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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

Gov.-elect Mike DeWine and the Mississippi lawyer he hired to expose the pharmaceutical industry's role in the opioid crisis appeared on CBS's *60 Minutes* Sunday, with attorney Mike Moore explaining why he is optimistic he'll achieve the same \$100 billion payout for Ohio and other states that he secured from big tobacco two decades ago. Attorney General DeWine told CBS correspondent Bill Whitaker opioid manufacturers and distributors flooded Ohio with pain pills "they knew would kill people."

AGRICULTURE

Ohio is continuing to earn more recognition from the wine industry as a "destination," according to the Ohio Grape Industries Committee (OGIC). "As the sixth largest producer of wine in the country with more than 300 wineries, the Ohio landscape offers producers terroir and growing conditions that cultivate flavors unique to the region," the organization said.

State administration of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), also known as the food stamps program, would be further restricted under a rule change proposed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) on Thursday. According to USDA, the new rule would "move more able-bodied" food stamp recipients -- able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs) -- to "self-sufficiency through the dignity of work." The department said the rule would address "out-of-control administrative flexibility" in the program. The rule would apply to non-disabled people, between the ages of 18 and 49, with no dependents and would not apply to the elderly, the disabled, or pregnant women.

U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH) said the SNAP proposal would "punish" Ohioans who live in areas of high unemployment or who aren't paid enough for their work. Brown said the 2018 Farm Bill, signed by President Donald Trump, also on Thursday, made "commonsense reforms" to SNAP and that USDA's proposal "directly contradicts" Congress.

The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) released the official dates for the 2019 fair season, which includes Ohio's 94 county and independent fairs and the Ohio State Fair. The Paulding County Fair will kick off the fair season on Monday, June 10, 2019 and the season will wrap up on Saturday, Oct. 12, 2019 with the Fairfield County Fair.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Attorney General and Gov.-elect Mike DeWine announced Tuesday that DNA analysis by the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) has confirmed that human remains found in Moraine are those of Michelle Burgan, 47, a Middletown woman who disappeared in May 2017.

CHILDREN/FAMILIES

Eleven Ohio advocacy organizations announced Friday they're joining together to push for a "holistic children's state policy agenda" in the upcoming FY20-21 budget proposal to be developed by Gov.-elect Mike DeWine's administration. About one in four Ohio children, and one in three in the Appalachian region, live below the poverty line, the organizations said, noting the likelihood those children will face struggles with housing, health, nutrition, school, the criminal justice system and risk of abuse, neglect and trauma.

EDUCATION

Auditor of State Dave Yost released a report detailing significant flaws in Ohio's system for funding online charter schools identified by his office and recommending a number of fixes to the Legislature. "As I have been saying for years, Ohio's funding method for e-schools fails to ensure that students are educated and that taxpayers are getting their money's worth," Yost said in a prepared statement. "I'm pleased that the Legislature has created a panel to examine this problem and this report is intended to provide background and suggestions."

Sixteen rural Ohio school districts and their corresponding local governments will share more than \$2.3 million from the sale of timber from Ohio's state forests, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). "The 'Trees to Textbooks' program is a great avenue for local schools to benefit from the natural resources that can be found in their own backyards," ODNR Director James Zehringer said. "Our state forests are crucial in helping to provide the resources that help our students and communities succeed."

The State Board of Education and Ohio Department of Education (ODE) recently announced awards for high-achieving schools and districts, including those that earned straight As and high-poverty schools with strong performance. Two districts and 57 buildings received the All A Award for their performance on state report cards for the 2017-2018 school district.

ELECTIONS 2018

Final reports filed in the 2018 election cycle continued to show the record spending by candidates on both sides in races ultimately swept, once again, by Republicans. In the governor's race, Gov.-elect Mike DeWine reported outspending Democrat Richard Cordray over the period. DeWine reported raising \$624,908, spent nearly \$6.5 million, and has \$230,693 on hand at the end of the final report period. Cordray reported raising \$2.2 million during the reporting period, spent \$3.3 million, and has \$12,259 on hand.

