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## TOP ADVOCACY ITEMS

<i>Priority</i>	<i>Status</i>
<b>Seek Federal Funding for Regional Projects</b>	<p>The Trump Administration announced that it is replacing the FASTLANE grant with the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) program.</p> <p>This new program will result in a new wave of applications for FY 2017 and 2018 funding. Under the INFRA program, local leverages of funds will be more highly valued. Also, projects that can use alternative, quicker methods of project delivery will be more highly valued. Applications must be submitted through Grants.gov by Nov. 2 at 8pm EST.</p> <p>USDOT did award a series of grants to smaller projects through this program. Unfortunately, the proposal to improve the Rickenbacker area was not funded.</p> <p>Meanwhile, USDOT announced an opportunity to apply for \$500 million in TIGER grants. The deadline to submit applications is Oct. 16.</p>
<b>Promote Energy Efficiency and an Abundant Supply of Safe, Reliable, and Affordable Sources of Energy for our Growing Region</b>	<p>As the Ohio General Assembly continues to deliberate over HB114, leadership of the Regional Policy Roundtable and the Sustainability Advisory Committee have continued discussions and felt it important to review MORPC’s prior stances on similar legislation.</p> <p>In its current form, HB114 is not consistent with MORPC’s Public Policy Agenda. Therefore, MORPC will oppose the bill. Staff will continue to monitor the bill and MORPC will not change its opposition unless some significant changes occur. Be assured, if opportunities arise that allow MORPC to offer meaningful input to improve our state’s energy and efficiency policies, we will advance ideas consistent with our Public Policy Agenda.</p>
<b>Establish MORPC as Top MPO Resource on Transportation Issues</b>	<p>MORPC Transportation Systems &amp; Funding Director Thea Walsh Testified to the Ohio Senate Transportation, Commerce &amp; Workforce Committee as a proponent of Senate Resolution 175 – supporting Hyperloop technology in the state of Ohio.</p> <p>MORPC recently submitted comments to the USDOT, after USDOT asked for input from stakeholders regarding current agency regulations that slow the project approval process and that should be reviewed, removed, or revised.</p>
<b>Highlight the Valuable Roles Duties, and Rights of Local Governments</b>	<p>As Congress and the Ohio General Assembly reconvene this month, MORPC is continuing to monitor the impact of pending legislation on local governments.</p>



## TOP NEWS

### ***FY18-19 Budget***

The Senate voted to override six of Gov. John Kasich's budget vetoes, with three receiving bipartisan support. The upper chamber left five items on the table for future consideration, as the House voted to override 11 of Kasich's 47 vetoes on HB49 (R. Smith) in July. The contentious items that passed despite the governor's objections included new restrictions on the Controlling Board and a provision prohibiting the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) from covering new, optional groups unless expressly permitted by statute. Those receiving unanimous or near-unanimous support included a provision delaying implementation of the behavioral health redesign into managed care and items dealing with Medicaid neonatal/newborn service rates and nursing home service rates.

The Senate did not act on the item requiring ODM to ask the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for an increase in the health insuring corporation franchise fee that has already been approved, with the additional funds going to counties and transit authorities, pending the outcome of negotiations among the governor, legislative leaders and the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCA) to address the funding issue.

Ohio posted an even stronger month of revenues in August after Office of Budget and Management (OBM) Director Tim Keen gave July's biennial kick-off the thumbs up one month ago. The state is 1.3 percent, or \$25.8 million, ahead of estimates for August in preliminary figures. Although the Commercial Activity Tax (CAT) was behind 0.7 percent, many revenue streams, including the auto sales tax's +8.6 percent, were up.

### ***Ballot Issues***

The Ohio Ballot Board unanimously adopted the ballot language for both issues on the November ballot after proponents and opponents of Issue 2 held talks and agreed to how voters will see the Drug Price Relief Act on the November ballot. Secretary of State Jon Husted, who chairs the ballot board, said his office brought both sides of Issue 2 together for mediation to work out the ballot language, the first time both sides of a contentious ballot issue agreed in advance to do so since the ballot board was formed.

A report commissioned by backers of Issue 2, the Drug Price Relief Act, claims the state could save as much as \$536 million a year by paying for prescription drugs what the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs pays for the same drugs. The report, written by Maxwell J. Mehlman, a Case Western Reserve University professor of law, challenged an earlier report commissioned by opponents of Issue 2 that claimed the initiated statute would be unworkable, saying that claim is erroneous.

