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Extends the authority of the Director to regulate milk and dairy products made from the milk of cows and goats to include milk and such products made from the milk of sheep and other animals.

Requires licensing or registration of manufacture milk producers, processors, and haulers, in addition to Grade A milk producers, processors, and haulers.

Authorizes the Director to adopt rules regulating the production, processing, and handling of dairy products and the prompt and accurate payment for milk and cream by dealers.

Precludes the Director from adopting rules establishing or controlling the price of milk or cream.

Places in statute the Director's current rules governing the cooling and storage in cans of raw manufacture milk.

Requires that inspection fees be established for manufacture milk producers and processors on or after July 1, 1998, and authorizes the establishment of inspection fees for manufacture milk haulers on or after that date.

Regulates the production of frozen desserts and frozen dessert mixes for sale at wholesale under its provisions governing manufactured milk products.
Expands the membership of the Milk Sanitation Board.

Establishes a Division of Dairy in the Department of Agriculture to regulate the dairy industry, removes responsibility for regulation of the dairy industry from the Division of Food, Dairies, and Drugs, and renames the latter the Division of Food Safety.

Earmarks license and inspection fees and the state's share of fine moneys collected for violation of the dairies and dairy products provisions for administration and enforcement of those provisions and operation of the Division of Dairy.

**Maple products, cider, and laboratory services**

Consolidates and expands the Director's rulemaking authority under the Ohio Pure Food and Drug Law and requires the Director to adopt rules establishing voluntary grades, authorized optional ingredients, standards of fill of containers, and standards of weight for the sale of maple products and rules specifying analytical tests to be used for determining compliance with the voluntary grade requirements.

Requires the Director to provide laboratory capability sufficient for determining whether maple syrup complies with the standards and grades established in the act and rules adopted under it.

Requires that apples to be used in making cider be mechanically washed prior to crushing and that cider packaged for consumer sale be labeled in accordance with rules to be adopted by the Director.

Precludes the Director from charging fees for the analysis of "official samples" and establishes two "rotary" accounts to receive fees for services provided by the Department's consumer analytical laboratory and weights and measures laboratory, which are used to pay the expenses for the laboratories' operation, supplies, and equipment.

Authorizes the Director to inspect and accredit laboratories and laboratory services and to charge a fee for doing so.

Secs. 121.04, 901.08, 901.43, 911.02, 913.02, 913.23, 915.14, 915.24, 917.01, 917.02, 917.03, 917.031, 917.032, 917.04, 917.05, 917.06, 917.07, 917.08, 917.09, 917.091, 917.10, 917.11, 917.16, 917.18, 917.19, 917.20, 917.21, 917.22, 917.23, 917.24, 917.25, 917.26, 917.27, 917.28, 917.29, 917.30, 917.31, 917.32, 917.33, 917.34, 917.35, 917.36, 917.37, 917.38, 917.39, 917.40, 917.41, 917.42, 917.43, 917.45, 917.47, 917.48, 917.49, 917.50,
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See also: House Bills 117 and 275
Am. Sub. H.B. 210

Reps. Core, Johnson, Sykes, Thomas, O'Brien, Mead, Vesper, Thompson, Perz, Metzger, Cates, Fox, Corbin, Kasputis, Schuler, Brading

Sens. Oelslager, Dix, Latta, Gardner

Effective date: Certain provisions effective March 31, 1997; certain provisions effective June 30, 1997; contains partial veto

**Appropriations**

Makes appropriations for highways and transportation-related programs for fiscal years 1998 and 1999.

**Fee increases and changes**

Increases the amount of the State Highway Patrol's $25 salvage title inspection fee to $40 in fiscal year 1998 and $50 in fiscal year 1999 and thereafter.

Imposes a new general driver's license reinstatement fee of $30.

Increases the amount of accident report fees by $1, to $3 for local agency reports and $4 for State Highway Patrol reports.

**Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) programs**

Creates a seven-member Transportation Review Advisory Council, makes the Council responsible for selecting ODOT's new transportation projects, and specifies that at least two of the members appointed to the Council must be affiliated with the major political party not represented by the Governor.

Modifies procedures and requirements concerning the program under which ODOT's unneeded machinery, materials, and supplies can be sold or transferred to local governments or sold at public auction.

Increases the ODOT threshold for competitive purchasing to the same amount as for other state agencies: $25,000 plus future inflationary adjustments.

Regarding ODOT sales of unneeded land, authorizes the Director to reject all bids that are for less than full appraised value.
Adds debarment by another state or the federal government to the reasons for which the Director of Transportation may debar a vendor from consideration for ODOT contracts.

Clarifies that the debarment of an ODOT contractor, and the revocation of the contractor's certificate of qualification, can occur in the same proceeding.

**Highway signs and advertising**

Expands ODOT's business logo program to provide that logo signs can be allowed within the rights-of-way of any divided, multi-lane limited-access highway in a rural or rural-appearing area.

Requires the Director of Transportation to conduct a study of the business logo program to evaluate methods of making the program more cost-effective.

Regarding the tourist-oriented directional sign program operated by ODOT, limits eligible commercial attractions after July 1, 1998, to farm markets, wineries, and bed and breakfast establishments.

Modifies the laws regulating advertising devices located along interstates and other highways, and increases the maximum fine for violations of such laws from $1,000 to $5,000.

Would have authorized a county, township, municipal corporation, or state university that owns and operates a level 1 trauma center to place and maintain on state highways signs indicating the location of the trauma center. (Vetoed.)

**Telecommunication towers**

Prescribes conditions under which the Director of Transportation can grant leases or easements on ODOT land for the construction or placement of telecommunication facilities.

Requires that persons who plan to construct a telecommunication tower within 100 feet of a residential dwelling provide notice to the owner of the residence and the person occupying the residence.

**Bureau of Motor Vehicles**

Eliminates the mandate that the Registrar of Motor Vehicles conduct a credit card payment program for registration and license taxes and fees, and instead authorizes the Registrar to conduct the program at the Registrar's discretion.
Prohibits disclosure of credit card account numbers or any other information obtained when a person uses a credit card to pay registration or license taxes or fees.

Authorizes the Registrar and Ohio Penal Industries to enter into an agreement under which certain license plate stickers can be produced in-house, instead of by Penal Industries.

Reestabishes the Registrar's authority to issue restricted seasonal commercial driver's license waivers for persons who work in farm-related service industries.

Authorizes the Director of Budget and Management to transfer excess money in the Central Registration Fund or the Law Enforcement Reimbursement Fund to the State Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund.

Eliminates the requirement that the driver of a motor vehicle involved in an accident must forward a written accident report to the Registrar, and the authority of the Registrar to suspend the driver's license of a person who fails to submit such an accident report.

Allows the use of decals in motor vehicle side windows when necessary for public or private security arrangements.

**Department of Public Safety**

Transfers responsibility for operation of the computer-based Ohio Criminal Justice Network from the Department of Administrative Services to the Department of Public Safety; also transfers associated employees and property.

