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TOP ADVOCACY ITEMS

<i>Priority</i>	<i>Status</i>
<p>Establish MORPC as Top MPO Resource on Transportation Issues</p>	<p>President Trump unveiled his FY 2018 budget. In it, the Administration proposed to eliminate the TIGER program, Community Development Block Grants and significantly decrease funding for transit programs.</p> <p>MORPC will be communicating its dissatisfaction with these proposed changes to the budget during its participation in the Columbus Region Coalition’s visit to Capitol Hill on Thursday, June 15.</p>
<p>Highlight the Valuable Roles, Duties, and Rights of Local Governments</p>	<p>The biennial operating budget (HB 49) passed the House and is pending before the Senate Finance Committee.</p> <p>MORPC staff is currently putting together testimony that will be submitted to the Senate Finance Committee that will focus on areas of opportunity and concerns in the budget. The topics below were highlighted in William Murdock’s Interested Party testimony that was submitted to the House Finance Committee in April:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Centralized Collection » Throwback Rule » Local Government Fund » Water Quality and Quantity » Transit and Public Library Funding » Data Sharing » Safe Sidewalks for Seniors Initiative
<p>Promote Energy Efficiency and an Abundant Supply of Safe, Reliable, and Affordable Sources of Energy for our Growing Region</p>	<p>In March, the Ohio House rapidly passed HB 114. The bill would replace all energy standards/mandates with goals. The bill is now pending in the Ohio Senate and has received its first hearing.</p> <p>The bill was reviewed by the SAC and the Regional Policy Roundtable. Staff will continue to track the bill with the idea of possibly taking a position on the bill in the future.</p>



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Aging

Columbus City Council unanimously passed ordinances 1288-2017 and 1287-2017, both of which were initiated by Councilmember Michael Stinziano, to support the operation of two senior service organizations participating in the nationally recognized Village Movement.

South Columbus-based Village Connections and Clintonville-Beechwold Community Resources Center, Village in the Ville programs will both benefit from \$10,000 of grant funding to assist 50 and older residents to remain in their homes and as active citizens in The City of Columbus.

A significant number of the state's nursing homes are performing poorly on quality measures, according to a new report from Miami University and data from the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM). The report from Miami's Scripps Gerontology Center (SGC) says Ohio ranks below the national average on all 10 quality indicators measured by the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Minimum Data Set (MDS). This is despite the fact that the ODM pays nursing facilities an amount that is in line with the national average, the Governor's Office of Health Transformation said in a document accompanying the data set from the state.

The House Aging and Long-Term Care Committee used its meeting to hear presentations from groups with its same focus -- the Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging (O4A), Ohio Council for Home Care and Hospice (OCHC) and LeadingAge Ohio.

Ballot Issues

The campaign team supporting the Ohio Drug Price Relief Act was announced and will include a former Ohio Republican Party chairman and one of the top Republican media consultants in the country. Calling itself a "bipartisan political dream team," Ohio Taxpayers for Lower Drug Prices will support the Ohio Drug Price Relief Act, an initiated statute which would restrict what the state pays for pharmaceuticals to what the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs pays for the same drugs.

The Ohio Attorney General's Office certified the petition for a proposed amendment to the Ohio Constitution that would change the process for congressional redistricting in Ohio, saying supporters had both the necessary 1,000 valid signatures from registered Ohio voters and a "fair and truthful" summary of the proposed amendment. Earlier in May, the Fair Congressional Districts for Ohio campaign had resubmitted the "Bipartisan Congressional Redistricting Reform Amendment" constitutional amendment for review.

The opposition group to a proposed law that would prohibit Ohio from paying more for prescription drugs than the lowest price the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs pays for the same drug launched with a list of more than 30 organizations opposing the Drug Price Relief Act including three former Ohio Medicaid directors.

FY18-19 Budget

On Tuesday, the Office of Budget and Management (OBM) released its preliminary figures for May, reporting that revenues continued to come in under estimates. Revenues fell \$67.0 million short for the month although officials said they continue to expect the state to finish the year in the black. This brings the year's shortfall to nearly \$840.8 million with one month left in FY17.



