



Legislative Status Sheet 129th General Assembly 2011-2012



HOUSE BILLS

BILL	SPONSOR, DESCRIPTION & REVISED CODE SECTIONS	STATUS
HB 1	JOB SOHIO (Duffey) To authorize the Governor to create JobsOhio, a nonprofit economic development corporation.	<i>Effective 02/18/11</i>
HB 3	ESTATE TAX (Grossman, Hottinger) To repeal the estate tax for the estates of individuals dying on or after January 1, 2011. Rep. 5731.02, 5731.19 and 5731.21	<i>Passed House Ways & Means 02/16/11 Included in HB 153</i>
HB 15	HIGHWAY NAMING (Sears) To require supportive resolutions from affected local governments to name highways by statute, to allow local governments to erect appropriate markers naming highways and to prohibit the use of state funds to erect new markers naming state highways. En. 5533.00	<i>Transportation, Public Safety, & Homeland Security</i>
HB 16	SPEEDING VIOLATIONS (Sears) To prohibit a person from being arrested, charged or convicted for speeding on a public street, highway, private road or driveway based on a officer's unaided visual estimation of the speed of vehicle, trackless trolley or streetcar. Am. 4511.091	<i>Transportation, Public Safety & Homeland Security</i>
HB 17	WITHHOLDING CREDIT (Baker) To authorize a \$2,400 income tax withholding credit for an employer that hires and employs a previously unemployed individual. Am. 5747.07 and 5747.15; En. 5747.073	<i>Ways & Means</i>
HB 22	ANIMAL LIABILITY (Bubp) Regarding the liability of owners of certain animals that are running at large. Am. 951.02, 951.10, and 951.99	<i>Effective 09/23/11</i>
HB 26	LIQUOR PERMITS (Letson) To establish local entertainment districts in municipal corporations or unincorporated areas of counties of specified populations for the purpose of the issuance of D-1, D-2, and D-5 liquor permits under specified conditions and to create the T-1 permit. Am. & En. 4301.62 and 4303.29; and 4301.82 and 4303.235.	<i>State Government & Elections</i>
HB 32	SEWAGE PLANS (Amstutz) To exempt from the Professional Engineers and Surveyors Law the preparation of plans or drawings for a sewage treatment system or components of a system and measurements concerning such a system or components that are necessary to comply with the Household and Small Flow On-site Sewage Treatment Systems Law. En. 4733.011.	<i>Health & Aging</i>
HB 40	TURNPIKE COMMISSION (Damschroder) To make the Ohio Turnpike Commission responsible for major maintenance and repair and replacement of grade separations at intersections of any turnpike project with county and township roads. En. 5537.051	<i>Transportation, Public Safety & Homeland Security</i>
HB 50	ANNEXATION PETITIONS (Snitchler) To require that a political subdivision owner be included in determining the number of owners needed to sign a petition for an expedited type-II annexation. Am. 709.02	<i>Local Government</i>
HB 61	COMPENSATORY TIME (Thompson, Martin) To give private sector employers the option to offer and employees the option to accrue and use compensatory time off in lieu of monetary overtime compensation; and to increase the number of hours a part-time township employee may work from 1500 hours to 1800 hours.	<i>Passed House Economic & Small Business Development 02/24/11</i>
HB 66	FRAUD REPORTS (McGregor) To require the Auditor of State to establish a fraud-reporting system for residents and public employees to file anonymous complaints of fraud and misuse of public funds by public offices or officials. Am. & En. 124.341 and 117.103	<i>Passed House 03/22/11; Senate State & Local Government & Veterans Affairs</i>
HB 67	CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS (McGregor) To require the Office of Budget and Management to maintain a web site showing capital project appropriations and reappropriations and to submit a biennial report to the General Assembly. Am. 126.031, 126.032, and 126.033	<i>Finance & Appropriations</i>