Requires that interest and earnings derived from certain forfeited property be deposited into the Liquor Enforcement Contraband, Forfeiture, and Other Fund or the Food Stamp Contraband, Forfeiture, and Other Fund.

Authorsizes the Emergency Management Agency to participate in federal programs, and to accept grants from, and enter into cooperative agreements or contractual arrangements with, any federal, state, or local department or agency, or any other person or body politic.

**Tax-related changes**

Eliminates the ethanol credit that motor fuel dealers can claim against the motor fuel tax; the credit is equivalent to approximately 1¢ per gallon of motor fuel.
Specifies that one of the purposes for which the motor fuel tax is levied is to pay debt service on highway capital improvement bonds issued pursuant to the constitutional amendment approved by the voters in 1995.

Exempts the sale of motor vehicles used exclusively in vanpool ridesharing arrangements from the sales and use tax, if the vehicle is sold pursuant to a contract between the vendor and the Department of Transportation.

**Department of Health**

Eliminates the program under which the Director of Health can spend motor fuel tax revenue to reimburse hospitals for care provided to indigent persons who have suffered injuries in motor vehicle accidents.

Authorizes the Director of Health to administer and enforce the alcohol testing and permit program using money transferred from the Liquor Control Fund.

**Local government**

Regarding transportation improvement districts, authorizes districts to accept loans from the federal or any state or local government, allows district projects to encompass other transportation projects besides streets and highways, and specifies that the County Competitive Bidding Law does not apply to district contracts or projects.

Establishes a procedure for a township to request that ODOT erect signs in the rights-of-way of state highways, other than freeways and expressways, indicating the boundaries of the township.

Increases the threshold for competitively bid purchases from $5,000 to $15,000 for a regional airport authority, and from $10,000 to $15,000 for a conservancy district.

**Other provisions**

Would have provided that a motor vehicle remanufacturer that sells certain public safety or public service vehicles is not required to furnish customers with binding service and repair agreements if the manufacturer of the chassis requires its franchisees to provide service and repair for the chassis. (Vetoed.)

Repeals the authority of the Rail Development Commission to pledge the faith and credit of the state under certain conditions, and to obtain Controlling Board approval to pledge or use certain state revenues.

Eliminates provisions stating that (1) certain specified functions of the Division of Liquor Control are independent and not subject to the control of the Department or
Director of Commerce, and (2) certain administrative functions of the Division of Liquor Control, as determined by the Director of Commerce, are subject to the Director's final authority.

Requires that there be two assistant directors in the Department of Commerce.

Secs. 121.05, 121.07, 121.08, 303.211, 308.13, 503.061, 519.211, 2925.44, 2933.43, 3701.022, 3701.07, 3701.61, 3701.611, 3701.62, 3701.63, 3701.64, 3701.65, 3701.66, 3701.67, 3701.68, 3701.69, 3701.83, 4301.10, 4301.12, 4501.01, 4501.03, 4501.14, 4501.15, 4501.16, 4501.19, 4501.20, 4501.21, 4501.22, 4501.23, 4501.28, 4503.102, 4503.191, 4503.40, 4503.42, 4503.51, 4503.52, 4503.55, 4503.36, 4503.66, 4505.11, 4505.111, 4506.24, 4507.45, 4509.06, 4509.09, 4511.10, 4511.101, 4511.102, 4511.191, 4511.951, 4513.242, 4517.01, 4517.02, 4517.12, 4981.09, 4981.151, 4981.152, 4981.34, 5112.17, 5501.01, 5501.311, 5501.32, 5501.34, 5501.37, 5502.01, 5502.12, 5502.22, 5512.01, 5512.02, 5512.03, 5512.04, 5512.05, 5512.06, 5512.07, 5512.08, 5512.09, 5513.01, 5513.04, 5513.06, 5515.01, 5516.01, 5516.02, 5516.03, 5516.04, 5516.05, 5516.06, 5516.061, 5516.07, 5516.08, 5516.09, 5516.10, 5516.11, 5516.12, 5516.13, 5516.14, 5516.99, 5525.03, 5525.07, 5529.03, 5531.09, 5531.10, 5540.01, 5540.03, 5735.05, 5735.12, 5735.145, 5735.146, 5735.19, 5735.23, 5735.29, 5739.02, and 6101.16.

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**Am. Sub. H.B. 215**

Reps. Johnson, Thomas, Sykes, O'Brien, Thompson, Perz, Core, Verich, Wilson, Mead, Vesper, Fox, Sawyer, Garcia, Corbin, Schuler, Roman, Brading, Ogg, Krebs, Winkler, Clancy, Metzger, Harris, Householder, Lewis, Mottley, Wise, Coughlin, Williams, Patton, Terwilleger, Stapleton, Padgett, Jacobson

Sens. Ray, Horn, White, Carnes, Drake, Howard, Oelslager, Kearns, Gillmor, Gardner

Effective date: June 30, 1997; certain provisions effective September 9, 1997; certain sections effective other than September 9, 1997; contains item vetos
GENERAL

Requires the Department of Administrative Services rather than the Director of Budget and Management to set the maximum costs of printing state agency reports.

Specifies that the statute that allows persons holding elective office to administer oaths of office to other elected or appointed officeholders does not prohibit notaries public from also administering oaths.

Adds the President Pro Tempore of the Senate to the list of legislators and legislative employees to whom the oath of office may be administered by a member of the General Assembly or by a person authorized to administer oaths.

Requires that General Assembly members receive a travel allowance at the same mileage rate allowed for the reimbursement of travel expenses of state agents as provided by rule adopted by the Director of Budget and Management (26¢ per mile in 1997 rather than at 20-1/2¢ per mile as provided formerly).

Requires payment of additional compensation of $150 per day and necessary traveling expenses to certain members of the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review.

Restores language that was erroneously omitted from Am. H.B. 182 of the 121st General Assembly when that act was enrolled that has a substantive effect on the fee a person holding or running for city office must pay when filing a financial disclosure statement with the Ohio Ethics Commission.

Provides that the requirement for the Legislative Budget Office to prepare local impact statements does not apply to the main operating appropriations, capital appropriations, capital reappropriations, and budget corrective bills.
Requires the Director of Budget and Management to establish procedures for the use of written, electronic, optical, or other communications media for approving payment vouchers.

Expands the purposes for which the Capitol Square Renovation Gift Fund may be used to include the purchase of art, antiques, and artifacts for display at the Capitol Square, and the award of contracts or grants to organizations for educating the public concerning the Capitol Square; and specifies that investment earnings of the Fund are to be credited to it.

Specifies additional permissible uses for the appropriation made for the Governor-elect and requires the Director of Budget and Management to pay the reasonable and necessary expenses from the money appropriated for that purpose.

Removes a requirement that no more than three of the Governor's five appointees to the Governor's Residence Advisory Commission be from the same political party.