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State Budget Director Tim Keen forecast continued savings over his office's proposed operating budget for FY18-19, sustaining the trend of revised spending estimates now 11 percent below agency appropriations for FY17. Members of the Senate Finance General Government and Agency Review Subcommittee were more interested in Keen's larger revenue projections, however, and their impact on the state's next biennium. OBM's total budget request for FY18, \$29.1 million (including General Revenue Funds and non-GRF), is slightly less than FY17's, while its request for FY19, \$29.9 million, is slightly more. Yet Keen said OBM is on track to spend only \$26.2 million of its \$29.5 million appropriation for the current fiscal year and can be expected to take the same approach in the new biennium.

Sen. Scott Oelslager (R-Canton), chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, released the committee's hearing schedule as it moves into the final weeks before the full chamber votes on HB49 (R. Smith), the FY18-19 budget bill. That vote, according to Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina), is expected around Wednesday, June 21.

The chairs and vice chairs of the four Senate Finance subcommittees presented an outline of the hundreds of witnesses they heard from over the last few weeks, with the Democratic vice chairs previewing amendments they plan to present as the budget moves through the Senate. The four chairs gave an overview of the issues raised during their subcommittee hearings, while Democrats discussed priorities and issues that they plan to address based on what they heard from testimony.

Elections

Rep. Kathleen Clyde (D-Kent) became the first Democrat in the 2018 secretary of state's race, saying Ohio can and must encourage participation in elections and strengthen democracy.

U.S. Rep. Pat Tiberi (R-Columbus) said that he won't run for U.S. Senate in 2018, giving Treasurer Josh Mandel a clearer path to have a rematch against U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH), who defeated him in 2012.

Less than 24 hours after Kathleen Clyde joined the 2018 secretary of state's race, Sen. Frank LaRose (R-Copley) officially threw his hat into the ring, setting up a primary on the Republican side against Rep. Dorothy Pelandia (Marysville).

Steve Dettelbach, former U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Ohio, officially entered the 2018 attorney general's race with the announcement that he will "continue to fight for the people of Ohio" after spending 20 years as a prosecutor. Dettelbach has been laying the groundwork for the run for months, traveling the state and speaking at Democratic functions. He is the first Democrat in the race.

Cleveland investment banker Mike Gibbons announced that he will seek the Republican nomination for U.S. Senate next year, setting up a primary with Ohio Treasurer Josh Mandel. Gibbons, a partner with Brown Gibbons Lang & Company, noted his experience as a businessman in his announcement, and also took aim at the current incumbent of the seat, U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH).

Employment/Unemployment

The national unemployment rate was 4.4 percent in April, according to data released by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), down from 4.5 percent in March, as total nonfarm payroll jobs increased by 211,000 nationally. According to BLS, the civilian labor force was 160 million in April, slightly higher than in March. The participation rate dropped slightly to 62.9 percent. The number of long-term unemployed, or those unemployed for 27 weeks or longer, fell slightly to 1.63 million. The number of discouraged workers, or those who gave up looking for work



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because they didn't think they could find a job, fell to 455,000.

Ohio's unemployment rate was 5.0 percent in April, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) said, down from 5.1 percent in March and unchanged from April 2016. ODJFS said Ohio's nonagricultural wage and salary employment decreased by 5,700 over the month, from a revised 5,518,500 in March to 5,512,800 in April 2017. The number of workers unemployed in Ohio in April was 288,000, down 5,000 from 293,000 in March. The number of unemployed has increased by 5,000 in the past 12 months from 283,000, ODJFS said.

Energy

The Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) has adopted final wind farm rules based on legislation passed nearly three years ago in the 130th General Assembly. New administrative codes for mid-biennium review (MBR) proposals in 130-HB483 (Amstutz) now instruct applicants to avoid "unreasonable" shadow flicker at occupied buildings within 1,000 feet of any wind turbine, among other changes. Amendments approved by OPSB require an ice throw analysis; an assessment of navigable airspace, visual impact, shadow flicker, and state and federally listed animal species; a vegetation management plan; a post-construction avian and bat monitoring plan; and a written waiver of minimum setbacks by adjacent property owners, where applicable.

