept. 27, 2018.
- Douglas W. Boedeker of Washington Court House (Fayette County) reappointed to the Southern State Community College Board of Trustees for a term beginning May 25, 2016 and ending May 11, 2022.
- Stephen J.H. Lyons of Columbus (Franklin County) to the Community Schools Dropout Recovery Study Committee for a term beginning May 25, 2016 and continuing at the pleasure of the governor.
- Mark A. Tyler of Kirtland (Lake County) to the Lakeland Community College Board of Trustees for a term beginning May 26, 2016 and ending Oct. 12, 2017.
- Carter P. Lewis of Warren (Trumbull County) to the Eastern Gateway Community College Board of Trustees for a term beginning May 26, 2016 and ending Oct. 16, 2019.
- Beth L. Mowrey of Thornville (Perry County) to the Materials Management Advisory Council for a term beginning May 26, 2016 and ending July 1, 2016.

MARIJUANA

Medical marijuana legalization is headed to Gov. John Kasich's desk after HB 523 (Huffman) cleared its last major hurdles last week with narrow votes for approval in the Senate. The measure cleared the Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee on a 7-5 vote in the morning after a final round of changes. The full Senate voted 18-15 to approve it later in the day, followed by House concurrence with the Senate amendments on a vote of 67-28.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Dam safety improvements at Buckeye Lake over the past eight months allow for water levels to safely increase two feet above the current three-foot winter pool, allowing more boaters to return to the lake, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) announced last Thursday.

PEOPLE

Jai Chabria, a long-time adviser to Gov. John Kasich, will be opening up an Ohio office for Mercury, a public strategy firm, the company announced. Chabria is currently working with the Ohio Republican Party to help oversee the preparation and planning for the Republican National Convention in Cleveland in July. Previously, he worked on the executive staff of the Kasich administration.

TREASURER OF STATE

Treasurer Josh Mandel announced the birth of his third child Friday. Gideon Tzvi was born May 12 and weighed 10 pounds, 3 ounces at birth. He joins siblings Rosie and Judah.

UTILITIES

Indiana-based Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) Energy, announced the hiring of now former Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) Chairman Andre Porter as its new corporate general counsel, replacing longtime MISO counsel Steve Kozey.

The PUCO is now taking applications for Porter's seat through the close of business on Wednesday, June 1. Its Nominating Council will interview applicants and forward four names to the governor, who will then have 30 days to appoint one of the nominees or request new names from the Nominating Council. His appointee will serve until April 10, 2020.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) Administrator/CEO Sarah Morrison credited strong investment returns over the last 10 years for the bureau's latest employer rebate, a \$15 million bonus to the 88 county governments. She said a larger rebate of the sort awarded in 2013 and 2014 under the governor's "Billion Back" program will likely have to await improving interest rates in the near term, as BWC returns have dropped from a high of 13.4 percent in FY14 to low single digits in FY15-16.

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

HOUSE

PASSED BY HOUSE

- HB85** CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION (Rep. Dan Ramos, Rep. Christina Hagan) With respect to age-appropriate student instruction in child sexual abuse and sexual violence prevention and in-service staff training in child sexual abuse prevention.
Vote 90-7
- HB154** BICYCLE PASSING-TRAFFIC LIGHTS (Rep. Michael Henne, Rep. Michael Sheehy) To provide that when a motor vehicle passes a bicycle the safe passing distance to the left is three feet, and to alter the protocol for proceeding into an intersection that has malfunctioning traffic lights.
Vote 81-16
- HB284** PENSIONS-FEDERAL OFFENSES (Rep. Mike Dovilla, Rep. Marlene Anielski) To add extortion and perjury and certain federal offenses to the offenses that may result in forfeiture or termination of public retirement system benefits.
Vote 95-2
- HB285** PHARMACISTS-PRESCRIPTION REFILLS (Rep. Robert Sprague) To authorize pharmacists to dispense multiple refills of a prescription simultaneously under certain circumstances.
Vote 97-0
- HB362** STRANGULATION (Rep. Michael Stinziano, Rep. Stephanie Kunze) To prohibit a person from knowingly impeding the normal breathing or circulation of another by strangulation.
Vote 97-0
- HB378** TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS-TOWNSHIP OFFICERS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To authorize law enforcement officers of township police districts and joint police districts, and township constables, serving specified small populations to make arrests for motor vehicle-related violations committed on an interstate highway in the same manner as township law enforcement officer serving larger populations.
Vote 81-16
- HB436** DRIVING PRIVILEGES-JUDGE (Rep. Bob Cupp, Rep. John Rogers) To authorize a judge that grants limited driving privileges to a second-time OVI offender to order the termination of the mandatory immobilization order.
Vote 96-0
- HB439** VOYEURISM-IMPAIRED PERSON (Rep. Marlene Anielski) To include an impaired person as a victim of voyeurism and to include conduct involving an impaired person within the offenses of pandering obscenity involving a minor, pandering sexually oriented matter involving a minor, and illegal use of a minor in a nudity-oriented material or performance.
Vote 97-0