Subjects the Public Utilities Commission's rules to legislative review by the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review and possible invalidation by the General Assembly.

Codifies the Treasury Education Fund for the support of finance-related education programs.

Revises requirements for the placement of registration fees collected for education programs offered by the Auditor of State and the Treasurer of State.

Renames the Division of Real Estate in the Department of Commerce, and statutorily recognizes that the Division is responsible for performing certain professional licensing functions.

Requires the Department of Aging instead of the Department of Youth Services to act as fiscal agent for the Governor's Community Service Council and transfers the administrative duties of the Department of Youth Services for the Council to the Council on July 1, 1997.

Authorizes the Women's Policy and Research Commission to sell publications issued by it or by the Women's Policy and Research Center.

Changes the conditions for application by a minority business for a surety bond from the Department of Development.

Grants compensation increases, and makes compensation-related changes, applicable to state employees exempt from collective bargaining coverage and makes other personnel changes applicable to state employees.
Renames three state funds used by the Department of Administrative Services.

Removes the State Medical Board and the State Board of Pharmacy from the list of boards for which the Central Service Agency in the Department of Administrative Services provides routine support.

Allocates responsibility among various state agencies for making reimbursements for occupying space in facilities owned or maintained by the Department of Administrative Services.

Requires that service charges or fees the Department of Administrative Services collects from entities that receive surplus federal property be deposited in the Investment Recovery Fund.

Removes the requirement for the collection of user charges to support the State Forms Management Control Center.

Specifies that the Director of Budget and Management's certification that there is a balance in an appropriation that is not already obligated to pay existing obligations is applicable only to the current fiscal year.

Eliminates from the Office of Budget and Management the State Clearinghouse for Applications for Federal Funds.

Codifies language that repeatedly appeared in capital appropriation bills concerning the release of money for "general projects" and "specific projects."

Requires the Director of Budget and Management to identify specific programs for which the General Assembly has appropriated federal funds, and explicitly permits a state agency to spend such funds on any such program without first obtaining an executive order.

Eliminates the requirement that if federal funds received for a specific purpose are less than the amount appropriated for the purpose on the basis of such funds, the total appropriation of both federal and state funds for the purpose must be reduced in proportion to the amount of the reduction in federal funds.

Provides that Ohio Public Employees Deferred Compensation Board members are trustees of deferred funds and must perform their duties solely in the interest of and for the exclusive benefit of participating employees, continuing members, and their beneficiaries, and extends the law exempting such funds from execution or garnishment to claims against such employees or members and their employers.
Replaces the members appointed to the National Museum of Afro-American History and Culture Planning Committee from lists of nominees submitted to the Governor by the National Association of Media Women, the National Caucus of Black School Board Members, the National Caucus of the Black Aged, and the National Education Association Black Caucus with four members appointed from the public at large.

Abolishes the Joint Legislative Capital Finance Oversight Committee.

Extends the definition of "unclaimed funds" to include certain mutual funds and certificates of deposit, provided all funds are subject to an automatic reinvestment agreement and are unclaimed for five years.

Permits the Director of Commerce to enter into contracts with persons for the purpose of collecting and remitting to the Department of Commerce unclaimed funds, and excepts these contracts from the general requirement of making purchases either by competitive bidding or with Controlling Board approval.

Permits the Director of Commerce the option to place unclaimed funds in the Director's possession with a financial organization as an alternative to placing them in the Unclaimed Funds Trust Fund, and gives the Director greater discretion as to the manner in which the Director may withdraw funds from financial institutions and from holders of unclaimed funds as necessary for the various purposes that such funds currently may be used by law.

Requires the Ohio Housing Finance Agency (OHFA) to adopt rules to govern procedures for funding multifamily housing constructed with the assistance of the Agency or pursuant to a program the Agency operates or administers.

Specifies that the rules OHFA adopts to govern the funding of multifamily housing projects must require that notice of the project be sent to local officials, that OHFA provide a written response to objections it receives from those officials, and that a public hearing be held in the county in which a project constructed with the assistance of the multifamily bond program will be located, and requires that OHFA file the rules with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review no later than January 1, 1998.

Prohibits using funds from the Low- and Moderate-Income Housing Trust Fund to finance any legal services other than the usual and customary legal services associated with the acquisition of housing.

Makes technical changes in the alternative procedures for creating a joint economic development zone.
Allows the Expositions Commission to encumber appropriations for the entire amount of a contract at the time the contract is made, even though the contract will not be performed in the fiscal year for which the appropriations were made.

Requires the Secretary of State to prescribe certain forms related to the perfection of a security interest and requires secured parties to use the forms in filings for the perfection of security interests; requires that certain of these forms filed with the county recorder comply with the County Recorder Law; modifies the filing fee for each such statement except for a termination statement; modifies the cost of copies for each of the statements that may be charged by the Secretary of State or county recorder; and makes other modifications to the law dealing with the perfection of a security interest.

Specifies that a certain portion of the filing fee collected by the Secretary of State under the Foreign Corporations Law from a nationally chartered financial institution doing business in Ohio is to be deposited in the Corporate and Uniform Commercial Code Filing Fund.

Specifies the fees that may be charged by the office of the Secretary of State for making copies of filings with that office.

Eliminates the annual reporting requirement for foreign corporations and the payment of a license fee in initial and additional installments based on the number of shares represented in Ohio.

Places a cap of $100,000 on the fees that can be charged a domestic corporation authorized to issue shares of capital stock for filing its articles of incorporation, a certificate of amendment to its articles, or a certificate of reorganization or dissolution.

Modifies the time allowed for the Division of Securities to perform certain duties with respect to the review of control bids for any securities of a subject company.

Expressly prohibits a securities salesperson from selling securities in Ohio without being licensed and thereby makes a violation a fifth degree felony.

Modifies the criteria a capital facility must meet in order to be considered an "Ohio arts facility."

Exempts contracts administered by the Ohio Arts and Sports Facilities Commission and paid from the Capital Donations Fund from various requirements generally applicable to public contracts, including requirements concerning central purchasing, competitive bidding, minority set-asides, and the awarding of contracts to certain campaign contributors.
Changes the procedure by which a board of elections leases its offices or rooms so that the board of county commissioners may reject the lease before an agreement is entered into.

Requires the state to bear the cost of an election in a precinct that is open solely for the purpose of submitting to the voters a statewide ballot issue, and requires the state to bear the cost of the advertising of statewide ballot issues in newspapers when the advertising is required by law.

Requires the Secretary of State to adjust the maximum amount a judge of an election may receive in compensation per diem to reflect increases in the federal Minimum Wage Law, and makes other changes regarding those judges' compensation.

Tightens safety requirements relating to sales, storage, and exhibitions of fireworks.

Prohibits the issuance of a license or permit under the Fireworks Law to certain convicted felons and requires completion of a criminal records check for license applicants.