HB 69	PENSION SYSTEMS (Wachtmann) Regarding the state retirement systems. Am. & En. 145.01, 145.20, 145.201, 145.22, 145.28 -.291, 145.293, 145.294-.295, 145.297-.299, 145.2911-.2914, 145.30, 145.32-.331, 145.34-.37, 145.383, 145.39-.401, 145.41, 145.44-.45, 145.452, 145.462, 145.47-5.48, 145.483, 145.49, 145.51, 145.54, 145.56-.561, 145.563, 145.58, 145.82, 145.87, 145.92, 145.95, 145.97, 742.01, 742.31, 742.33-.35, 742.37, 742.3716, 742.38-.39, 742.44,	<i>Health & Aging</i>

	742.444, 742.63, 2329.66, 3305.06, 3307.26, 3307.501, 3307.58, 3307.67, 3309.26, 3309.312, 3309.33-.341, 3309.343, 3309.353-.36, 3309.362, 3309.371, 3309.373, 3309.376, 3309.379, 3309.3710-.3711, 3309.39, 3309.401, 3309.45-.46, 3309.69, 3375.411, 5505.01, 5505.03, 5505.15, 5505.174, 5505.54; 145.29 (145.292), 145.325 (145.584); 145.29, 145.332, 145.016-.017, 145.036-.038, 145.2915-.2916, 145.363, 145.573, 2901.431, and 2929.193; 145.02, 145.292, 145.321-.322, 145.324, 145.326-.329, 145.3210-.3213, 145.332, 145.42, 145.44, and 3309.38	
HB 87	WATER/SEWER RATES (Goyal, Grossman) To limit recovery of rate-case expenses for certain water-works and sewage disposal system companies. Am. 4909.181	<i>Public Utilities</i>
HB 114	TRANSPORTATION BUDGET (McGregor) To make appropriations for programs related to transportation and public safety for the biennium beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2013.	<i>Effective 03/30/11; certain sections effective 06/29/11</i>
HB 123	BWC BUDGET (Hottinger) To allow Administrator of WC to waive criteria certain public employers must satisfy to become self-insuring employers; to require bills for medical and vocational rehabilitation services in claims that are ultimately denied to be paid from the Surplus Fund Account under specified circumstances; to make other changes to the WC Law; to make appropriations for the BWC and for the WC Council for the biennium beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2013; and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of the Bureau's and the Council's programs. Am. 4121.12, 4121.123, 4121.125, 4121.32, 4121.41, 4121.44, 4121.68, 4123.35, 4123.512, and 4123.52 and to repeal sections 4121.124 and 4121.99	<i>Effective 04/25/11</i>
HB 128	AMBULANCE STAFF (Carey, Peterson) To revise the requirements for staffing ambulances and the priorities for distributing grants for emergency medical services. Am. & Rep. 4765.07, 4765.43, and 4766.03; and 4765.431.	<i>Effective 09/23/11</i>
HB 130	INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION (Mallory) To create the Infrastructure Protection Center within the Division of Homeland Security of the Department of Public Safety. Am. & En. 5502.03 and 5502.04.	<i>Transportation, Public Safety & Homeland Security</i>
HB 131	EMPLOYMENT REPORTS (Reece) To prohibit employers from using a consumer report or investigative consumer report for employment purposes. Am. & En. 4113.99 and 4113.73.	<i>Commerce & Labor</i>
HB 150	TRANSIT AUTHORITIES (Gardner, R., Sears, B.) To create an additional procedure for subdivisions to join a regional transit authority that levies a property tax and that includes a county having a population of at least 400,000 and to allow a subdivision that is a member of such a regional transit authority to withdraw from the authority. Am. 306.322 and 306.55	<i>Local Government</i>
HB 151	TRANSPORTATION PARTNERSHIPS (McGregor, R.) To authorize the Department of Transportation to enter into public-private partnership agreements. Am. 3517.13, 3517.151, and 3517.992 and to enact sections 5501.70 to 5501.83	<i>Transportation, Public Safety & Homeland Security</i>
HB 153	BIENNIAL BUDGET (Amstutz, R.) To make operating appropriations for the biennium beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2013, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs.	<i>Effective 06/30/11; certain sections effective 09/29/11</i>