- HB444** LIQUOR PERMIT HOLDERS-SAMPLES (Rep. Louis Blessing III) To allow certain D liquor permit holders to provide free tasting samples of beer, wine, and spirituous liquor to a person who is 21 years old or older and a paying customer of the permit holder.
Vote 93-3
- SB63** ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION (Sen. Frank LaRose) To create an online voter registration system.
Vote 95-2
- SB128** BARTTER SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY (Sen. Capri Cafaro, Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To designate May 30 as "Bartter Syndrome Awareness Day."
Vote 97-0
- SB171** UNIFORM INTERSTATE DEPOSITIONS-DISCOVERY ACT (Sen. Bill Seitz) To enact the Uniform Interstate Depositions and Discovery Act.
Vote 97-0
- SB204** DRUG VIOLATION-DRIVING SUSPENSION (Sen. Bill Seitz) To make the suspension of an offender's driver's license for a violation of specified drug offenses discretionary rather than mandatory, to authorize a court to terminate a driver's license suspension imposed for specified drug offenses committed out-of-state.
Vote 95-2
- HB12** TIF-INCENTIVE DISTRICTS (Rep. James Butler, Jr., Rep. Tony Burkley) To establish a procedure by which political subdivisions proposing a tax increment financing (TIF) incentive district are required to provide notice to the record owner of each parcel within the proposed incentive district before creating the district.
Vote 71-26
- HB216** ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES (Rep. Dorothy Pelanda) To revise the law governing advanced practice registered nurses.
Vote 96-1
- HB279** NONECONOMIC DAMAGE-AUTO INSURANCE (Rep. Michael Henne, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To generally prohibit individuals who do not maintain statutory minimum levels of automobile insurance from collecting noneconomic damages for harm sustained in a motor vehicle accident.
Vote 62-35
- HB347** CIVIL ASSET FORFEITURE (Rep. Robert McColley, Rep. Tom Brinkman) To eliminate civil asset forfeiture proceedings and to modify the law governing criminal asset forfeitures.
Vote 72-25
- HB383** INFORMED STUDENT DOCUMENT (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Robert McColley) To require one-half unit of economic and financial literacy in the high school social studies curriculum, to require the Chancellor of Higher Education to

prepare an informed student document for each state institution of higher education, to require the State Board of Education to include information on the informed student document in the standards and model curricula it creates for financial literacy and entrepreneurship.

Vote 78-17

- HB392** DOMESTIC VIOLENCE-PROTECTION ORDER (Rep. Emilia Sykes, Rep. Christie Kuhns) To authorize the issuance of domestic violence protection orders with respect to conduct directed at an intimate partner, to provide access to domestic violence shelters for intimate partners who are victims of domestic violence.

Vote 96-0

- HB441** INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES (Rep. Robert McColley) To permit a student enrolled in a nonpublic school to participate in interscholastic activities at a school district that is not the student's resident district under certain circumstances and to prohibit a student who participates in the College Credit Plus program from being denied the opportunity to participate in interscholastic athletics solely due to participation in the program.