Increases license fees and the minimum amount of liability coverage under the Fireworks Law.

Requires that the Fire Marshal's classification of fireworks be consistent with the classification of fireworks by regulation of the United States Department of Transportation.

Changes all references to "Class C fireworks" to "1.4G fireworks," and all references to "Class B fireworks" to "1.3G fireworks."

Extends until December 15, 1999, a moratorium on the issuance of new or transfer of specified manufacturer or wholesaler fireworks licenses.

Allows the transfer of location of a fireworks wholesaler license under specified conditions from one location to another within the same municipal corporation or within the unincorporated area of the same township.

Creates additional penalties for certain violations of the Fireworks Law.

Requires licensed fireworks exhibitors to register all employees who assist the exhibitor in conducting fireworks exhibitions.

Eliminates the Fire Marshal's authority to issue a temporary exhibitor's license to conduct an exhibition on only one date.
Requires specified fire safety officials to be present before, during, and after exhibitions and to inspect the premises of exhibitions to determine compliance with the Fireworks Law.

Requires licensed fireworks manufacturers, wholesalers, and exhibitors to complete continuing education and provide in-service training on a periodic basis.

Authorizes the Fire Marshal to grant variances from the Fireworks Law to certain persons for educational or hobby purposes.

Exempts specified show-teams from the Fireworks Law.

Creates the Fireworks Fire Suppression Systems Task Force and the Fireworks Sales Demographics Study Committee.

Makes other changes in the Fireworks Law.

Requires that State Lottery Commission members be paid a $5,000 annual salary, payable in monthly installments.

Requires the Director of the State Lottery Commission to include an accounting of all transfers made from any lottery funds in the Treasurer of State’s custody to benefit education, as part of the financial information made available monthly to the Commission.

Permits the Director of the State Lottery Commission to enter into agreements to assist organizations that deal with problem gambling.

Requires fees collected and money received by the Ohio Athletic Commission be deposited into the state treasury to the credit of the Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund rather than to the credit of the General Revenue Fund.

Revises penalties for violation of energy conservation rules applicable to specified buildings.

Revises the rule-making authority of the Board of Building Standards regarding thermal efficiency for residential dwellings.

Makes revisions in the laws governing group life, credit life, and credit accident and health insurance.

Exempts employees of the House of Representatives and the Senate from the Ohio Minimum Wage Law.
Makes the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) responsible for reviewing, processing, certifying or contesting, and administering all workers' compensation claims filed by employees of state agencies, offices, institutions, boards, and commissions, except for public colleges and universities, unless DAS and the agency, office, institution, board, or commission agree otherwise.

Authorizes DAS to contract with a third party administrator to administer claims arising under the state's occupational injury leave program, and for claims management of workers' compensation claims of a state agency, office, institution, board, or commission except for a public college or university.

Requires DAS to select a managed care organization for state agencies, offices, institutions, boards, and commissions, except for public colleges and universities, that have not selected one, unless the agency, office, institution, board, or commission and DAS agree otherwise.

Permits the Administrator of the Bureau of Employment Services to sell real estate the Bureau no longer needs and sets conditions on the use of proceeds from any such sale.

Creates the Bureau of Employment Services Building Consolidation Fund and the Bureau of Employment Services Building Enhancement Fund to retain the proceeds from the Administrator's sale of real estate no longer needed by the Bureau.

Allows the use of amounts in the Liquor Control Fund to pay the operating expenses of the Liquor Control Commission.

Authorizes D-5 liquor permit holders who operate agency liquor stores to offer for sale tasting samples of beer, wine, and mixed beverages.

Allows liquor-sales agents appointed by the Division of Liquor Control to provide and accept gift certificates and to accept credit cards and debit cards for the retail purchase of spirituous liquor.

Prescribes conditions under which a manufacturer of beer or intoxicating liquor may secure and hold a financial interest in the establishment, maintenance, or promotion of the business or premises of any C or D liquor permit holder.

Eliminates the requirement of Am. Sub. H.B. 438 of the 121st General Assembly, effective July 1, 1997, that when the Registrar of Motor Vehicles receives a notice from a clerk of court or traffic violations bureau that a person who was issued a traffic citation failed to present proof of financial responsibility to the law enforcement officer and to the court or bureau, the Registrar must conduct an investigation to determine whether the person was operating the motor vehicle without proof of financial responsibility being in effect.
Clarifies provisions requiring the State Board of Examiners of Architects to determine the amounts of fees for applications for examination and certification as an architect in Ohio.

Increases fees to be collected by the Barber Board for licensing barbers, barber shops, and barber schools and requires the Barber Board to provide applicants with certain information upon request.

Changes the final destination of fine payments received by the State Board of Cosmetology from the Cosmetology Adjudication Fund to the Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund.

Increases license and renewal fees that may be charged in connection with the regulation of embalmers, funeral directors, and the operation of funeral homes, and increases penalties for late renewals of embalmers and funeral directors.

Eliminates the requirement that most boards and commissions that conduct a licensing examination in connection with a regulated occupation or profession do so at the state fairgrounds in Columbus.

Eliminates the authority of the Director of Budget and Management to transfer excess money from the Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund to the General Revenue Fund.

Eliminates the requirement that the Columbus office of the Public Utilities Commission (PUCO) be open on Saturdays.

Requires that notice by PUCO of the granting of a rehearing be sent by regular, instead of registered, mail.

Changes the fees chargeable by PUCO and the Power Siting Board for copies of documents.

Creates the Public Utilities Fund and the Consumers' Counsel Operating Fund and requires that the sums assessed against railroads and public utilities to pay for administering PUCO, certain taxes and fees paid by motor carriers, and the sums assessed against public utilities to pay for administering the Office of the Consumers' Counsel, be deposited into the new funds rather than into the General Revenue Fund.

Reduces from four weeks to two weeks the frequency of publication by PUCO of advance newspaper notice regarding a permanent abandonment of utility service or facilities.

Eliminates a requirement that PUCO publish advance newspaper notice in affected counties of a hearing on a complaint filed against a public utility.
Eliminates a requirement that, if such a complaint is filed, PUCO serve notice on the complainants and utility not more than 30 days before a hearing is held (but leaves unchanged the requirement that the notice be provided not less than 15 days beforehand).

Reduces from three, to two, the number of weeks in which PUCO must publish in affected counties advance newspaper notice of a hearing on a complaint filed against a telephone company.

Authorizes PUCO under specified circumstances to eliminate certain requirements for data reporting by an electric light company regarding its fuel procurement practices.

Eliminates the requirement that PUCO conduct a monthly review of fuel cost and use data provided by a company.

Eliminates certain specified reports by PUCO relating to fuel procurement and use for electric generation and associated PUCO regulation.

Authorizes PUCO, upon application by an electric company and for good cause shown, to establish "separate" formulae and procedures applicable to the determination of the company's fuel component and the review of its fuel procurement and use practices.