Secretary of State Jon Husted announced titles for State Issues 1 and 2 and released explanations and arguments for and against both issues. Those titles are as follows: State Issue 1: "Rights for Crime Victims"; and State Issue 2: "To require state agencies to not pay more for prescription drugs than the federal Department of Veterans Affairs and require state payment of attorney fees and expenses to specific individuals for defense of the law."

The Yes on Issue 2 campaign challenged pharmaceutical executives to debate Issue 2, the Drug Price Relief Act, during an upcoming forum that the campaign said would be moderated by Ohio journalists. The campaign said the drug industry could pick one of its CEOs to debate Michael Weinstein, the president of the AIDS Healthcare Foundation, at the unspecified forum.



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### ***Business/Corporate***

Facebook announced that it will be building a new data center in the New Albany International Business Park, part of a \$750 million capital investment that the head of JobsOhio called the second largest in the state since the private economic development arm of the state was formed.

Honda Research and Development (R&D) Americas Inc. has reached the gold standard of environmental excellence and stewardship through the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's (Ohio EPA) E3 program, the agency announced Thursday.

### ***Economic Development***

Amazon comes in for another \$11.6 million in tax credits recommended by JobsOhio and approved by the Ohio Tax Credit Authority, bringing the online retailer's total state incentives to nearly \$30 million in the last two years.

### ***Elections 2018***

Democrats seeking the party's nomination for governor had their first opportunity to discuss issues on the same stage. The first of several planned party-sponsored debates took place at Martins Ferry High School in Belmont County on Tuesday, Sept. 12.

Citizens for Community Values (CCV) and Salem Media of Ohio will bring the four announced Republican candidates for governor together for a forum in October. The forum will be held Sunday, Oct. 8, from 7-9 p.m. at Genoa Baptist Church, 7562 Lewis Center Rd., in Westerville. It will be moderated by analyst and author Frank Luntz.

Former U.S. Rep. Zack Space became the first Democrat to officially join the 2018 state auditor's race. Space, who served in Congress from 2007 until his defeat by current U.S. Rep. Bob Gibbs (R-Lakeville) in 2010, announced his campaign in Martins Ferry, and also held events in Zanesville, Columbus and Lima. If no other candidates file, Space will likely face Rep. Keith Faber (R-Celina) next year in the General Election.

Melissa Ackison, a Marysville business owner, announced that she is running for the Republican nomination for U.S. Senate in 2018, making her the third Republican to join the race.

### ***Employment/Unemployment***

Ohio's unemployment rate was 5.2 percent in July 2017, up from 5.0 percent in June 2017, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) said. Ohio's non-agricultural wage and salary employment increased 1,600 over the month, from a revised 5,536,500 in June to 5,538,100 in July 2017, ODJFS said.

The national unemployment rate increased to 4.4 percent in August, up from 4.3 percent in July, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

### ***Energy***

The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) recently conducted its annual Energy Policy Summit (EPS) in Boston. Sessions addressed building the 21st century electric grid, markets and the evolving energy mix, adapting to change, and the electric grid of the future.



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The Ohio Consumers' Counsel is commending a new report by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) that calls for a regional/national approach to state-level discussions on the electric grid. Among other findings, the study appears to give credence to the argument of Ohio's incumbent electric utilities (IEU) that the exclusive focus on commodity cost by PJM Interconnection's wholesale markets does not recognize the full value of the state's traditional generation resources.

Ohio voters overwhelmingly support policies that increase energy efficiency and encourage expanded use of renewables, according to a new survey conducted by Republican pollster Public Opinion Strategies on behalf of environmentalists. The majority of respondents said they recognize the economic value of these policies and would like their elected officials to support them.

The 13-state regional transmission organization (RTO) covering Ohio, PJM Interconnection, will hold its second forum on electric grid security and resilience Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 18-19 in Baltimore MD. Extreme weather, cyberattacks and possible physical attacks are driving electric suppliers and grid operators to emphasize resilience in the power system, says PJM.