The state could miss out on 13,000 jobs and more than \$4.2 billion in local economic activity if Ohio's wind turbine setback law isn't revised, according to a new report from the American Wind Energy Association (AWEA). Ohio's setback law was changed from approximately 550 feet to about 1,300 feet after the enactment of 130-HB483 (Amstutz). During a Statehouse press conference releasing the report, industry representatives and local business development officials decried the policy, which they said was one of the most restrictive in the country.

Environment

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) will hold two public hearings on Friday, June 16, to accept public comments on the draft 2018 Program Management Plan for the Drinking Water Assistance Fund (DWAFF). The fund provides financial and technical assistance for a variety of projects that help improve or protect the quality of Ohio's drinking water.

Local health departments and public entities will receive nearly \$1 million to address mosquito-borne viruses, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) Director Craig Butler and Ohio Department of Health (ODH) Acting Director Lance Himes announced.

General Assembly/Statehouse

Ohio House Democratic Leader Fred Strahorn (D-Dayton) announced the start of a process to fill the vacancy in the 20th House District seat. The position was recently vacated by Heather Bishoff of Blacklick who resigned in order to pursue her financial planning business full-time and focus on her family.

Rep. Dorothy Pelanda (R-Marysville) announced that she is stepping down from her leadership position as majority floor leader and is being replaced by Rep. Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati). Pelanda said she made the decision so she can focus on her campaign for secretary of state in 2018.

Local Government

The state needs to repair its relationship with municipalities after years of shifting the tax burden to local governments,



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Democratic city leaders said. Columbus City Council President Zach Klein, Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley and Lorain Mayor Chase Ritenauer joined a panel to discuss cuts to the Local Government Fund (LGF) and other issues during the Ohio Senate Democratic Caucus Budget Forum at the Statehouse.

Natural Resources

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) prohibited Rover Pipeline LLC from engaging in new horizontal directional drilling (HDD) operations following the recent release of millions of gallons of drilling fluid into Ohio wetlands. FERC is also ordering the pipeline, owned by Energy Transfer Partners, to hire a third-party contractor to assess Rover's actions and help the company plan to move forward without allowing the same level of negative environmental effects. New drilling will not be able to resume until the commission is satisfied.

Transportation

The Controlling Board approved an Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) request for \$7 million to develop construction contract plans on the variable use of shoulders on I-670 between Fourth Street and I-270, despite questions and an opposing vote from Sen. Charleta Tavares (D-Columbus).

The Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) will hold six stakeholder meetings throughout the state regarding the development and adoption of administrative rules including fees, among other topics, as required by recently enacted transportation/public safety budget, HB26 (McColley).

Several states have recently passed transportation funding measures that include gas tax increases along with provisions intended to support infrastructure investment long-term, according to Sean Slone, director of transportation and infrastructure policy at the Council of State Governments (CSG). Slone offered a presentation on transportation funding options to the Senate Ways and Means Committee. Ohio's motor fuel tax has been set at 28 cents since 2005, according to the Ohio Department of Taxation.

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HB3

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

Current Status: 2/8/2017 - Referred to Committee House Finance

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-3>



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- HB9** MALFUNCTIONING LIGHTS-BICYCLES (KOEHLER K) To specify that the alternative protocol for proceeding into an intersection with malfunctioning traffic lights due to a failure of a vehicle detector applies only to bicycles.
Current Status: 4/30/2017 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; Effective 4/30/17
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-9>
- HB10** INTRASTATE EQUITY CROWDFUNDING (ARNDT S) To permit intrastate equity crowdfunding under certain circumstances.
Current Status: 2/21/2017 - House Financial Institutions, Housing and Urban Development, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-10>
- HB26** TRANSPORTATION-PUBLIC SAFETY BUDGET (MCCOLLEY R) To make appropriations for programs related to transportation and public safety for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of those programs.
Current Status: 3/31/2017 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; Some provisions line-item vetoed, eff. 90 days
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-26>
- HB49** OPERATING BUDGET (SMITH R) Creates FY 2018-2019 main operating budget.
Current Status: 6/7/2017 - Senate Finance Higher Education Subcommittee, (Tenth Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-49>
- HB53** PUBLIC EMPLOYEES-MEMBER DUES (BECKER J) To remove any requirement under the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Law that public employees join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit public employers from requiring public employees to join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit an employee organization from being required to represent public employees who are not members of the employee organization, and to make an appropriation.
Current Status: 2/14/2017 - Referred to Committee House Finance
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-53>
- HB62** WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT (PATTERSON J, SHEEHY M) To require the Director of Agriculture to adopt rules establishing the Ohio Water Quality Improvement Program, to exempt land enrolled in the Program from taxation, and to reimburse local taxing units for revenue lost due to that exemption.
Current Status: 5/10/2017 - House Agriculture and Rural Development, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-62>
- HB69** WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT (PATTERSON J, SHEEHY M) To require the Director of Agriculture to adopt rules establishing the Ohio Water Quality Improvement Program, to exempt land enrolled in the Program from taxation, and to reimburse local taxing units for revenue lost due to that exemption.
Current Status: 5/9/2017 - House State and Local Government, (Sixth Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-69>