Extends by two years a date affecting PUCO's rule-making authority regarding hazardous materials transportation and similarly extends the life of the Hazardous Materials Advisory Panel.

Makes changes affecting the calculation of the per-truck fee that is a component of the apportioned per-truck registration fee paid by carriers of hazardous materials.

Makes a change affecting the calculation of the background investigation fee for a uniform permit as a carrier of hazardous wastes.

Eliminates the Hazardous Wastes Background Investigation Fund and requires that background investigation fees be credited instead to the Hazardous Materials Registration Fund.

Extends by two years a date affecting the crediting of forfeitures as between the General Revenue Fund and the Hazardous Materials Transportation Fund, which is used to pay for hazardous materials emergency response planning and training.

Regarding the tourist-oriented directional sign program operated by the Ohio Department of Transportation, expands the definition of an eligible commercial activity
to include a lodging that is not a franchise or part of a national chain, antique shop, craft store, or gift store.

Authorizes operators of excursion rail service and the owners of railroad property over which the service will be provided to negotiate the amount of liability coverage the operators must provide to indemnify the owners for any damage arising out of the operation of the excursion rail service, and provides that if an agreement is reached, the $200 million minimum amount of coverage established by continuing law does not apply.

Requires the Director of Transportation to issue highway construction specifications that facilitate the reuse in such projects of petroleum-contaminated sands, gravel, and soils that are removed during the repair, removal, or closure of underground storage tanks that are under the jurisdiction of the Chief of the Bureau of Underground Storage Tanks.

Provides for the compensation of members of the Transportation Review Advisory Council, excluding the Director of Transportation.

Requires that if pledged receipts for payment of State Infrastructure Bank bonds are insufficient for the payment of bond service charges and the maintenance of reserves, the Director of Transportation must notify the Governor and the Director of Budget and Management of the insufficiency and take action to request the appropriation of sufficient funds in the current or next biennial budget.

Places in the classified civil service certain employees of the Governor's Office of Veterans Affairs and requires that technical personnel of the Office be honorably discharged or honorably separated veterans of the United States armed forces.

Provides Ohio Water Development Authority members with health care benefits comparable to those generally available to state officers and employees.

Requires the Legislative Service Commission to conduct a study to identify possible sources of funding to be used by the Division of Travel and Tourism in the Department of Development to encourage residents of other states to travel to Ohio.

Requires the Legislative Service Commission Study Committee on Job Training and Workforce Development programs to study and make recommendations on the integration and collaboration of federal, state, and locally funded job training, job placement, and workforce development efforts.

Extends the deadline by which the Legislative Committee on Decentralization of State Government must submit its report from September 4, 1997, to December 31, 1997.
Would have prohibited for six months the conveyance of the Bay View Armory, located in Lucas County, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 2 of Am. Sub. H.B. 376 of the 121st General Assembly, which provided procedures for conveyance of the real estate. (Vetoed.)

Revises the authority granted to the Director of Public Safety and the Registrar of Motor Vehicles concerning random checks to verify the proof of financial responsibility by directing the Registrar to establish a pilot program by January 1, 1998, and requiring that a permanent program be established by January 1, 2000.

Requires that the Stabilization Reserve Fund, created under the Medical Malpractice Insurance Law, remain in existence until all Fund money is distributed.

AGRICULTURE, ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT, AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Eliminates the authority of the Director of Agriculture to provide financial assistance for premium awards and advertising costs in connection with a livestock show and sale held anywhere in Ohio that is jointly sponsored by a livestock breed association and the Department of Agriculture.

Authorizes the Director of Agriculture to provide rental cost assistance for certain public livestock exhibitions held at the Ohio Expositions Center and to provide financial assistance for premium awards given at certain national livestock exhibitions held there.

Establishes the Office of Farmland Preservation in the Department of Agriculture to prepare guidelines and criteria for use in developing comprehensive local land use plans that encourage the preservation of farmland, coordinate and assist local farmland preservation initiatives, and monitor development of farmlands in Ohio with prime soils and unique microclimates.

Establishes the Pilot Farmland Preservation Fund in the state treasury and directs the Office of Farmland Preservation to use money in the Fund to leverage and match other farmland preservation funds from federal, local, and private sources.

Authorizes not more than $100,000, consisting of money deposited into the General Revenue Fund from the sale of standing timber taken from state forest lands, to be transferred annually from the General Revenue Fund to the Wildfire Suppression Fund.

Revises the method for distributing money received from the sale of state forest products, including standing timber, to require that the distribution be based on the
products' gross, rather than net, value and to include school districts as local recipients of the money in addition to counties and townships.

Creates the Lake Erie Resources Fund and requires money awarded to the state from the Great Lakes Protection Fund, which is a regional trust fund, to be a revenue source of the new Fund.

Removes the Department of Natural Resources as the administrator of the Lake Erie Protection Fund and as lead agency for the implementation of the purposes of the Great Lakes Protection Fund; requires the Ohio Lake Erie Commission to designate one of its members annually as administrator of the state Fund; designates the department managed by that member as the lead agency for the implementation of the regional Fund's purposes; and removes the requirement that the positions of chairperson and secretary of the Commission rotate annually among the members.

Requires that expenses and compensation of the Council on Unreclaimed Strip Mined Lands be paid from the Unreclaimed Lands Fund rather than the Coal Mining Administration and Reclamation Reserve Fund.

Allows soil and water conservation district employees to donate and receive accrued but unused sick leave under specified circumstances.

Changes the purposes for which money in the Natural Areas and Preserves Fund may be used and makes clear that the money is not to be used to pay salaries of permanent employees, or for administrative costs or routine maintenance.

Authorizes each of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to designate an employee or officer to attend meetings pertaining to coal research and development bonds when the Commissioner is absent for any reason.

Requires the Director of Natural Resources to allocate to each county, for projects of local governments within the county, a portion of 20% of the proceeds in excess of the first $200 million principal amount of obligations issued under the NatureWorks program, and establishes a distribution formula for that purpose.

Eliminates the provision under which the treatment and disposal fees for out-of-state hazardous waste must be an amount equal to the fee applicable to the waste if it were treated or disposed of in its state of generation; requires the Director of Environmental Protection to establish a multidisciplinary committee to make recommendations regarding funding for and program activities conducted by the Divisions of Hazardous Waste Management and Emergency and Remedial Response; and extends from three to 13 years the time during which the Director must repay money
borrowed from the Hazardous Waste Facility Management Fund to pay start-up costs for the voluntary action program.

Continues through June 30, 1999, the 75¢ per ton fee on the disposal of solid wastes to fund the Environmental Protection Agency's solid and infectious wastes and construction and demolition debris management regulatory programs.

Limits the transfer of money from the Scrap Tire Management Fund in the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to the Facilities Establishment Fund in the Department of Development for certain energy recovery or recycling projects to fiscal years 1998, 1999, and 2000; limits expenditures from the former Fund for scrap tire removal operations to those fiscal years and increases the ceiling for those expenditures during each fiscal year to $3 million; and requires the Director of Environmental Protection to transfer from the Fund up to 12% of each fiscal year's appropriation to it to EPA's Central Support Indirect Fund.