### ***Environment***

While more people are accepting that climate change is occurring, the biggest debate is what to do about it, a panel of experts said at Columbus Metropolitan Club (CMC) discussion. The panel, titled "What Changes If Climate Changes," included Casey Hoy, associate professor of entomology at Ohio State University; Bryan Mark, state climatologist for Ohio and professor in the Department of Geography & Byrd Polar and Climate Research Center at Ohio State; and Qinghua Sun, professor and assistant dean for Global Public Health in the College of Public Health at Ohio State. The panel was moderated by Columbus Dispatch reporter Marion Renault.

### ***Federal***

The state faces "grave threats" to its air, water and land if President Donald Trump's proposal to cut the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) by 30 percent is enacted this fall, according to a new report from the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF). "State of Risk: Ohio" provides an overview of USEPA's footprint in Ohio and examines how the proposed cuts threaten public health as well as commerce and tourism in the Buckeye State. The federal agency has provided \$225 million in grants alone to Ohio over five years, according to the report.

U.S. Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH) told reporters that he believes Congress should move ahead in finding a full legislative replacement for the executive Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) immigration policy, despite a full legislative agenda including tax reform, hurricane relief and the federal debt limit.

### ***General Assembly/Statehouse***

The Senate Finance Committee took up a slate of legislation that would provide capital dollars to government subdivisions around the state in a time of shrinking local government funds. It heard testimony on HB54 (Blessing-Gavarone), which would authorize the Treasurer of State's Office to issue revenue obligation bonds supporting loans to local governments; SJR4 (Schiavoni), which would amend the Ohio Constitution to permit the state Legislature to issue general obligation bonds supporting water and sewer capital improvements; and SB112 (Schiavoni), which would establish a "green infrastructure fund" supporting dam and other infrastructure remediation on state waterways.



## TOP NEWS

### ***Governor***

As “the conservative standing his ground,” Ohio Gov. John Kasich was named among Politico’s list of 50 influential people in U.S. politics Tuesday. The diverse group ranges from special counsel Bob Mueller to comedian Melissa McCarthy, while Kasich was named as “one of a small handful of GOP lawmakers willing to challenge and criticize the president publicly.”

Gov. John Kasich Friday announced that he has named Tim Biggam to serve as his director of legislative relations, replacing Merle Madrid who has left for a private sector opportunity. Biggam currently leads stakeholder engagement and regional outreach for the governor. He assumes his new duties on Monday, Sept. 11.

### ***National Conference Of State Legislatures (NCSL)***

The opioid epidemic has become “by far and away the greatest health crisis that we’ve had since the height of the AIDS epidemic,” Michael Botticelli, of the Grayken Center for Addiction Medicine in Massachusetts, told lawmakers gathered for the NCSL Legislative Summit in Boston. The Centers for Disease Control says overdoses in 2015 surpassed car accidents as the No. 1 unintentional killer in the U.S. “Accidental poisoning,” the category into which overdoses fall, has jumped 78 percent in the past decade and, in 2015, poisoning claimed 42,000 people, 6,000 more than car crashes.

How to best promote sustainable use of our water resources was discussed by a panel at NCSL. Panelist Peter Gleick, co-founder and president emeritus of the Pacific Institute, said the history of water in the U.S. has been one of development and building. It is also one of pollution, waterborne disease, underinvestment and questionable management. Climate change now poses additional uncertainty and challenges. Waterborne disease has for the most part been addressed through central water treatment, but pollution continues to increase.

National and states’ efforts to prepare for natural disasters were discussed by a panel at NCSL in Boston last week. Panel members included Anne Stauffer, director for fiscal federalism at the Pew Center on the States, who said that natural disasters are infrequent, episodic and a challenge to fund. She noted that federal funding for disaster mitigation has more than doubled in the past decade, and that Pew continues to seek data on state spending.

The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) Transportation Program and the NCSL Foundation for State Legislatures released a report of their 15-month study of an expanded use of public-private partnerships (P3s) to arenas “as diverse as water, energy, higher education, transportation and others.” The intent of the publication, “P3 Infrastructure Delivery: Principles for State Legislatures,” is to aid legislators in understanding the policy options currently available to states when considering P3s.

### ***Redistricting/Reapportionment***

Ohio Gov. John Kasich joined a growing list of national leaders calling on the U.S. Supreme Court to rule against what they called harmful gerrymandering in a landmark case involving controversial state legislative districts in Wisconsin, a decision Kasich says will help stem the political polarization that fuels gridlock and inaction among policymakers. In signing an amicus brief in support of the plaintiffs in *Gill v. Whitford*, Kasich joins former California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, U.S. Sen. John McCain (R-AZ), former U.S. Sen. Majority Leader Bob Dole and others who are calling on the Court to overturn Wisconsin’s legislative districts on the grounds that they unfairly advance political parties at the expense of the rights and views of Americans.