HB 158	AMATEUR ANTENNA (Stebelton, G., Okey, M.) To codify federal restrictions on local zoning of amateur station antenna structures thereby preserving amateur radio service communications as a Homeland Security resource and to place the burden of proof for compliance on the zoning authority. Am. 303.214, 519.214, 713.082, and 5502.031	<i>Passed House 06/07/11; pending Senate State & Local Government & Veterans Affairs</i>
HB 166	EMS CERTIFICATION (Phillips, D.) To require State Board of Emergency Medical Services to notify EMS and firefighter personnel in writing when certifications are due for renewal. Am. 4765.30 and 4765.55.	<i>State Government & Elections</i>
HB 176	PUBLIC CONTRACTS (Beck, P.) To limit the magnitude of change orders on public improvements to be competitively bid. Am. 127.16, En. 9.28, and to repeal section 5525.14	<i>Commerce & Labor</i>
HB 192	NEW COMMUNITY AUTHORITY (Coley, B.) To modify the New Community Authority Law. Am. 349.01, 349.03, 349.04, 349.06, 349.09, and 349.14.	<i>Ways & Means</i>
HB 194	ELECTION REFORM (Mecklenborg) To revise election laws.	<i>Effective 9/30/11</i>
HB 195	SKILL BASED GAMES (Anielski, M., Baker, N.) To provide licensing of skill-based amusement machine operators and distributors and sweepstakes terminal device operators and distributors and to make changes to bingo and other gambling law. Am. & Rep. 2915.01, 2915.03, 2915.06-.061, 2915.08-.09, 3772.01-.03, 3772.032-.04, 3772.06-.07, 3772.10, 3772.17, 3772.21, 3772.23, 3772.30-.31, and 3772.99; and 2915.062, 2915.063-.064, and 3772.34-.35.	<i>State Government & Elections</i>
HB 198	PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINTS (Beck, P.) To permit property tax complaints to be initiated only by the property owner. Am. 307.699, 3735.67, 5715.19, 5715.27, and 5717.01.	<i>Financial Institutions, Housing & Urban Development</i>

HB 202	RETIREMENT BENEFITS (Hollington, R.) To limit the retirement benefit of a re-employed retiree of a public retirement system and eliminate the deferred retirement option plan in the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund and State Highway Patrol Retirement System. Am. 145.01, 145.191, 145.38, 145.384, 145.473, 145.561, 145.58, 742.26, 742.44, 742.46, 3307.35, 3307.42, 3309.341, 3309.661, 3501.13, and 5505.51. Health & Aging	<i>Health & Aging</i>
HB 209	PUBLIC DEPOSITORIES (Adams, R.) To permit a political subdivision, upon the deposit of public moneys with an eligible public depository, to arrange for the public depository to redeposit those moneys with other federally insured banks and savings and loan associations in accordance with specified conditions. Am. & En. 135.18, 135.37, 135.145 and 135.354.	<i>Passed House 06/14/11; pending Senate Financial Institutions</i>
HB 223	EMERGENCY SERVICES (Patmon, B.) To require certification of emergency service telecommunicators and modify training requirements. Am. 4742.02, 4742.03, 4742.04, 4742.05, and 4742.06, to amend, for the purpose of adopting new section numbers as shown in parentheses, sections 4742.02 (4742.03), 4742.03 (4742.04), 4742.04 (4742.05), 4742.05 (4742.06), and 4742.06 (4742.07), and to enact new section 4742.02 of the Revised Code	<i>Transportation, Public Safety & Homeland Security</i>
HB 225	COUNTY AUDITOR REVIEWS (Peterson, B., Landis, A.) To vest in county auditors responsibility for reviewing and approving property tax exemption applications for some publicly owned property, to authorize county auditors and boards of township trustees to adopt a direct deposit payroll policy, and to authorize counties to increase the amount credited to "rainy day" reserve balance accounts to one-sixth of the expenditures made in the preceding fiscal year from the fund in which the reserve balance account is established. Am. 9.37, 5705.13, 5713.07, 5713.08, 5713.081, 5713.082, 5715.27, and 5717.02.	<i>Passed House 06/23/11; Senate Finance</i>