Requires interest earned on money credited to the Underground Storage Tank Administration Fund also to be credited to that Fund.

Retains at their current levels through June 30, 2000, the wastewater discharge and plan approval, public water system license and plan approval, and other miscellaneous fees established primarily to fund the water pollution control and safe drinking water programs in EPA, slightly revises the calculation of the wastewater discharge fees, and decreases two of the fees for laboratory evaluation.

Extends (1) the "sunset" date of the Quality Improvement Council from June 30, 1997, to June 30, 1999, and (2) the date by which EPA must report to the Governor and the General Assembly from not later than September 1996 to not later than September 1998.

Authorizes the member from the House of Representatives and the member from the Senate who serve on the Environmental Education Board of Trustees to appoint a designee to serve on the Board.

Increases various existing licensing and examination fees imposed in connection with the regulation of veterinary medicine and imposes several new fees to cover certain situations.

Redirects funds received by the State Veterinary Medical Licensing Board from the General Revenue Fund to the Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund.

Changes the funding mechanism for the member state agencies of the Utility Radiological Safety Board (URSB) (except PUCO and the Department of Commerce, which will not be so specially funded for any URSB activities), by providing for funding
through direct grants negotiated between each member agency and the nuclear electric utilities or, if a member agency disagrees with a grant amount, through assessments imposed by URSB, subject to caps on assessment amounts and, under certain conditions, Controlling Board approval of assessments.

Requires the Legislative Service Commission to study the amount of motor fuel used for recreational boating and general and business aviation, to determine whether the percentage of fuel tax allocated to the Waterways Safety Fund accurately reflects the boating usage, and to report the study's findings by September 1, 1998.

Requires the State and Local Government Commission to study the costs of implementing the Solid Waste Law.

**COURTS AND CORRECTIONS**

Revises the provisions governing contracts for the private operation of correctional facilities.

Renames the Public Defender Reimbursement Fund as the Client Payment Fund.

Clarifies that money due the state for paying for counsel appointed to represent certain indigent defendants must be collected by the State Public Defender and deposited into the Client Payment Fund.

Authorizes the State Public Defender to use the money in the Client Payment Fund to provide assistance to counties in the operation of county indigent defense systems.

Requires the State Public Defender to conduct a study to find new sources of funds for the Legal Aid Fund as a replacement for funds from interest on trust accounts (IOTAs) and, not later than December 31, 1997, to submit a report that recommends new sources of funds.

Creates the Organized Crime Commission Fund in the state treasury, consisting of money paid pursuant to a court judgment to reimburse expenses incurred by the Organized Crime Investigations Commission or an organized crime task force in investigating the criminal activity upon which the prosecution leading to the judgment was based.

Requires the Division of Business Administration in the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (DRC) to administer within Ohio federal criminal justice acts that the Governor requires DRC to administer, to apply for specified grants to improve Ohio's criminal justice system, to engage in certain grant-related audits, and to enter into certain types of contracts necessary for DRC to carry out its duties.
Allows the use of profits from a county jail commissary fund to provide life skills training and education or treatment services, or both, for the benefit of persons incarcerated in the jail.

Would have revised the six-year practice of law requirement for municipal court judges and county court judges by providing that the judges' year of admission to the practice of law is deemed to be a full year of practice. (Vetoed.)

Eliminates certain duties of the Clerk of the Supreme Court regarding money the Clerk receives.

Contains an express statement that the lodges and members of a fraternal benefit society may commence civil actions against the society to enforce contract provisions or to resolve disputes concerning the interpretation of the society's laws.

Eliminates the prohibition against court recognition of any application or petition for injunction against a fraternal benefit society that is not brought by the Attorney General upon the request of the Superintendent of Insurance.

Provides that until July 1, 1999, 1% of all fines collected for seat belt violations, rather than the prior 2%, is to be deposited into the Ohio Ambulance Licensing Trust Fund; until July 1, 1999, 51%, rather than the prior 50%, of all fines collected for seat belt violations is to be deposited into the Emergency Medical Services Grants Fund; and on and after July 1, 1999, the distribution reverts to prior law.

Authorizes the Department of Youth Services (DYS) to transfer its excess or surplus supplies to a community corrections facility.

Exempts from county competitive bidding requirements purchases of certain programs or services administered by DYS.

Modifies the definition of "public safety beds" that applies to the Felony Delinquent Care and Custody (FDCC) program that DYS operates to exclude certain felony delinquents who have been diverted from care and custody in a DYS institution and placed in a community corrections facility, to exclude certain felony delinquents who are adjudicated to be delinquent children for committing misdemeanors in a DYS institution, and to cover certain felony delinquents who are serving disciplinary time.

Prohibits a juvenile court that imposes a specified type of order of disposition in a delinquent child adjudication from placing that child in a community corrections facility, if the child would be covered by the revised definition of "public safety beds" if the juvenile court had chosen to exercise its discretion to commit the child to the legal custody of DYS for institutionalization or institutionalization in a secure facility.
Modifies the State Subsidies program (SSP) and the FDCC program in the DYS Law to establish a combined "annual grant and application for funding" procedure; to specify that SSP grant money as well as FDCC program monthly allocations must be deposited into a county's FDCC Fund; to prescribe distinct permissible uses of the SSP and FDCC program money in a county's FDCC Fund; to place conditions upon the obligation of DYS to pay SSP grants or FDCC program money to a county or juvenile court when certain annual or monthly report requirements or fiscal monitoring program requirements have not been satisfied; to modify the deadlines governing juvenile court annual reports to DYS and the related annual report of DYS to the Joint Legislative Committee on Juvenile Corrections Overcrowding (JLCJCO), the time periods covered by the respective reports, and the scope of the JLCJCO report; to require a county to repay in accordance with a specified procedure impermissible expenditures from the county's FDCC Fund; to permit DYS to deduct the amount of the impermissible expenditures from certain SSP grant money or FDCC program allocations under specified circumstances; and to eliminate or modify other provisions of the SSP and FDCC program provisions of the DYS Law.

Authorizes DYS to compensate a child committed to DYS for participating in activities to correct the child's socially harmful tendencies by transferring the child's wages for those activities to the youth benefit fund for the child's institution or region.

Authorizes the managing officer of a DYS institution to establish a youth benefit fund to receive and disburse monetary compensation and other benefits for youths, and a cafeteria fund to receive money from the sale of meals and to pay the costs of providing meals, but eliminates the authority of a managing officer to establish a commissary fund.

EDUCATION

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Increases the basic formula amount in the state aid formula from $3,500 per pupil to $3,663 in fiscal year 1998.