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- HB70** FUEL TAX TRANSPARENCY (MERRIN D) To enact the “Fuel Tax Transparency Act” requiring stickers to be placed on retail service station pumps displaying the rates of federal and state taxes applicable to gasoline and diesel fuel.
Current Status: 3/15/2017 - House Government Accountability and Oversight, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-70>
- HB95** DISTRACTED DRIVING PENALTY (HUGHES J, SEITZ B) To establish an enhanced penalty for committing a moving violation while distracted if the distraction is the apparent cause of the violation and to reenact provisions of law that specified that certain electronic wireless communications device violations were allied offenses of similar import.
Current Status: 5/17/2017 - REPORTED OUT, House Transportation and Public Safety, (Fourth Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-95>
- HB103** FISCAL EMERGENCY PROVISIONS (REINEKE W) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision.
Current Status: 4/26/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Government Oversight and Reform
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-103>
- HB114** RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARDS (BLESSING III L) To revise the provisions governing renewable energy, energy efficiency, and peak demand reduction and to alter funding allocations under the Home Energy Assistance Program.
Current Status: 6/7/2017 - Senate Energy and Natural Resources (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-114>
- HB122** ESTABLISH ECONOMIC STUDY COMMITTEE (HAMBLEY S, ROGERS J) To establish a Regional Economic Development Alliance Study Committee to study the benefits and challenges involved in creating regional economic development alliances.
Current Status: 5/9/2017 - House State and Local Government, (Third Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-122>
- HB125** TRAFFIC ORDINANCE JURISDICTIONS (CRAIG H, SEITZ B) To specify the jurisdiction of municipal and county courts over municipal traffic ordinances and to establish requirements governing fines, fees, or other charges for traffic violations and infractions imposed by a municipal corporation that does not have the authority to establish a mayor’s court.
Current Status: 5/16/2017 - BILL AMENDED House Criminal Justice, (Third Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-125>
- HB139** PUBLIC RECORD DISCLOSURE EXEMPTIONS (PERALES R, KELLER C) To eliminate the public disclosure exemption for any permanently retained record 100 years after the date of its creation.
Current Status: 5/9/2017 - House State and Local Government, (Second Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-139>



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- HB144** STATIONARY WASTE COLLECTION VEHICLES (GREEN D, ROGERS J) To require motor vehicle operators to take certain actions upon approaching a stationary waste collection vehicle collecting refuse on a roadside.
Current Status: 5/10/2017 - House Government Accountability and Oversight, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-144>
- HB163** PREVAILING WAGE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (ROEGNER K, RIEDEL C) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects.
Current Status: 5/9/2017 - House Economic Development, Commerce and Labor, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-163>
- HB175** LIVESTOCK ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY (BRINKMAN T) To allow an owner of residential property to keep, harbor, breed, or maintain small livestock on the property, and to prohibit zoning authorities from regulating certain agricultural activities conducted on residential property for noncommercial purposes.
Current Status: 5/10/2017 - House Agriculture and Rural Development, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-175>
- HB179** IMMIGRATION LAW COMPLIANCE (KELLER C) To require state and local authorities to cooperate with the federal government in the enforcement of immigration laws, to prohibit a local government that fails to do so from receiving certain state funds, to provide for the removal of officers of a local government that fails to do so, and to declare an emergency.
Current Status: 5/1/2017 - Referred to Committee House Government Accountability and Oversight
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-179>
- HB 219** SPEED LIMIT SIGN DISTANCES (BOCCIERI J) To specify that a speed limit becomes effective at a reasonable distance from the appropriate sign giving notice of the speed limit.
Current Status: 6/7/2017 - House Transportation and Public Safety, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-219>
- HB221** PRIVATE PROPERTY SEWER AND WATER (HOLMES G) To expressly include, as eligible projects under the State Capital Improvements Program administered by the Ohio Public Works Commission, water and sewer laterals located on private property.
Current Status: 5/23/2017 - Referred to Committee House Finance
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-221>
- HB247** ELECTRIC UTILITY CONSUMER PROTECTION (ROMANCHUK M) To require refunds to utility customers who have been improperly charged, to eliminate electric security plans and require all electric standard service offers to be delivered through market-rate offers, and to strengthen corporate separation requirements.
Current Status: 5/24/2017 - Introduced
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-247>