HB 229	AGRICULTURE LAWS (Buchy, J.) To revise the laws governing agriculture. Am. & En. 121.04, 121.09, 307.204, 505.266, 901.08, 901.43, 903.02, 907.11, 923.41, 923.52, 924.52, 941.02, 941.041, 941.14, 942.02, 943.03, 943.031, 943.04, 943.05, 943.16, 953.23, 955.35, 959.14, 1711.50, 1711.51, 1711.55, 1711.57, 3717.22, 4707.11 and 923.411.	<i>Effective 10/17/11</i>
HB 246	REVERSE AUCTIONS (Roegner, K.) To authorize political subdivisions to purchase by reverse auction certain services and supplies that they are currently prohibited from purchasing by reverse auction.	<i>Local Government</i>
HB 276	AGRICULTURAL ZONING (Buchy, J., Gentile, L.) To include the production from certain feedstocks of biodiesel, biomass energy, electric or heat energy, and biologically derived methane gas in the definition of "agriculture" for purposes of the laws governing county zoning, township zoning, and current agricultural use valuation.	<i>Agriculture & Natural Resources</i>
HB 288	IMMUNITY (Combs, C.) To grant an emergency medical technician who is providing volunteer medical assistance to a county, township, or municipal SWAT team at the SWAT team's request the same civil immunity granted to a political subdivision employee and to permit such an emergency medical technician to carry a firearm onto, or possess a firearm on, lands and premises during the time that the technician is providing such medical assistance.	<i>Local Government</i>
HB 322	INTEREST RATES (Brenner, A.) To permit Ohio banks, savings and loan associations, savings banks, and credit unions to charge the same interest rate and other charges that out-of-state banks may charge Ohio customers. En. 1121.051, 1155.181, 1163.221, and 1733.413.	<i>Financial Institutions, Housing & Urban Development</i>
HB 323	PENSION TRUSTEE FELONIES (Dovilla, M., Anielski, M.) To add extortion and perjury to the felonies committed by a public retirement system member while serving in a position of honor, trust, or profit under the law governing the forfeiture of retirement system benefits and the termination of retirement system disability benefits. Am. 145.572, 145.573, 742.463, 742.464, 2901.43, 2929.192, 2929.193, 3305.11, 3305.12, 3307.372, 3307.373, 3309.672, 3309.673, 5505.262, and 5505.263.	<i>Criminal Justice</i>
HB 326	PUBLIC FUND USE (McClain, J., Hill, B.) To prohibit a person from using public funds for specified purposes and to specify that a person or a political subdivision who violates the prohibition is guilty of a first degree misdemeanor. Am. 9.03 and 3599.40.	<i>Criminal Justice</i>

SENATE BILLS

BILL	SPONSOR, DESCRIPTION & REVISED CODE SECTIONS	STATUS
SB 1	JOBSONIO (Wagoner) To authorize the Governor to create JobsOhio, a nonprofit economic development corporation.	<i>Finance (see HB 1)</i>
SB 3	RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (Faber) To formally state the General Assembly's intent to make changes to the laws governing the state retirement systems as necessary to modernize, update, and improve the actuarial soundness of the systems.	<i>Government Oversight & Reform</i>
SB 4	PERFORMANCE AUDITS (Schaffer) To require performance auditing by the Auditor of State of	<i>Effective 04/05/11</i>

	a minimum of four state agencies each biennium, to establish the Leverage for Efficiency, Accountability, and Performance Fund, and to make an appropriation. Am. & En. 117.13, 117.46, 117.461, 117.47, 117.471, and 117.472	
SB 5	COLLECTIVE BARGAINING (Jones) To formally state the General Assembly's intentions to revise the collective bargaining law.	<i>Effective 07/01/11</i>
SB 6	JOB TAX CREDITS (Patton) To authorize a refundable job retention tax credit. Am. 122.171, 718.151, 5725.98, 5729.98, 5733.0610, 5733.98, 5747.058, 5747.98, 5751.50, and 5751.98	<i>Ways & Means & Economic Development</i>
SB 13	UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Schiavoni) To allow an individual to receive unemployment compensation benefits for unemployment related to domestic abuse or compelling family circumstances, to allow an individual to receive unemployment training extension benefits under specified conditions, and to create the Unemployment Modernization Review Task Force. Am. & En. 4141.29, 4141.293 and 4141.302	<i>Insurance, Commerce & Labor</i>