ELECTIONS 2020

Bob Paduchik, who spearheaded President Donald Trump's successful 2016 presidential campaign in Ohio, will serve in the same role for 2020, Trump's re-election campaign announced. Paduchik currently serves as co-chairman of the Republican National Committee (RNC). Trump's campaign said Paduchik will not run for re-election at the RNC but will instead serve as a senior adviser and Ohio state chairman for the Trump campaign in 2020, effective immediately.

A group supporting a potential presidential run by U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH) announced its formation on Monday. Brown won re-election to a third term last month by about 6 percentage points. President Donald Trump won Ohio by 8 points in 2016. Brown has said he is considering a run for president in 2020 and is planning to discuss it with his family over the holidays. The Committee to Draft Sherrod Brown for President 2020 will be headed by Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley and Michael Wager, a Cleveland attorney and educator who was campaign finance chair for Brown's 2012 re-election campaign.

In a speech at the Columbus Metropolitan Club, Gov. John Kasich said he doesn't think he could beat President Donald Trump in a primary given the state of today's Republican Party.

ENVIRONMENT

A commercial coatings business has been approved to receive up to \$350,000 in financing for clean air equipment, the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority (OAQDA) announced. FORJAK Industrial, which specializes in new construction and repainting, is expanding its operations with a new industrial blasting and coatings plant, creating 30 jobs in Circleville.

FEDERAL

Sporting his signature canary pin on a long-sleeve shirt, Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH) hosted a "town hall" event streamed live over Facebook Sunday, answering questions on a range of topics related to current politics with the notable exception of whether he would run for president in 2020.

U.S. Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH) said Tuesday a federal government shutdown would be "unlikely" due to a spending plan not being passed, adding that Congress is very close to a compromise on seven outstanding spending bills. If those bills don't go through, Congress could opt for a continuing

resolution to maintain current spending levels through the new year, with debate on a permanent spending solution resuming in late January.

U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH) Wednesday continued his criticism of a Texas federal judge's ruling to upend the Affordable Care Act (ACA), calling it "despicable" and inviting an Ohio health policy expert on to his conference call to describe the potential damage of the ruling should higher courts ratify it.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY/STATEHOUSE

Both chambers have scheduled post-Christmas sessions to react to potential vetoes from Gov. John Kasich, who has vetoed guns rights measure, HB228 (LaTourette-Johnson), and who has expressed displeasure with both the anti-abortion "heartbeat bill," HB258 (Hagan-Hood) and lawmakers' decision to include an elected official pay raise in SB296 (Hottinger), which increases survivor benefits for families of fallen first responders. The House has set a session on Thursday, Dec. 27 and an "if needed" session on Friday, Dec. 28. The Senate meets that Thursday as well. Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina) said he expects both chambers to follow through with their post-holiday plans, though he was uncertain as to what they'll be taking up. The House, as the originating chamber, would have to start the process on veto overrides for HB228 and HB258.

Wednesday's Senate session included passage of HB66 (Young), a bill to create an Undergraduate Mission Study Committee that was amended on the floor to add SB82 (Williams), which requires schools to notify parents when students don't show up to school; HB341 (Huffman-Cera), adding judges and magistrates to the list of officials whose residential and familial information is not subject to public disclosure; HB422 (Ginter-Rogers), regarding water and sewer systems; and HB420 (Sykes), which designates November as "Ohio Adoption Awareness Month." The chamber also concurred with House amendments to SB214 (Terhar), prohibiting female genital mutilation; SB265 (Dolan), addressing insurance reimbursements for pharmacists; and SB255 (McColley), regarding occupational licensing regulations.

Senate Democrats re-elected Sen. Kenny Yuko (D-Richmond Heights) as minority leader Wednesday. They also elected Sen. Cecil Thomas (D-Cincinnati) as assistant minority leader; Sen. Sean O'Brien (D-Cortland) as whip; and Sen. Sandra Williams (D-Cleveland) as assistant whip.