Vote 76-21

- HB451** LIFE SUPPORT-RELATIVE (Rep. Terry Boose) To provide that an individual's statutory priority to decide whether or not to withhold or withdraw life-sustaining treatment for the individual's relative is forfeited if the individual is the subject of a temporary protection order or civil protection order and the relative is the alleged victim or if the individual and the relative are married and the parties to a divorce, dissolution, legal separation, or annulment proceeding.

Vote 97-0

- HB470** PALLIATIVE CARE LICENSURE (Rep. Kirk Schuring) Regarding licensure of palliative care facilities.

Vote 92-5

- HB493** CHILD ABUSE-NEGLECT REPORTING (Rep. Barbara Sears, Rep. Scott Ryan) To make changes in the child abuse and neglect reporting law.

Vote 92-5

- HB521** PAROLE ELIGIBILITY-LIFE SENTENCE (Rep. Nathan Manning) To provide special parole eligibility dates for persons with an indefinite or life sentence imposed for an offense committed when the person was less than 18 years of age, to require the Parole Board to consider specified mitigating factors in those cases, and to require notice to the Ohio Public Defender and prosecuting attorney prior to the parole consideration hearing.

Vote 92-4

- HB532** REAL ESTATE BROKERS (Rep. Ryan Smith) Relating to real estate brokers and salespersons.
Vote 91-6
- SB97** FIREARM-PRISON TERMS (Sen. Jim Hughes, Sen. Frank LaRose) To increase by 50 percent the mandatory prison term for an offender who is convicted of a firearm specification and previously has been convicted of a firearm specification; to prohibit violent career criminals from knowingly acquiring, having, carrying, or using any firearm or dangerous ordnance.
Amended on Floor, Bill Vote 88-8
- SB123** EMERGENCY PERSONNEL-REPORT TRAFFIC VIOLATION (Sen. Jim Hughes) To allow emergency personnel in public safety vehicles to report traffic law violations under certain circumstances.
Vote 97-0
- SB129** INSURER AUTHORIZATION REQUIREMENTS (Sen. Randy Gardner, Sen. Capri Cafaro) To amend the law related to the prior authorization requirements of insurers.
Vote 96-0
- SB159** LICENSE PLATE NAMING-COLUMBUS AIRPORT (Sen. Jim Hughes) To create the "Baseball for All" license plate.
Amended on Floor, Bill Vote 96-1
- SB172** METAL BULLION-COIN INVESTMENT (Sen. Kris Jordan) To exempt from sales and use taxes the sale or use of investment metal bullion and coins.
Vote 84-10
- SB242** MOTOR VEHICLE-FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS (Sen. Joe Uecker, Sen. William Coley) To revise the law governing new motor vehicle franchise agreements.
Vote 95-0
- SB293** MBR-NATURAL RESOURCES (Sen. Troy Balderson) To revise specified laws relating to natural resources.
Vote 97-0
- SB296** POLLING PLACE-EXTENDED HOURS (Sen. Bill Seitz) To specify the conditions under which a court may order that a polling place be kept open for extended hours on the day of an election and to require a person who votes pursuant to such an order to cast a provisional ballot.
Vote 64-32
- SB321** PUBLIC RECORDS (Sen. Keith Faber) To create a procedure within the Court of Claims to hear complaints alleging a denial of access to public records and to modify the circumstances under which a person who files a mandamus action

seeking the release of public records may be awarded court costs and attorney's fees.