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### *Technology*

New legislation being introduced by Sens. Joe Schiavoni (D-Boardman) and Cliff Hite (R-Findlay) would create a grant program to provide funding to businesses, local governments and nonprofit groups to expand broadband infrastructure to Ohioans who cannot currently access it.

### *Transportation*

Ohioans with disabilities are often left waiting extended periods of time for safe, affordable and accessible transportation options, a study released by the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council reports. The online survey, conducted from June 23 through Oct. 17, 2016, included responses from 1,313 Ohioans who completed at least three-quarters of the survey and consists of responses of Ohioans with mobility-impairing disabilities, cognitive disabilities, vision-impairing disabilities, speech-related disabilities, ADHD, Autism, etc.

The Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission (OTIC) authorized the issuance of revenue refunding bonds and the purchase of insurance policies from a number of companies totaling nearly \$800,000.

### *Utilities*

The Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) is redoubling support for HB247 (Romanchuk) rollbacks on electric billing riders as the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) prepares to vote on an agreement between PUCO staff, American Electric Power (AEP) of Ohio, and 15 signatories representing diverse energy and consumer interests. Not among them, OCC pans the ongoing "subsidies" under the settlement that come despite AEP Ohio profits exceeding those of any other state where the company operates.

### *Workforce*

A survey released by the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC America) revealed that 70 percent of contractors nationwide had trouble filling hourly craft positions, including 73 percent of contractors in Ohio. But, according to AGC Ohio Executive Director Rich Hobbs, Ohio is "in much better shape" than many neighboring states, largely thanks to the state's advanced training programs.

A new report on the state of Ohio's job market and workforce shows slow wage growth, low labor participation and growing inequality despite an improving post-recession economy. Policy Matters Ohio's (PMO) "State of Working Ohio, 2017" report examines continuing trends from 2016 that show slow improvement and growing divides in Ohio's economy, and it proposes solutions for persistent problems.



## MORPC LEGISLATIVE TRACKING

- 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>
- 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:* 9/6/2017 - Senate Transportation, Commerce and Workforce, (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:* 8/22/2017 - Consideration of Governor's Veto  
*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>



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- HB69** LEVY REVENUE REIMBURSEMENT (CUPP B) To require reimbursement of certain township fire and emergency medical service levy revenue forgone because of the creation of a municipal tax increment financing district.  
*Current Status:* 9/6/2017 - Senate Ways and Means, (First Hearing)  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-69>
- 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:* 9/12/2017 - Senate Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs, (First 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:* 7/17/2017 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; Eff. 90 days  
*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:* 6/14/2017 - Senate Energy and Natural Resources, (Second 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 - REPORTED OUT; 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:* 9/12/2017 - Senate Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs, (First Hearing)  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-125>



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- 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>
- 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:* 6/21/2017 - House Transportation and Public Safety, (Second 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>



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- 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:* 6/20/2017 - House Public Utilities, (First Hearing)  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-247>
- HB250** ELECTRIC BIKE REQUIREMENTS (BRINKMAN T) To establish requirements for the use of electric bicycles.  
*Current Status:* 6/21/2017 - House Transportation and Public Safety, (First Hearing)  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-250>
- HB253** OFF DUTY FIREARM CARRY (HOUSEHOLDER L, LANESE L) To permit law enforcement officers to carry firearms off duty in places otherwise prohibited for concealed handgun licensees.  
*Current Status:* 9/12/2017 - House Federalism and Interstate Relations, (First Hearing)  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-253>
- HB256** COMMERCIAL SERVICE AIR HUBS (BUTLER, JR. J, ZELTWANGER P) To create the Major Air Hub Council, to require the Council to construct two commercial service airports, one in Fayette County and one in Portage County, and to create the Southern Ohio Airport Authority and the Northern Ohio Airport Authority to operate the airports.  
*Current Status:* 6/20/2017 - Referred to Committee House Transportation and Public Safety  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-256>
- HB262** INDEPENDENT BUDGET PROCESS (BUTLER, JR. J, ROMANCHUK M) To provide for the preparation of a state biennial budget independent of that submitted by the Governor and to authorize the Legislative Service Commission, upon the request of the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President of the Senate, to arrange for an independent actuarial review of a proposed bill, specified analyses of economic policy initiatives and state benchmarking data, and a study of the state's long-range financial outlook.  
*Current Status:* 6/20/2017 - Referred to Committee House Government Accountability and Oversight  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-262>
- HB263** OUTDOOR DINING-DOGS (LANESE L) To generally allow an owner, keeper, or harbinger of a dog to take the dog in an outdoor dining area of a retail food establishment or food service operation.  
*Current Status:* 9/12/2017 - House Economic Development, Commerce and Labor, (First Hearing)  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-263>
- HB281** BROADBAND EXPANSION PROGRAM (CARFAGNA R) To establish the residential broadband expansion program within the Development Services Agency to award matching grants for last mile broadband expansion in municipal corporations and townships and to make an appropriation.  
*Current Status:* 6/20/2017 - Introduced  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-281>



