

All Senate Bills Passed in 2002 that Became Law

Senate Bill	LIS	Subject
8	No	Regulates the transmission of electronic mail advertisements
9	No	Extends the statute of limitations and limits the defense of consent in a civil assault or battery actions by a mental health client or patient against a mental health professional based on sexual conduct or sexual contact, expands the offenses of “sexual battery” and “sexual imposition” to prohibit in specified circumstances involving false claims of necessary treatment mental health professionals from engaging in sexual conduct or sexual contact with their mental health clients or patients, provides notice to the regulatory entity with authority over a mental health professional who is charged with or convicted of those activities, modifies the laws regarding the State Board of Psychology, and modifies the laws governing psychologist misconduct
65	No	Provides immunity from tort liability
85	No	To designate a portion of State Route 72 as the "Governor James A. Rhodes Memorial Highway"
93	No	To exempt wages of \$50 or less from coverage under the Unclaimed Funds Law
105	No	Establishes a five-year statute of limitations for actions for civil or administrative penalties brought under certain environmental laws and exempts certain activities involving the dispensing of diesel fuel from the state fire code
106	No	Make various revisions to the Political Subdivision Sovereign Immunity Law
107	No	Specifies the circumstances that would bar the recovery of damages in tort actions commenced by criminal offenders
109	No	Prohibits the state or any political subdivision from requiring that bidders on public improvement projects acquire surety bonds or insurance policies from specified agents or brokers
115	No	Revises the civil immunity laws of the State Fire Marshal, declares the State Fire Marshal's office to be a "firefighting agency," allows the State Fire Marshal and political subdivisions to appeal State Board of Building Appeals, provides for paid leave to volunteer firefighters and EMS workers, makes changes to the Volunteer Firefighters' Dependent Fund, and codifies the State Fire Commission's responsibilities of maintaining the Ohio Fire Service Hall of Fame
120	No	Modifies the law regarding the apportionment of liability in specified civil actions
121	No	Revisions to the law regarding required screenings of newborn children for genetic, endocrine, and metabolic disorders, the Wellness Block Grant Program, and the Children's Trust Fund, and to designate September as “Sickle Cell Anemia Awareness Month”
123	Yes	Amends various traffic laws to include recommendations from the Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission
124	No	Sanctions for a health care facility's violations of licensing requirements and quality standards, injunctions to enjoin such violations, informed consent compliance requirements for ambulatory surgical facility physicians, expanded health care facility rule making authority of the Director of Health, and implementation of requirements applicable to trauma centers
129	No	Provides for reciprocal recognition across states of insurance agent licenses
131	No	Confers two distinct qualified immunities from tort liability upon a shelter for victims of

		domestic violence and its directors, owners, trustees, officers, employees, victim advocates, and volunteers for harm that family or household members cause to victims of domestic violence or other persons on the shelter's premises, or on premises other than the shelter's premises, under specified circumstances
134	Yes	Provides for establishment of the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund deferred retirement option plan
138	No	Specifies circumstances under which the Department of Insurance and the Division of Financial Institutions may share confidential documents and information and makes changes to the Securities Law
143	No	Enacts the Simplified Sales and Use Tax Administration Act
144	Yes	Establishes the Ethanol Incentive Board, creates corporate franchise and personal income tax credits for ethanol plants, expands the definition of air quality facilities to include ethanol and biofuels plants, and declares an emergency.
149	No	Increases the amount that a wrongfully imprisoned individual, in an action brought in the Court of Claims, is entitled to for each year of imprisonment, provides for cost of living adjustments of that amount by the Auditor of State, and allows the wrongfully imprisoned individual to recover any cost debts the wrongfully imprisoned individual paid the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction while in its custody or under its supervision
150	No	To provide owners of canoes, rowboats, and inflatable watercraft with an optional exemption from numbering requirements
153	No	To designate a portion of I-71 within Ashland County as the "Trooper James R. Gross Memorial Highway"
157	No	Increases from \$1,000 to \$15,000 the amount a township may expend on construction, rebuilding, or repair of a footbridge across rivers and streams to access public schools
161	No	Establishes a cap of \$50 million excluding interest and costs as the maximum allowable amount for a supersedeas bond to obtain a stay of execution during an appeal
163	No	Prohibits knowingly dropping or throwing any object at, onto, or in the path of any vehicle on a highway or any vessel on a waterway, prohibits knowingly dropping or throwing any object in the path of a railroad, enacts other new offenses relating to railroad property and operations and railroad grade crossing warning signals and other protective devices, creates the Highway, Bridge, and Overpass Vandal Fence Task Force, and allows the use of the results of field sobriety tests that are in substantial compliance with NHTSA standards to establish, in a vehicle or watercraft OMVI or OMVUAC prosecution and in a "having physical control of a vehicle while under the influence" prosecution, that probable cause existed for the initial arrest
168	No	Extends the application of the vexatious litigator law to actions commenced in a court of appeals and excludes the Supreme Court of Ohio from the laws pertaining to collection of fees from inmates filing civil actions against a governmental entity or employee
171	No	Modifies requirements related to insurance companies and the Department of Insurance
175	No > Yes	Revises the law regarding sexual predator hearings for offenders convicted of a sexually oriented offense but acquitted of a sexually violent predator specification, revises the law regarding Department of Rehabilitation and Correction employees' immunity for acts under the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Law, makes certain importuning violations a sexually oriented offense, expands the sex offender community notification provisions to give more neighbors notice and earlier notice, changes the law regarding sexual predators and certain habitual sex offenders providing a notice to sheriffs of an intent to reside at a premise, increases the amount of prior notice sex offenders must provide relative to changing residence, changes the relevant age of the victim and offender for the offense of importuning, and declares an emergency
179	No	Modify the law regarding peer review committees