SB 16	ESTATE TAX LIABILITY (Wilson) To exempt from the gross estate the value of real property subject to agricultural or conservation easements for the purpose of calculating a decedent's estate tax liability. Am. 5731.15	<i>Ways & Means & Economic Development</i>
SB 20	RETIREMENT BENEFITS (Grendell) Regarding termination of the disability benefit of a state retirement system member convicted of certain felonies committed while serving in a position of honor, trust, or profit. Am. & En. 145.27, 145.56, 145.561, 145.82, 145.95, 742.41, 742.46, 742.47, 742.64, 2329.66, 2929.192, 3305.07, 3305.08, 3305.20, 3305.22, 3307.20, 3307.41, 3307.42, 3309.22, 3309.66, 3309.661, 3309.82, 3309.95, 5505.04, 5505.22, 5505.34, 145.573, 742.464, 2929.193, 3305.12, 3307.373, 3309.673, and 5505.263	<i>Government Oversight & Reform</i>
SB 22	WATER PERMITS (Schaffer) To require the Director of Environmental Protection to consider, to the extent allowable under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, specified factors before issuing NPDES permits for sewerage systems, requiring and approving long-term control plans for wet weather discharges from sewerage systems, and enforcing provisions of that Act as applied to sewerage systems. Am. 6111.60	<i>Effective 09/30/11</i>
SB 36	PUBLIC SAFETY VEHICLES (Hughes) To allow emergency personnel in public safety vehicles to report traffic law violations under certain circumstances. Am. 4511.454	<i>Passed Senate Highways & Transportation 03/30/11</i>
SB 37	MEMORIAL HIGHWAYS (Hughes) To require the Director of Transportation to designate portions of state highways, county or township roads, or streets or highways located within municipal corporations as memorial highways in honor of each State Highway Patrol trooper, county sheriff, deputy sheriff, township constable, or police officer of a township police department or district or law enforcement agency of a municipal corporation who is or has been killed in the line of duty. Am. 5501.70	<i>Highways & Transportation</i>
SB 46	LAW ENFORCEMENT TAX DEDUCTION (Kearney) To allow an income tax deduction for amounts spent by law enforcement officials for items used in furtherance of official law enforcement activities. Am. 5747.01	<i>Ways & Means & Economic Development</i>
SB 90	ESTATE TAX (Jordan) To repeal the estate tax for the estates of individuals dying on or after January 1, 2011. Am. 5731.02, 5731.19, and 5731.21	<i>Passed Ways & Means & Economic Development 04/14/11t Included in HB 153</i>
SB 93	AMATEUR RADIO (Schaffer) To codify federal restrictions on local zoning of amateur station antenna structures thereby preserving amateur radio service communications as a Homeland Security resource. Am. 303.214, 519.214, 713.082, and 5502.031	<i>State & Local Government & Veterans Affairs</i>
SB 125	LOCAL GOVERNMENTS (Seitz, B.) To generally authorize political subdivisions to enter into agreements to perform services for one another and to authorize a regional council of governments to enter into unit price contracts related to buildings on behalf of member political subdivisions. Am. 9.64 and 167.081	<i>State & Local Government & Veterans Affairs Included in HB 153</i>
SB 145	MUNICIPAL TAXES (Schaffer, T.) To require municipal corporations with more than \$100 million in annual income tax collections to provide a tax credit to nonresident taxpayers.	<i>Ways & Means & Economic Development</i>
SB 150	WATER RATES (Hughes, J.) To limit recovery of rate-case expenses for certain water-works and sewage disposal system companies.	<i>Energy & Public Utilities</i>
SB 164	WATER DISTRICTS (Obhof, L.) To declare that a water resources project of a regional water	<i>Agriculture,</i>