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- HB292** STATE OF RESIDENCE TEST (SCHERER G) To modify the test for determining an individual's state of residence for income tax purposes.  
*Current Status:* 6/27/2017 - Introduced  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-292>
- HB310** ELECTED OFFICIAL CONCEALED CARRY (VITALE N) To permit an elected officeholder of this state or a political subdivision of this state who holds a valid concealed handgun license to carry a concealed handgun in a government facility of this state or a political subdivision of this state.  
*Current Status:* 7/24/2017 - Introduced  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-310>
- HB312** LOCAL GOVERNMENT CREDIT CARDS (SCHURING K, GREENSPAN D) Regarding use of credit cards and debit cards by political subdivisions.  
*Current Status:* 7/26/2017 - Introduced  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-312>
- HB323** GARBAGE COLLECTION FEES (PATTERSON J) To authorize all municipal corporations that charge a garbage collection fee to certify unpaid amounts to the county auditor, who must enter the fees on the property tax list to be collected in the same manner as real property taxes.  
*Current Status:* 8/21/2017 - Introduced  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-323>
- 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:* 7/7/2017 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; eff. 90 days  
*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>



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- 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>
- 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:* 6/27/2017 - REPORTED OUT, Senate Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs, (Fourth 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>



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- 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>
- 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:* 6/21/2017 - Senate Government Oversight and Reform, (First Hearing)  
*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:* 6/27/2017 - Senate Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs, (First Hearing)  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-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>



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- SB112** GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (SCHIAVONI J) To establish the green infrastructure fund and to make an appropriation.  
*Current Status:* 9/6/2017 - Senate Finance, (First Hearing)  
*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>
- 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:* 6/14/2017 - Senate Ways and Means, (Second 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:* 6/28/2017 - Senate Public Utilities, (Fifth Hearing)  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-155>
- SB176** MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX RESTRICTIONS (JORDAN K) To prohibit municipal corporations from levying an income tax on nonresidents' compensation for personal services or on net profits from a sole proprietorship owned by a nonresident.  
*Current Status:* 9/7/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Ways and Means  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-176>
- SB181** UNPAID MUNICIPAL GARBAGE FEES (O'BRIEN S, YUKO K) To authorize all municipal corporations that charge a garbage collection fee to certify unpaid amounts to the county auditor, who must enter the fees on the property tax list to be collected in the same manner as real property taxes.  
*Current Status:* 9/7/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Ways and Means  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-181>
- SB182** OUTDOOR DINING-DOGS (COLEY W) To generally allow an owner, keeper, or harbinger of a dog to take the dog in an outdoor dining area of a retail food establishment or food service operation.  
*Current Status:* 9/12/2017 - Senate Health, Human Services and Medicaid, (First Hearing)  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-182>
- SB184** WIND FARM SETBACK REQUIREMENTS (SKINDELL M) To alter the minimum setback requirement for wind farms of five or more megawatts.  
*Current Status:* 9/7/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Energy and Natural Resources  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-184>



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- 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:* 9/6/2017 - Senate Finance, (First Hearing)  
*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>
- SR175** SUPPORTING HYPERLOOP TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVE (BACON K, KUNZE S) To express support for the Hyperloop Transportation Initiative.  
*Current Status:* 9/6/2017 - REPORTED OUT AS AMENDED, Senate Transportation, Commerce and Workforce, (First Hearing)  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SR-175>

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