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- HB250** ELECTRIC BIKE REQUIREMENTS (BRINKMAN T) To establish requirements for the use of electric bicycles.
Current Status: 5/31/2017 - Introduced
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-250>
- HR85** FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL OVERHAUL (YOUNG R) To respectfully urge Congress and President Donald Trump to amend the Federal Clean Air Act to eliminate the requirement to implement the E-Check Program and direct the Administrator of USEP A to begin new rulemaking procedures under the Administrative Procedures Act to repeal and replace the 2015 National Ambient Air Quality Standards; to respectfully urge Congress and President Donald Trump to pass legislation to achieve improvements in air quality more efficiently while allowing companies to innovate and help the economy grow; to urge the Administrator of USEPA to alleviate burdensome requirements of the E-Check Program and the Clean Air Act if Congress and the President fail to act; and to encourage OEPA to explore alternatives to ECheck in Ohio.
Current Status: 5/24/2017 - ADOPTED BY HOUSE; Vote 72-25
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HR-85>
- SB2** ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS LAWS (HITE C) To revise specified laws relating to environmental protection.
Current Status: 5/23/2017 - REPORTED OUT, House Energy and Natural Resources, (Fourth Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-2>
- SB6** OHIO BRIDGE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOAGLAND F) To extend the Ohio Bridge Partnership Program through the end of fiscal year 2019 and to require the Director of Transportation to submit a report to the Governor, Senate, and House of Representatives recommending ways to continue to fund the program.
Current Status: 5/9/2017 - Referred to Committee House Transportation and Public Safety
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-6>
- SB13** RECORDING LAW ENFORCEMENT (TAVARES C) To grant a person the right to lawfully record any incident involving a law enforcement officer and to impose civil liability upon the state or a local law enforcement agency if a law enforcement officer employed by the state or local law enforcement agency interferes with the recording of the incident, destroys the recording, seizes the recording without a warrant or subpoena or the person's consent, or retaliates against the person who recorded the incident.
Current Status: 2/1/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-13>
- SB17** LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND ALLOCATION (TAVARES C) To increase monthly allocations to the Local Government Fund from 1.66% to 3.68% of the total tax revenue credited to the General Revenue Fund each month.
Current Status: 2/1/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Finance
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-17>



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- SB19** PROSECUTING ATTORNEY RESTRICTIONS (THOMAS C) To prohibit prosecuting attorneys of counties with a population of 400,001 or more from engaging in the private practice of law.
Current Status: 2/22/2017 - Senate Government Oversight and Reform, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-19>
- SB30** VEHICLE RESOLUTIONS BY COUNTIES (EKLUND J) To authorize counties to adopt resolutions regulating motor vehicle traffic on county and township roads.
Current Status: 2/14/2017 - Senate Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-30>
- SB31** HEALTH RULE WITHDRAW PROCESS (EKLUND J) To authorize a board of county commissioners or municipal legislative authority to elect to withdraw the county or municipal corporation from the application of any rule adopted by the Department of Health after January 1, 2014, that governs the design of household sewage treatment systems.
Current Status: 3/1/2017 - Senate Energy and Natural Resources, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-31>
- SB43** TOWNSHIP BUILDING CODES (BACON K) To enable limited home rule townships to adopt building codes regardless of any similar codes adopted by the county in which the township resides.
Current Status: 3/28/2017 - Senate Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs, (Third Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-43>
- SB51** LAKE ERIE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (SKINDELL M, EKLUND J) To authorize the creation of a special improvement district to facilitate Lake Erie shoreline improvement.
Current Status: 3/29/2017 - Senate Energy and Natural Resources, (Second Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-51>
- SB59** BICYCLE USE-HELMETS (SKINDELL M) To require bicycle operators and passengers under 18 years of age to wear protective helmets when the bicycle is operated on a roadway and to establish the Bicycle Safety Fund to be used by the Department of Public Safety to assist low-income families in the purchase of bicycle helmets.
Current Status: 3/28/2017 - Senate Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-59>
- SB61** PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION (SKINDELL M) To make appropriations related to public transportation.
Current Status: 2/22/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Transportation, Commerce and Workforce
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-61>
- SB72** PREVAILING WAGE LAW (HUFFMAN M) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects.
Current Status: 3/7/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Finance
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-72>