Adjusts the 88 county cost-of-doing-business factors used in the basic aid formula for fiscal year 1998 and fiscal year 1999 and continues for the next 13 fiscal years the annual increases, begun in fiscal year 1996 and fiscal year 1997, in the variance in those factors.

Continues for the next 13 fiscal years the annual adjustments, begun in fiscal year 1996 and fiscal year 1997, in school districts' property valuation used in the basic aid formula to account for relative income wealth for districts with a median income less than or equal to the state median.
Freezes the adjustment in a school district's property valuation to account for relative income wealth at the fiscal year 1997 level for districts with a median income greater than the state median.

For purposes of calculating basic aid, phases in the increase in the value of a school district's carryover property as a result of a reappraisal over the three-year period following the reappraisal (three-year averaging).

Requires certain urban school districts to increase the number of kindergarten students counted in the basic aid, Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid (DPIA), and school district tuition formulas.

Permits any school district with an average daily membership (ADM) of less than 100 to continue receiving its guaranteed fiscal year 1991 or fiscal year 1992 basic aid amount, even if its per-pupil property valuation exceeds the $200,000 level that triggers reductions in guarantee funds.

Increases DPIA grants 4% in fiscal year 1998 and another 5% in fiscal year 1999 for all school districts with at least 5% of children receiving Aid to Dependent Children (now known as "Ohio Works First").

Requires a recomputation of basic aid for school districts that have to refund a significant amount of property taxes.

Requires the students' "home" school districts and the state to pay for the educational programs provided to youths residing in private residential treatment facilities.

Increases, from $32 to $34 in fiscal year 1999, the state per-pupil subsidy for educational service centers and delays the required merger of certain educational service centers.

Permits an educational service center to enter into a service agreement (retroactive to fiscal year 1997) with a city or exempted village school district with an ADM in excess of 13,000 provided the school district's ADM was under 13,000 at the time of its initial service agreement with the service center, but limits the per-pupil funding to the service center for such an agreement to the first 13,000 pupils.

Permits certain local school districts that are contained in an educational service center created as the result of a merger of two service centers (each containing only one local school district) as of July 1, 1997, to elect not to employ a superintendent and instead have the service center superintendent or assistant superintendent act as the district's superintendent.
Would have accelerated to November 4, 1997, the election of the new boards of certain educational service centers that were formed by merger of two service centers and that opt to have their new boards elected from subdistricts. (Vetoed.)

Provides a third option for the selection of members of a governing board of an educational service center formed by the merging of two or more centers between July 1, 1995, and July 1, 1999.

Permits the state Superintendent of Public Instruction to loan money to school districts that were subject to a judgment or settlement agreement, the amount of which was at least 90% of the district's operating expenditures for the fiscal year in which the judgment or settlement was issued.

Permits the Department of Education to issue awards of equal amounts, up to $15,000, to up to 50 public schools that have implemented innovative and exemplary parental involvement programs.

Prohibits a school district from being required to repay the Department of Education certain amounts paid to the district in calendar year 1991 to cover desegregation costs for fiscal year 1990.

Requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to deduct amounts from a school district's state aid payments if the district misspends state money appropriated to it to purchase textbooks or other instructional materials.

Permits a school board to lease-purchase a motor vehicle, thereby permitting it to enter into installment contracts to purchase motor vehicles.

Permits the State Board of Education to submit any proposed midyear revision of the yearly school funding distribution plan to the Controlling Board at any time in January instead of at the Board's first January meeting.

Permits a school district to report to the State Board of Education by June 30 of each year, instead of May 31, the number of students who have not taken one or more of the state proficiency tests.

Creates the Teacher Professional Development Task Force to issue a report outlining a comprehensive structure for the delivery of continuing professional development for teachers in the state's primary, secondary, vocational, and special educational schools.

Creates the Ohio Schools Technology Implementation Task Force to develop recommendations for a comprehensive framework for coordinating the planning and implementation of technology in Ohio schools.
Requires the Department of Education, no later than January 1, 1998, to make recommendations to the General Assembly on implementing performance-based incentives for school districts.

Permits the Department of Education to contract through a competitive selection process with an independent for-profit or nonprofit entity to provide information on Ohio government to school libraries through the Ohio Education Computer Network.

Requires boards of education to adopt rules for participation in interscholastic extracurricular activities by high school and junior high school students that include at least a requirement to maintain a minimum grade point average.

Requires the Office of Information, Learning, and Technology Services to establish by December 1, 1997, a clearinghouse that can be accessed by classroom teachers and that contains lesson plans and materials and other practical resources for use in classroom teaching.

Permits ninth and tenth grade students to participate in the Post-Secondary Enrollment Options program beginning July 1, 1998.

Permits nonchartered nonpublic high school students to participate in the Post-Secondary Enrollment Options program beginning July 1, 1998.

Requires school districts to award high school credit toward graduation to students who successfully complete a course outside school hours at an accredited post-secondary institution, provided the course is free of charge or paid for by the student's parent, guardian, or custodian.

Increases from 10 to 15 years the allowable length of an installment contract to purchase energy conservation measures, requires under the terms of such a contract that 1/15 (instead of 1/10) of the costs of the contract be repaid in the first two years, and requires a school district to find energy savings that exceed the costs of the energy conservation measures for the ensuing 15 years (instead of 10) before the Commission can approve the contract.

Permits the Ohio School Facilities Commission to extend on-site evaluations of classroom facility needs to school districts in higher percentiles (up to the lowest 25% in terms of district wealth) than those contained in the former round of on-site evaluations if certain conditions are met.

Permits school districts ranked in the lowest 25% of districts in terms of district wealth (instead of just districts in the lowest 5%) to qualify for classroom facilities assistance under an expedited process.
Permits a school district approved for classroom facilities assistance by January 1, 1993, and that passed a replacement permanent improvement levy at the November 5, 1996, election to use the proceeds of that levy to pay the local share of the project cost.

Eliminates the requirement that any contract a school district enters into under the Classroom Facilities Assistance program and the Emergency School Building Repair program include a provision requiring that at least 80% of the individuals performing work under the contract and any subcontract have been residents of Ohio for the preceding 18-month period.

Permits the Department of Education to develop uniform computer software to provide to school districts at no cost for use in reporting data to the education management information system (EMIS).

Codifies the Distance Learning Fund and requires that interest earned by the Fund accrue to the Fund.

Requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction in fiscal year 1998 and fiscal year 1999 to award under the pilot project scholarship program 650 initial scholarships and an equal number of tuition assistance grants and permits initial scholarships to be awarded to fourth graders (fiscal year 1998) and fifth graders (fiscal year 1999), as well as those in grades kindergarten through third.

Requires the pilot project scholarship program to be established in any school district in the state that is or ever was under a federal court order requiring state management and control of the district (rather than only in districts under such an order in March 1995).

Continues to allow certain school districts during the biennium to hire superintendents and other administrators who do not have the appropriate administrator license if such an administrator receives a one-year temporary educator license with approval of the State Board of Education.