The House will take applications through 5 p.m. Friday, Jan 11 from those interested in the vacant 97th House District seat, House Speaker Ryan Smith (R-Bidwell) said Wednesday. The seat opened up last week after the departure of now-Sen. Brian Hill (R-Zanesville), who took an appointment in the upper chamber to replace former Sen. Troy Balderson (R-Zanesville) following his election to Congress.

GOVERNOR

Gov. John Kasich announced the appointment Monday of Stephen A. Schumaker of Springfield to serve as a judge on the Clark County Municipal Court. Schumaker will assume office Friday, Dec. 28, 2018 for the term ending Jan. 1, 2022 but must run in the November 2019 election to retain the seat for the remainder of the unexpired term. He replaces Judge Eugene S. Nevius, who resigned.

As expected, Gov. Kasich vetoed gun rights expansion measure HB228 (Johnson-LaTourette) on Wednesday, saying in a speech at the Columbus Metropolitan Club that lawmakers should instead

have taken up his "red flag" proposal to temporarily bar gun possession for potentially violent people. Kasich also signed dozens of other bills Wednesday, including the following: HB7 (Cupp), regarding medical liability; HB38 (Greenspan), boosting penalties for causing the death of service members and first responders; HB41 (Pelanda), regarding election laws; HB58 (Brenner-Slaby), directs the Ohio Department of Education to develop cursive writing instruction materials; HB92 (Schaffer), regarding sex offender registration; HB119 (Henne-McColley), regarding eligibility for Medicaid and nutrition assistance; HB131 (Gavarone-Reineke), regarding the practice of physical therapy; HB137 (Kent), designating police officers as mandatory reporters of child abuse and neglect; HB156 (Schuring), regarding vision insurance; HB158 (Perales-Craig), making spouses of service members eligible for unemployment compensation; HB271 (McColley-Rezabek), regarding accessibility laws; HB286 (LaTourette), creating the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Council; HB291 (Wiggam), allowing insurance in lieu of bonds for local officials; HB338 (Ginter), regarding medical exams for school bus drivers; HB402 (Hill), regarding regulation of telephone companies; HB454 (Patterson-Arndt), regarding unused township cemetery lots; HB464 (Lipps-Antonio), regarding stroke care; HB480 (Hill), regarding multi-parcel auctions; HB489 (Dever), regarding credit unions; HB491 (Edwards), an education omnibus measure; HB494 (Antani), regarding franchisees and labor law; HB531 (Schuring), increasing grants for sporting events; SB20 (Hackett), boosting assault penalties when the victim is a child who suffered disabling injuries; SB51 (Skindell-Eklund), the "Christmas tree" appropriations bill; SB86 (Hackett), road and bridge naming and license plate omnibus; SB119 (Hackett-Hottinger), regarding opioid prescribing and addiction treatment; SB158 (Wilson), regarding elder fraud; SB231 (Gardner), creating a violent offender registry; SB259 (Hackett), regarding physician assistants; SB263 (Huffman-Wilson), regarding notarization; and SB273 (Hackett), regarding insurance rating agencies.

Gov. John Kasich Wednesday signed a new executive order that adds "gender identity or expression" to the state's anti-discrimination policy. "The governor continues to be opposed to discrimination in state employment and this order reflects how he believes that policy should be implemented," Kasich spokesman Jon Keeling said in an email.

Appointments made during the week include the following:

- Gregory H. Simpson of Milford (Clermont County) to the Ohio History Connection Board of Trustees for a term beginning Dec. 14, 2018 and ending June 26, 2021.
- Christopher S. Smith of Portsmouth (Scioto County) to the State Emergency Response Commission for a term beginning Dec. 14, 2018 and ending Jan. 13, 2020.
- James J. Mermis of Columbus (Franklin County) reappointed to the Chemical Dependency Professionals Board for a term beginning Dec. 24, 2018 and ending Dec. 23, 2021.
- David B. Barber of Columbus (Franklin County) to the Ohio Arts Council for a term beginning Dec. 14, 2018 and ending July 1, 2020.
- Kay E. Reiter of Fremont (Sandusky County) and Kellie C. Sears of Fremont (Sandusky County) reappointed to the Terra State Community College Board of Trustees for terms beginning Dec. 31, 2018 and ending Dec. 30, 2024.
- Timothy C. Myers of Fremont (Sandusky County) to the Terra State Community College Board of Trustees for a term beginning Dec. 14, 2018 and ending Dec. 30, 2020.

