

# Military and Veterans

## H.B. 92

**Primary Sponsors:** Reps. Abrams and Loychik

**Effective date:** Emergency: September 29, 2021

### **Child abuse or neglect investigation relating to armed forces**

- Requires a public children services agency (PCSA) to determine if a parent, guardian, or custodian of a child subject to a child abuse or neglect investigation is in the armed forces and, if so, to notify the appropriate authority of that armed force in which the parent, guardian, or custodian serves that an investigation is being made.
- Requires PCSAs to disclose confidential information discovered during a child abuse or neglect investigation to any appropriate military authority that is a federal, state, or local government entity.
- Changes the law governing child abuse and neglect report confidentiality by permitting PCSA:
  - Notification of the appropriate military authority that a child abuse or neglect investigation is being made relating to an armed forces member; and
  - Disclosure of confidential information discovered during a child abuse or neglect investigation to any appropriate federal, state, or local government entity, including any appropriate military authority.

### **Congressional redistricting – public submissions**

- Requires the Ohio Redistricting Commission to create a website for the public to submit proposed congressional district plans, access census data, and view other submitted plans.
- Allows members of the public to mail proposed congressional district plans to the Commission by mailing it to the Ohio Statehouse.
- Requires the co-chairpersons of the Commission to notify other Commission members whenever a member of the public submits a proposed congressional district plan, and post the plan on the website.

### **Judiciary/Supreme Court earmark**

- Revises an FY 2022 and FY 2023 earmark in the Judiciary/Supreme Court appropriations for promoting information about judicial candidates.

## S.B. 59

**Primary Sponsor:** Sen. Schaffer

**Effective date:** March 23, 2022

- Designates the act as the Ohio Veterans' Heritage Protection Act.
- Prohibits a war relic that is located on public property or on the property of a cemetery association from being sold, purchased, or otherwise disposed of by any person.
- Prohibits a war relic that is located on public property or on the property of a cemetery association from being destroyed, altered, or otherwise disturbed by any person, except under certain circumstances.
- Allows the owner of a war relic to permanently move the war relic, as long as it remains on public property or the property of the cemetery association.
- Exempts the state and political subdivisions from the act's prohibitions if it can clearly prove ownership of a war relic by written documentation.
- Exempts a governmental agency, the state, or a political subdivision from being fined for destroying, altering, or otherwise disturbing a war relic.
- Generally, establishes that a violation of the act is an unclassified misdemeanor, and authorizes the court to order offenders to pay proceeds from a sale, or fines assessed by the court, to the Ohio History Connection.
- Requires that fines paid to the Ohio History Connection be expended only for the preservation of war relics.
- Authorizes the Ohio History Connection, with the help of local historical societies, to compile and maintain a registry of war relics.