Vote 96-0

CONSIDERATION OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

- HB5** PUBLIC OFFICE-STATE AGENCY EFFICIENCY STUDIES (Rep. Stephanie Kunze, Rep. Kyle Koehler) To allow the Auditor of State to conduct business case studies regarding the efficiency of local public offices and state agencies.
House Does Concur, Vote 94-3
- HB110** FAILURE TO STOP-PENALTY (Rep. Brian Hill) To increase the penalty for failure to stop after a traffic accident that results in the death of a person or serious physical harm to a person and to name this act Brandon's Law.
House Does Concur, Vote 93-0
- HB158** INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY TERM (Rep. Jonathan Dever, Rep. Stephanie Howse) To change the variations of the term "mentally retarded person" to "person with an intellectual disability."
House Does Concur, Vote 93-0
- HB164** SEALED OFFENSES (Rep. Dorothy Pelanda, Rep. John Rogers) To allow a person who is convicted of an offense that may not be sealed to apply to have the conviction sealed if, before the person makes that application, the offense is changed so that it may be sealed.
House Does Concur, Vote 92-1
- HB166** LOCAL TAX-FISCAL REVISIONS (Rep. Doug Green) To extend the deadline for filing an application for the homestead exemption or 2 1/2% property tax rollback to the end of the tax year, to require that auditors certify Local Government Fund allocations to subdivisions by regular or electronic, rather than certified mail, and to repeal laws requiring county auditors to issue permits for traveling shows, issue licenses for new merchandise public auctions, certify the annual state tax interest rate to local courts, and provide certain certifications related to the repealed personal property tax.
House Does Concur, Vote 97-0
- HB229** FAMILY TRUST COMPANY (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Heather Bishoff) To create the Ohio Family Trust Company Act.
House Does Concur, Vote 86-7
- HB303** DOLLAR DEED PROGRAM (Rep. Jonathan Dever, Rep. Robert McColley) To create the D.O.L.L.A.R. Deed Program.
House Does Concur, Vote 97-0
- HB305** UNIVERSITY OF AKRON-OPERS MEMBERS (Rep. Kirk Schuring) To include new nonteaching employees of The University of Akron as members in the Public Employees Retirement System and to make an appropriation for the University's School Employees Retirement System employer surcharge payments.
House Does Concur, Vote 97-0

- HB317** PROTECTED CONSUMER-CREDIT FREEZE (Rep. Ron Maag) To enable the parents or guardian of a protected consumer to freeze that consumer's credit to protect the consumer from identity theft.
House Does Concur, Vote 97-0
- HB50** FOSTER CARE-ADOPTION ASSISTANCE AGE (Rep. Dorothy Pelanda, Rep. Cheryl Grossman) To extend the age for which a person is eligible for federal foster care and adoption assistance payments under Title IV-E to age twenty-one, to provide a ward's bill of rights, to require that a guardian receive the Ohio Guardianship Guide, and to make an appropriation.
House Does Concur, Vote 89-7
- HB60** COMPANION ANIMAL DEFINITION (Rep. Bill Patmon, Rep. Dave Hall) To revise provisions and penalties regarding treatment of companion animals, to revise the definition of "companion animal" in the Offenses Relating to Domestic Animals Law, and to provide a state collaborative effort to assist veterinarians in identifying clients who may use their animals to secure opioids for abuse.
House Does Concur, Vote 94-2
- HB113** CPR-GRADUATION REQUIREMENT (Rep. Cheryl Grossman, Rep. Nathan Manning) To require instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator.
House Does Concur, Vote 85-11
- HB173** VETERAN ID CARDS (Rep. Marlene Anielski, Rep. Louis Terhar) To authorize county recorders to issue Ohio veterans identification cards.
House Does Concur, Vote 94-1
- HB182** JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS (Rep. Kirk Schuring) To revise the law governing the creation and operation of joint economic development districts (JEDDs) and enterprise zones.
House Does Concur, Vote 95-0
- HB200** EPINEPHRINE AUTOINJECTORS (Rep. Christina Hagan) To permit epinephrine autoinjectors for which no prescriptions have been written to be stored and accessed for use in case of emergency
House Does Concur, Vote 96-0
- HB277** 9-1-1 SYSTEM LEVY (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To authorize a county, township, or municipal corporation to impose a 9-1-1 system levy in only the portion of the subdivision that would be served by the 9-1-1 system.
House Does Concur, Vote 96-0; Emergency Clause 93-3
- HB342** OHIO FARM WINERY PERMIT (Rep. Ron Young) To create the Ohio Farm Winery Permit.
House Does Concur, Vote 94-2
- HB351** LIQUOR PERMIT (Rep. Rick Perales, Rep. Anthony DeVitis) To increase the amount of spirituous liquor that an A-3a liquor permit holder may annually manufacture and to allow an A-3a permit holder to obtain an A-1-A liquor permit.
House Does Concur, Vote 94-2