- Philip D. Atkins of Marysville (Union County) and Andrew R. Moss of Columbus (Franklin County) to the Chemical Dependency Professionals Board for terms beginning Dec. 24, 2018 and ending Dec. 23, 2021.

- Rachel A. Rice of Franklin (Warren County) to the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council for a term beginning Jan. 1, 2019 and ending Dec. 31, 2021.

- Blaine P. O'Leary of Sidney (Shelby County) and Dara D. Walburn of Athens (Athens County) reappointed to the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council for terms beginning Jan. 1, 2019 and ending Dec. 31, 2021.

- David A. Losinski of Gahanna (Franklin County) and Joshua Motzer of Columbus (Franklin County) reappointed to the Underground Technical Committee for terms beginning Jan. 1, 2019 and ending Dec. 31, 2022.

- Harold "Chip" Elliott of Powell (Delaware County) to the Public Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees for a term beginning Dec. 19, 2018 and ending Sept. 27, 2020.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

The entire Affordable Care Act (ACA) is unconstitutional, a federal judge in Texas has ruled. In his decision, Judge Reed O'Connor of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas Fort Worth Division wrote that the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act's (TCJA) provision eliminating the individual mandate penalty invalidates the rest of the 2010 law, also known as Obamacare. However, O'Connor did not issue an injunction.

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) is soliciting ideas for a multi-site project it intends to fund to build relationships and support networks with pregnant women at risk of pre-term delivery. The initiative is an outgrowth of state efforts to address the racial disparities in Ohio's infant mortality rate. The initiative is meant to help reduce pre-term births, the leading cause of infant death. According to ODH, prematurity was a significant factor in about 78 percent of deaths of black infants in 2017, and 64 percent of white infants.

HOUSING/HOMELESSNESS

Homelessness, particularly among youth, is increasing in Ohio, the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio (COHHIO) said Tuesday, citing reports by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Ohio Housing Finance Agency (OHFA). The HUD report showed a 1.5 percent increase to 10,249 homeless Ohioans in January 2018, the first increase "in many years," COHHIO said, but the "much more comprehensive" OHFA study showed a 20 percent increase in the number of people seeking assistance from the state's homeless services agencies since 2012, for a total of 70,123 in 2017.

JUDICIAL

The Ohio Supreme Court set aside warnings of endless class action lawsuits targeting public utilities Tuesday to deliver a narrow decision protecting former Ameritech Mobile Communications from treble damage claims by retail customers. Citing regulatory violations dating back two decades, the Court agreed with the cell phone provider that R.C. 4905.61 limits such damages to a "person, firm

or corporation" directly injured by a violation affirmed in a ruling of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO).

The Ohio Board of Professional Conduct Wednesday announced the election of Judge John W. Wise as chairman and attorney Patricia A. Wise as vice-chair. Judge Wise and Ms. Wise -- who are not related --begin their respective positions on Jan. 1, 2019.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The Ohio Municipal League (OML) plans to rebuild relationships between municipal governments and state leaders during the 133rd General Assembly and Gov.-elect Mike DeWine's administration, outgoing OML Board President Scott Schertzer told reporters during a Friday press conference. That will be the top priority, Schertzer said, as there has been a "continued erosion" of relationships due to damaging cuts in local government funding and limits on home rule.

MARIJUANA

The Controlling Board approved requests Monday from the Ohio Department of Commerce (DOC) for additional funding to cover legal and operational costs for the Medical Marijuana Control Program (MMCP). The department filed requests for both an increased appropriation for legal fees and an emergency loan for operational costs while the program functions at lower-than-expected revenue levels.

After accepting patient registrations for two weeks, the Ohio Medical Marijuana Control Program has registered a total of 3,460 patients, according to the Ohio Board of Pharmacy (OBP).