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- SB75** WATER SERVICE PROPERTY LIENS (BROWN E) Regarding property liens for unpaid county or municipal water service charges.
Current Status: 3/7/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Energy and Natural Resources
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-75>
- SB95** STATE PROJECTS-PIPING MATERIALS (TERHAR L) To require a public authority to consider all piping materials that meet the engineering specifications for a state-funded water or waste water project.
Current Status: 4/5/2017 - Senate Energy and Natural Resources, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-95>
- SB97** REGIONAL STUDY COMMITTEE CREATION (LAROSE F, YUKO K) To establish a Regional Economic Development Alliance Study Committee to study the benefits and challenges involved in creating regional economic development alliances.
Current Status: 3/15/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Government Oversight and Reform
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-97>
- SB103** COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS (COLEY W) To permit a board of county commissioners, as an alternative to entering into an agreement to establish a countywide emergency management agency, to enter into a contract of not longer than four years with the county sheriff or a chief of a fire department that has countywide authority to implement a countywide emergency management program.
Current Status: 4/26/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-103>
- SB111** SCHOOL ZONE SIGN LIGHTS (TAVARES C) To require school zones to be indicated by signs equipped with flashing or other lights or that indicate the times during which the restrictive speed limit is enforced, and to make an appropriation.
Current Status: 4/26/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Government Oversight and Reform
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-111>
- SB112** GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (SCHIAVONI J) To establish the green infrastructure fund and to make an appropriation.
Current Status: 4/26/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Finance
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-112>
- SB113** VEHICLE REGISTRATION TAX (COLEY W) To levy an additional registration tax on passenger cars, noncommercial motor vehicles, and commercial cars and trucks beginning on January 1, 2020; to authorize a per-gallon motor fuel retail price reduction for consumers that is equal to the state per-gallon motor fuel tax of \$.28; and to exempt each gallon of motor fuel that is sold at the reduced retail price from the state motor fuel tax.
Current Status: 6/7/2017 - Senate Ways and Means, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-113>



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- SB123** PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINT PROCESS (COLEY W) To limit the right to initiate most types of property tax complaints to the property owner and the county recorder of the county in which the property is located.
Current Status: 5/3/2017 - Senate Ways and Means, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-123>
- SB155** ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION COST RECOVERY (TERHAR L, PETERSON B) To allow electric distribution utilities to recover costs for a national security generation resource.
Current Status: 6/8/2017 - Senate Public Utilities, (Second Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-155>
- SCR2** MUNICIPAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS (THOMAS C) To urge municipal corporations throughout the state to adopt a Municipal Identification Card Program.
Current Status: 2/14/2017 - Senate Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SCR-2>
- SJR4** CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUNDING (SCHIAVONI J) Proposing to enact Section 2t of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to permit the issuance of general obligation bonds to fund sewer and water capital improvements.
Current Status: 3/7/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Finance
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SJR-4>
- SR19** RESCINDING IMMIGRATION EXECUTIVE ORDER (THOMAS C) To urge the Congress of the United States to enact legislation rescinding the January 27, 2017, presidential executive order regarding immigration and limiting the authority of the President of the United States to prohibit classes of persons from entering the United States.
Current Status: 2/1/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Government Oversight and Reform
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SR-19>

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