- HB359** ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Anne Gonzales) To create an address confidentiality program for victims of domestic violence, menacing by stalking, human trafficking, trafficking in persons, rape, sexual battery, and other crimes.
House Does Concur, Vote 96-0
- HB390** NATURAL GAS-TAX EXEMPTION (Rep. Tim Schaffer, Rep. Wes Retherford) To exempt the sale of natural gas by a municipal gas company from the sales and use tax.
House Does Concur, Vote 69-26
- HB391** FINANCE LITERACY PROGRAM (Rep. Louis Terhar) To require the Chancellor of Higher Education to create the SmartOhio Financial Literacy Pilot Program at the University of Cincinnati to operate for the 2016-2017 school year and to make an appropriation.
House Does Concur, Vote 95-1
- HB413** TOWNSHIP LAWS (Rep. Tom Brinkman) To add to the purposes for which a board of township trustees may go into executive session, to permit a township to charge for recycling services, to reduce the population threshold for a township to adopt a limited home rule form of government, to make other changes to the township laws.
House Does Concur, Vote 96-0
- HB429** AUTOMOTIVE TECHNICIANS-TRAINING (Rep. Niraj Antani, Rep. William Reineke) Regarding employers of automotive technicians and motor vehicle technicians participating in the Incumbent Workforce Training Voucher Program.
House Does Concur, Vote 94-2
- HB483** MBR-DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (Rep. Ron Amstutz) To modify programs administered by the Department of Developmental Disabilities and to make an appropriation.
House Does Concur, Vote 93-3
- HB523** MEDICAL MARIJUANA (Rep. Stephen Huffman) To authorize the use of marijuana for medical purposes and to establish the Medical Marijuana Control Program.
House Does Concur, Vote 67-29

ADOPTED BY HOUSE

- HR426** CONDOLENCE-ROBERT OTTERMAN (Rep. Cliff Rosenberger, Rep. Fred Strahorn) In memory of Robert J. Otterman.
- HR433** TRAVEL ALLOWANCE (Rep. Cliff Rosenberger, Rep. Fred Strahorn) Relative to travel allowance.
Vote 97-0
- SCR21** SMART CITY CHALLENGE (Sen. Kevin Bacon) To urge the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) to select the city of Columbus as the award winner for the USDOT Smart City Challenge.
Vote 94-3

SENATE

PASSED BY SENATE

- HB9** TAX EXPENDITURE REVIEW COMMITTEE (Rep. Terry Boose) To create a Tax Expenditure Review Committee for the purpose of periodically reviewing existing and proposed tax expenditures.
Vote 33-0
- HB50** FOSTER CARE-ADOPTION ASSISTANCE AGE (Rep. Dorothy Pelanda, Rep. Cheryl Grossman) To extend the age for which a person is eligible for federal foster care and adoption assistance payments under Title IV-E to age twenty-one, to provide a ward's bill of rights, to require that a guardian receive the Ohio Guardianship Guide, and to make an appropriation.
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Vote 33-0
- HB171** HEROIN-FELONY (Rep. Louis Blessing III, Rep. Jonathan Dever) To decrease the minimum amount of heroin involved in a violation of trafficking in heroin or possession of heroin that makes the violation a felony of the first degree and that is necessary to classify an offender as a major drug offender.
Vote 28-5
- HB178** LIQUOR PERMIT-FARMERS MARKETS (Rep. Nathan Manning) To establish the F-10 liquor permit to authorize certain A-2 permit holders to sell Ohio wines at farmers markets.
Vote 32-0
- HB182** JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS (Rep. Kirk Schuring) To revise the law governing the creation and operation of joint economic development districts (JEDDs) and enterprise zones.
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Vote 33-0, emergency clause passed 33-0