The Ohio Department of Commerce (DOC) issued a certificate of operation to North Coast Testing Laboratories (NCTL) LLC in Portage County, meaning the state has now awarded operating licenses in all facility categories required to make medical marijuana legally available to patients. However, there is still only one licensed dispensary, located near Steubenville in the Eastern Ohio village of Wintersville, Ohio Board of Pharmacy (OBP) said.

MEDICAID/MEDICAID REFORM

Ohio Department of Medicaid Director Barbara Sears will leave the department to join Strategic Health Care as a partner on Jan. 1, 2019. As a result, Assistant Director James Tassie will step in as interim agency head, Gov. John Kasich's office announced.

A Franklin County judge has pushed back ruling on the confidentiality of a drug pricing report for a few months after approving a protocol for the parties to exchange confidential information while building their cases in the pharmacy benefits manager (PBM) case. The new hearing is scheduled for Monday, April 29, 2019.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Pymatuning Creek is the 15th river in 50 years to join the Ohio Scenic Rivers Program, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) announced. Flowing through Ashtabula and Trumbull counties, a total of 30.66 miles of Pymatuning Creek was designated as an Ohio wild and scenic river, the department said.

Preliminary results from the fall trawl survey in Ohio's portion of the Central Basin of Lake Erie show an "exceptional" hatch of walleye and an "average" hatch of yellow perch, according to ODNR. The ODNR Division of Wildlife's results from the 2018 survey indicate that young-of-the-year walleye catch rates were the highest recorded in the past 20 years of the Central Basin trawl survey (32 fish per hectare).

Hunters checked 9,625 white-tailed deer during Ohio's 2018 two-day deer-gun hunting season on Dec. 15-16, according to ODNR. That haul is significantly lower than last year's two-day December deer-gun season, when 14,115 deer were harvested.

SECRETARY OF STATE

Secretary of State Jon Husted announced Monday that his office is seeking to transfer \$10 million in funds from his office's budget back to the state's General Revenue Fund (GRF). Husted released a letter he had sent to Office of Budget and Management Director Tim Keen last month. In the letter, he attributed the savings to his administration's efforts to make it easier and cheaper to do business in Ohio, which has led to record numbers of new businesses opening up in Ohio. More new filings have led to more new revenue.

Secretary of State Jon Husted Wednesday announced 9,035 new entities filed to do business in Ohio last month, an increase of 477 when compared to November 2017.

STATE GOVERNMENT

Emergency vehicles swarmed to the Rhodes Tower on Wednesday morning for what turned out to be a small, quickly contained fire. The fan for a computer server in a closet on the 36th floor overheated and caused the fire, but a sprinkler head quickly activated and put it out, said Tom Hoyt, spokesman for the Ohio Department of Administrative Services (DAS), which manages the tower.

The Ohio Department of Commerce reminded Ohio businesses this week that the state's minimum wage is set to increase to \$8.55 per hour for non-tipped employees and \$4.30 per hour for tipped employees on Jan. 1, 2019. The 2018 minimum wage is \$8.30 per hour for non-tipped employees and \$4.15 for tipped employees.

TRANSITION

Gov.-elect Mike DeWine and Lt. Gov.-elect Jon Husted announced the schedule of inaugural events, which will take place Friday, Jan. 11 through Monday, Jan. 14. DeWine will be sworn in privately at his home early Monday morning, then attend a swearing-in ceremony at the Statehouse at noon.

Attorney General-elect Dave Yost announced Tuesday a mix of staff from the auditor's office, current employees of the attorney general's office and Kasich administration personnel as senior leadership in his upcoming administration. Brenda Rinehart, chief of staff for Yost as auditor, will be first assistant attorney general. She is a former assistant U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Ohio.

Secretary of State-elect Frank LaRose announced he will be taking the oath of office as Ohio's 51st secretary of state at an event in his hometown of Akron on Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019.

More than 2,100 people have applied for jobs with the incoming administration of Gov.-elect Mike DeWine, including a host of current and former legislators, candidates and cabinet officials, according to a spreadsheet of applicants provided by the gubernatorial transition office this week.