	and sewer district remains under the jurisdiction of the district after the municipal annexation of the territory where the project is located, to establish contracting authority for regional water and sewer districts regarding the conveyance of water resource projects to municipal corporations, and to expand the scope of the contracting authority of a county sewer district when conveying water supply facilities and sewer facilities to a municipal corporation.	<i>Environment & Natural Resources</i>
SB 173	PUBLIC DEPOSITS (Hughes, J.) To permit a political subdivision, upon the deposit of public moneys with an eligible public depository, to arrange for the public depository to redeposit those moneys with other federally insured banks and savings and loan associations in accordance with specified conditions. Am. 135.18 and 135.37 and to enact sections 135.145 and 135.354	<i>Finance</i>
SB 178	RECORDS RETENTION (Seitz, B., Wilson, J.) To limit the forfeiture amount and attorney's fees a person may recover for the unlawful destruction or disposal of a record of a public office, to establish a four-year statute of limitations for the commencement of a civil action for injunctive relief or to recover a forfeiture for such unlawful conduct, to require one-half of all forfeiture amounts recovered to be paid to the state for use by the state archives, to revise the Ohio Historical Society's procedure for selecting records of historical value before political subdivisions dispose of them, to allow the Attorney General to offer programs regarding the records retention procedure, and to move the date for meetings of a county microfilming board.	<i>Judiciary-Civil Justice</i> <i>Portions included in HB 153</i>
SB 187	ROAD NAMING/WEIGHT LIMITS (Grendell, T.) To designate a portion of United States Route 322 within Geauga County only the "Chief Warrant Officer Christopher R. Thibodeau Memorial Highway," to designate a portion of Interstate Route 71 within Franklin County only the "Deputy Marty Martin Memorial Highway," to rename the "Heath Warner Memorial Highway" the "U.S.M.C. Pvt. Heath Warner Memorial Highway," to establish maximum wheel and axle load limits for vehicles subject to vehicle weight allowances, and to declare an emergency in regard to those sections establishing the maximum wheel and axle load limits.	<i>Effective 10/27/11; weight limit section effective 07/27/11</i>
SB 211	COURT COSTS (Bacon, K.) To require that all moneys collected by the clerk of a municipal or county court be paid to the appropriate person, fund, or entity on or before the twentieth day of each month, to permit a municipal or county court to collect unpaid court costs, fees, or fines from an obligor's state income tax refund, to require the Auditor of State to create and maintain a chart detailing the distribution of court costs, fees, and fines collected by municipal and county court clerks, to create the Committee on Court Costs, and to ensure that neither the Registrar nor any deputy registrar accepts any application for the issuance or renewal of a driver's license, commercial driver's license, or temporary instruction permit, or for the registration or transfer of registration of a motor vehicle of a person who fails to pay court costs imposed for offenses by a municipal mayor's, or county court. Am. .261, 1901.31, 1907.20, 1907.26, 1907.261, and 4503.39 and to enact sections 117.102, 1901.263, 1901.44, 1905.202, 1905.33, 1907.25, 1907.263, 2303.203, and 5747.124	<i>Judiciary-Civil Justice</i>
SB 212	OIL & GAS DRILLING (Skindell, M.) To establish requirements governing well stimulation, brine disposal, and water that is used in the drilling and operation of oil and gas wells on state land, including a requirement that oil and gas permittees pay a five per cent overriding royalty for each well that is stimulated. Am. 1509.74 and to enact sections 1509.031, 1509.191, 1509.192, 1509.227, and 6111.70	<i>Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources</i>