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Vote 33-0
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Vote 33-0
- HB466** TAX-EXEMPT-DIGITAL ADVERTISING (Rep. Ryan Smith) To specifically exempt digital advertising services from sales and use tax.
Vote 32-1
- HB483** MBR-DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (Rep. Ron Amstutz) To modify programs administered by the Department of Developmental Disabilities and to make an appropriation.
Amended on the floor, bill vote 33-0
- HB512** MBR-WATER SYSTEM TESTING (Rep. Tim Ginter) To establish requirements governing lead and copper testing for community and nontransient noncommunity water systems.
Vote 32-0

- HB523** MEDICAL MARIJUANA (Rep. Stephen Huffman) To authorize the use of marijuana for medical purposes and to establish the Medical Marijuana Control Program.
Vote 18-15
- SB206** CAMPAIGN FINANCE-ELECTRONIC FILING (Sen. Frank LaRose) To require certain campaign committees and other entities to file campaign finance statements electronically.
Vote 33-0
- SB247** SCHOOL DISTRICT-SUMMER MEALS (Sen. Edna Brown, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require school districts to allow alternative summer meal sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions.
Vote 33-0
- SB254** FETAL REMAINS (Sen. Joe Uecker) Regarding final disposition of fetal remains from abortions.
Vote 23-10
- SB284** RECORD EXPUNGEMENT-HUMAN TRAFFICKING VICTIM (Sen. Larry Obhof) To provide that a person who is found not guilty of an offense by a jury or a court may apply to the court for an order to expunge the person's official records in the case if the complaint, indictment, or information was the result of the applicant having been a victim of human trafficking.
Vote 33-0
- SB319** OPIATE MBR (Sen. John Eklund) To revise certain laws regarding the regulation of drugs, the practice of pharmacy, and the provision of addiction services.
Vote 33-0
- SB331** DOG SALE-PET RETAILER (Sen. Bob Peterson) To regulate the sale of dogs from pet stores and dog retailers and to require the Director of Agriculture to license pet stores.
Vote 21-11

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

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- SB63** ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION (Sen. Frank LaRose) To create an online voter registration system.
Senate does concur, bill vote 33-0
- SB97** FIREARM-PRISON TERMS (Sen. Jim Hughes, Sen. Frank LaRose) To increase by 50 percent the mandatory prison term for an offender who is convicted of a firearm specification and previously has been convicted of a firearm specification; to prohibit violent career criminals from knowingly acquiring, having, carrying, or using any firearm or dangerous ordnance.
Senate does concur, bill vote 28-5

SB129 INSURER AUTHORIZATION REQUIREMENTS (Sen. Randy Gardner, Sen. Capri Cafaro) To amend the law related to the prior authorization requirements of insurers.

Senate does concur, bill vote 33-0

SB159 LICENSE PLATE NAMING-COLUMBUS AIRPORT (Sen. Jim Hughes) To create the "Baseball for All" license plate.

Vote 33-0

SB172 METAL BULLION-COIN INVESTMENT (Sen. Kris Jordan) To exempt from sales and use taxes the sale or use of investment metal bullion and coins.

Senate does concur, bill vote 30-2

SB296 POLLING PLACE-EXTENDED HOURS (Sen. Bill Seitz) To specify the conditions under which a court may order that a polling place be kept open for extended hours on the day of an election and to require a person who votes pursuant to such an order to cast a provisional ballot.

Senate does concur, bill vote 23-10

SB321 PUBLIC RECORDS (Sen. Keith Faber) To create a procedure within the Court of Claims to hear complaints alleging a denial of access to public records and to modify the circumstances under which a person who files a mandamus action seeking the release of public records may be awarded court costs and attorney's fees.

Senate does concur, bill vote 33-0

ADOPTED BY SENATE

HCR26 MILITARY BRATPIN (Rep. Barbara Sears, Rep. Mike Dovilla) To express support for the Military BratPin.

Unanimous affirmative voice vote.

SCR15 U.S. CONSTITUTION TENTH AMENDMENT-REPEAL (Sen. Larry Obhof, Sen. Keith Faber) To reassert the principles of federalism found throughout the Constitution of the United States of America and embodied in the Tenth Amendment, to notify Congress to limit and end certain mandates, and to insist that federal legislation contravening the Tenth Amendment be prohibited or repealed.

Vote 23-10