180	Yes	Creates the Ohio Venture Capital Program to provide for the direction of moneys from loans into investments in venture capital funds secured through Program revenues and refundable and nonrefundable tax credits that may be claimed against the corporation franchise tax, the personal income tax, the domestic insurance tax or the foreign insurance tax; requires state and county taxing officials to notify local taxing authorities of pending pollution control tax exemption applications; allows certain real property taxpayers to file a complaint with the Board of Tax Appeals; prohibits municipal corporations from taxing S corporations shareholders' distributive shares of net profits; and makes changes to the job retention tax credit
184	No	Creates the offenses of terrorism, soliciting or providing support for an act of terrorism, and making a terroristic threat, expands certain offenses and laws relative to those offenses, increases the penalty for obstruction of justice involving terrorism, expands and renames the offense of contaminating a substance for human consumption, exempts certain security-related information from the Public Records Law, revises the Open Meetings Law provision regarding executive sessions to consider security matters, revises the Emergency Management Law regarding all-hazards emergency operations plans, and declares an emergency
187	No	To increase the maximum compensation for members of school district boards of education, joint vocational schools and educational service center governing boards; to permit compensation to members for attendance at training programs; and to increase compensation for members serving on the Board of Trustees for Joint Ambulance Districts
191	No	Revise the law governing the licensure of residential facilities for individuals with mental retardation or other developmental disability
192	No	To abolish the requirement that the State Board of Education be dissolved and recreated following the creation of a new State Board of Education, to alter the terms of office for SchoolNet members, and to declare an emergency
193	No	Authorizes the expansion of the Treasurer of State's linked deposit program; modifies the authority of the State Board of Deposit to designate public depositories; expands the investment authority of the Treasurer of State under the Uniform Depository Act; eliminates the Depressed Economic Area Linked Deposit Program and modifies licensed vendor reporting requirements
200	No	Revises tax law and administration – Taxpayer Services II
212	No	Adopts the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact
217	No	To revise the Pesticides Law
218	No	Modifies the oath administered to members of a grand jury
219	No	To authorize the conveyance of real estate originally purchased for the State Highway Patrol, to authorize the conveyance of state-owned real estate in Scioto County by Shawnee State University, and to declare an emergency
221	No	Prohibits specified acts with respect to a companion animal, establishes a procedure for the care of an impounded companion animal during the pendency of charges against a person who violates the prohibition, requires training for humane agents, and provides for the reporting by county humane society agents of abuse or neglect of children
223	Yes	Requires payment, under Workers' Compensation Law, for the costs of medical diagnostic tests for on or off-duty police, fire and emergency first responders that have come into contact with the body fluid of another person
226	No	Permits the transfer of a lottery prize award
227	No	Modifies the subrogation provisions of Workers' Compensation Law, and increases the workers' compensation funeral expense benefit cap
231	No	Exempts electric personal assistive mobility devices from the definition of vehicle and permits their operations on various roads and pathways

240	No	Encourages proper display and disposal of the state flag, explains symbolism, and establishes a pledge
242	No	Tobacco budget for the biennium beginning July 1, 2002 and ending June 30, 2004
245	No	Provides that certain medical physical examinations that are required by statute may be performed by a clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse practitioner, or certified nurse-midwife
247	No	Creates a lump sum option payment in PERS, STRS and SERS and makes other changes governing STRS
250	No	Prohibits the recording of more than the last five digits of a credit card account number, or recording the expiration date of a credit card, on an electronically printed receipt provided to a credit cardholder, and provides civil remedies for a violation of the act and for enforcement by the Attorney General
255	Yes	Revises the provisions on the use of public right-of-ways by utility service providers and cable operators and makes other changes.
258	No	Permits background checks on firefighters and EMTs, exempts from the Public Records Law specified firefighter and EMT residential and familial information, and makes changes in the Hotel Law
261	No	Increases the rate of tax on cigarettes, makes other tax modifications, provides authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs, makes other budgetary and program modifications, and makes operating appropriations for the period ending June 30, 2003, and capital appropriations for the period ending June 30, 2004
262	No	To create the Auction Recovery Fund and to establish criteria and procedures for using it to reimburse those who have obtained a court judgment against an auctioneer
265	No	Regulates incorporations by reference in administrative rules and permits emergency rules to be re-adopted during the legislative review carry-over period
266	No	Makes changes to the law surrounding the State Board of Proprietary School Registration
281	No	Amends the law governing medical, dental, optometric, and chiropractic claims
290	No	Creates the statewide emergency alert program to aid in the identification and location of abducted children, establishes activation criteria for the implementation of the program, creates the AMBER Alert Advisory Committee, and declares an emergency

Yes means a local impact for both introduced and enacted.

Yes > No means a local impact as introduced, but not as enacted.

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