TRANSPORTATION/INFRASTRUCTURE

Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission Director Randy Cole told the commission Monday that he will be leaving the position at the end of the Kasich administration on Sunday, Jan. 13, 2019. He has served in the position for the last four years. Previously, he served as the president of the Controlling Board.

House Transportation and Public Safety Committee Chairman Doug Green (R-Mt. Orab) released the committee's report on autonomous vehicles Wednesday, the result of a 14-month study that included conversations with stakeholder groups, industry leaders and policy think tanks. The 100-page study recommended pursuing a unified framework of state and local laws regarding automated driving systems (ADS) and connected vehicle technology, as well as establishing a legislative committee on transportation infrastructure funding and an "Autonomous and Connected Vehicle Task Force" comprised of a broad range of disciplines and organizations.

UTILITIES

Commissioner Tom Johnson will have to defend his appointment to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) if he wishes to continue after a single term and a brief stint as chairman. The PUCO Nominating Council is seeking applications for his seat on the five-member body, where he has served since 2014 following previous roles as state budget director, House finance chair and longtime legislator.

The Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) is calling on Gov. John Kasich to add landline deregulation bill HB402 (Hill) to his list of Christmas vetoes after the Ohio House and Senate passed the legislation in an early-morning Friday session over the objections of AARP, OCC and other opponents.

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio's (PUCO) adherence to its own PowerForward Roadmap on electric grid modernization is being called into question following its order Wednesday on net metering -- wherein smaller renewable energy systems in homes and businesses sell excess power back to the local distribution utility. The commission reversed its current policy of granting rooftop solar projects and other small generators billing credits not only for electricity they produce but also for their contribution to overall grid capacity, drawing the ire of the Ohio Environmental Council (OEC).

WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Gov.-elect Mike DeWine briefly joined the Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) Board of Directors during its monthly meeting Thursday, encouraging bureau employees to do more thinking "outside the box." He also said BWC's work is "very important" to Ohio's future and improves the business climate in the state, and his administration will be very open to BWC staff's ideas and thoughts.

BWC's Medical Services and Safety Committee recommended adoption of selected new 2019 Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code changes published by the American Medical Association and adopted by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The committee also recommended the changes be sent to the governor as an emergency rule to allow immediate adoption, which was approved by the board. Gov. John Kasich later on Thursday issued Executive Order 2018-13K effective Jan. 1, 2019, to allow BWC to amend rules related to the code changes.

WORKFORCE

The national number of workers who died due to a work-related injury dropped slightly in 2017, with 5,147 deaths compared to 2016's 5,190, according to a U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) announcement Tuesday. The fatal injury rate was 3.5 per 100,000 full-time equivalent workers, down from 3.6 in 2016. BLS noted state-specific data on deaths and fatal injury rates, with Ohio seeing an increase of 174 deaths compared to 164 in 2016. The respective rates were 3.3 and 3.1 per 100,000 workers.

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY:

SENATE:

PASSED BY SENATE

- HB66 UNDERGRAD MISSION STUDY COMMITTEE (Rep. Ron Young) To establish the Undergraduate Mission Study Committee to evaluate each state university's efforts to secure participation in the undergraduate mission by the university's tenured faculty members.
Amended on Floor, Bill Vote 32-0
- HB341 JUDGES-PUBLIC RECORDS EXEMPTION (Rep. Stephen Huffman, Rep. Jack Cera) To include judges as individuals whose residential and familial information is exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Law, and whose addresses public offices, upon request, must redact from records available to the general public on the internet.
Vote 32-0
- HB420 MONTH DESIGNATION-OHIO ADOPTION AWARENESS (Rep. Emilia Sykes) To designate the month of November as Ohio Adoption Awareness Month.
Vote 32-0
- 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 32-0

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

- SB214 FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION PROHIBITION (Sen. Louis Terhar, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To prohibit female genital mutilation.
Vote 32-0, Senate does concur
- 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.

Vote 24-8, Senate does concur

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 32-0, Senate does concur

HOUSE:

No legislative activity to report.