Establishes a pilot project ending June 30, 2003, under which up to 20 new community schools and an unlimited number of community schools converted from public schools may be established in school districts having the majority of their territory in Lucas County.

Generally requires a pilot project community school to be sponsored by a Lucas County area school district, or by the Lucas County Educational Service Center or the University of Toledo College of Education if no school district wishes to sponsor the school.
Establishes statewide authority for any school district board to convert all or part of any public school to a community school.

Exempts community schools from laws and rules applicable to schools and school districts, except those specified in the act and in contracts between community schools and their sponsors.

Requires the Department of Education to pay a per pupil amount for each student enrolled in a community school and deduct that amount, from the state aid payments made to the student's home school district.

Authorizes community school employees to bargain collectively with the community school and permits employees of public schools that are converted to community schools to retain certain bargaining rights.

Continues the requirement for proposed changes to the minimum standards for elementary and secondary schools to be approved by concurrent resolution of the General Assembly and to be directly related to student academic or vocational performance if the changes relate to performance-based standards.

Creates the Information, Learning, and Technology Authority consisting of seven voting members and four nonvoting members and transfers oversight of the Office of Information, Learning, and Technology and the Distance Learning Fund from the Department of Education to the Authority.

Requires the Department of Education to make reports on any school districts that fail to meet any reporting deadlines or that report information that is in poor condition to EMIS, and requires the Department to take corrective action against such school districts.

Permits the State Board of Education to suspend or revoke the educator license or teacher's certificate of a school district employee who willfully reports erroneous, inaccurate, or incomplete data to EMIS.

Permits a school district to retain fourth, sixth, and eighth grade students for an additional year if they fail three out of five of the proficiency tests in those grades and fail to attend summer school, provided the district offers summer school to the students.

Exempts the Office of Information, Learning, and Technology Services, the Department of Education, or the Ohio Education Computer Network from the regular procedures for state agency purchases of services and supplies when acting as an agent for school districts in purchasing software services and supplies.
Authorizes a board of education within limits to invest its "interim money" in commercial paper notes and other debt securities issued by any of several kinds of business entities (including trusts, partnerships, and limited liability companies).

Expands the additional authority to invest in commercial paper notes that a board of education in specified circumstances may grant to its treasurer and provides procedures to cope with any defaults.

Permits certain "fiscal watch" school districts with large operating deficits to restructure and refinance certain loans, subject to the approval of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Requires "fiscal watch" school districts to submit updated financial plans to the Superintendent of Public Instruction each year.

Requires the Auditor of State to declare a school district to be in a state of "fiscal watch" if it has outstanding securities that were issued to restructure its debt while in a state of "fiscal emergency" and its financial planning and supervision commission, which supervised the issuance of the new debt, has been terminated.

Increases from $400 to $500 the amount a school district may spend per public school for purposes of paying annual membership dues and service fees to one or more accrediting associations.

Permits boards of education to employ certain veterans of the armed forces who had instructional experience in the armed forces as teachers even though they are not certificated or licensed.

Requires school districts' certificates of available resources to cover the term of the corresponding contract or the current fiscal year and the two succeeding fiscal years, whichever is the longer period.

POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

Changes the registration fee increase calculation for proprietary schools to one based on actual and estimated expenditures of the State Board of Proprietary School Registration rather than appropriations to the Board by the General Assembly.

Requires the Board of Regents, when applying its Performance Challenge standards to two-year, co-located colleges, to judge them both as a whole entity and as separate institutions, and award them Performance Challenge funds based on whichever produces the higher amount.
Increases the Ohio Instructional Grants (OIG grants) by approximately 14.5% in fiscal year 1998 and by about 2% to 3% in fiscal year 1999 and prohibits prison inmates from receiving OIG or student choice grants.

Generally permits the Ohio War Orphans Scholarship Board to reduce the percentage of a scholarship from 100% of the amount of instructional and general fees of an Ohio public institution (or an average of such amounts in the case of recipients who attend nonpublic institutions) to a lesser percentage of the amount (or average amount) of such fees if insufficient funds are appropriated to fund all scholarships at 100%.

Would have permitted state colleges and universities to use college or university funds, lands, facilities, equipment, and personnel for economic development activities. (Vetoed.)

Creates a Commission on Public Legal Education and requires it to report its recommendations about the "Action Plan for Public Legal Education in Ohio" adopted by the Ohio Board of Regents and about requirements and standards imposed on law schools in Ohio, and delays implementation of the Plan until the General Assembly acts upon the report.

Provides for temporary legislative oversight for compensation increases granted to the Chancellor or a Vice-Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents.

Establishes certain spending prohibitions, reporting requirements, and requirements as to the maintenance of certain university funds for state universities that declare themselves to be in a state of fiscal exigency, and requires Central State University to remain in a state of fiscal exigency, as declared by its Board of Trustees, for fiscal years 1998 and 1999.

Requires the Central State University Board of Trustees, not later than June 30, 1998, to submit to the Board of Regents a plan to phase out all academic programs that cannot reasonably be contained within the purview of the University's College of Business, College of Education, or College of Arts and Sciences.

Requires the Director of Budget and Management to appoint a chief financial officer at Central State University until such time as the Director believes the necessary personnel to manage the fiscal affairs of the University have been hired and sufficiently trained.

Permits the Director of Budget and Management to hire a financial supervisor to issue financial reports on the University and to assume responsibilities as chief financial officer for the University if it is not meeting acceptable fiscal standards.
Requires the Central State University Board of Trustees to maintain its declaration of financial exigency for the University and to take other specified budgetary actions, which may include reducing the number of faculty and staff.

Requires the Director of Budget and Management to issue a remedial directive to the University if there is substantive noncompliance with requirements of this act and, if the University does not make substantial, measurable progress after the remedial directive, requires the Board of Regents to develop and implement a plan for closure of the University.

Requires the Board of Regents, by March 1, 1998, to work with Central State University to develop collaborative and cooperative agreements with other public colleges and universities to assist the University in its educational mission and work with the University to develop specific action plans for the University’s new mission.

Changes the amount of the bond the treasurer of Central State University must post before undertaking the duties of treasurer.

Modifies the Ohio Tuition Trust Authority prepaid tuition program to qualify the program for favorable federal tax treatment.

Would have allowed state universities, freestanding state medical colleges, and state community colleges to administer somewhat more costly construction projects without the supervision of the Department of Administrative Services, effective July 1, 1998. (Vetoed.)

Generally provides a limited immunity from civil liability to a member of a board of trustees of an institution of higher education for harm allegedly caused by an expenditure made or contract entered into by the institution. (This provision is boxed in the body of the act but not included in the veto message and not deleted from Section 1 or the title.)

Would have required the Board of Regents, beginning June 30, 1999, to administer the Student Workforce Development Grant program awarding grants of up to $400 per year to students in degree programs at registered private career schools. (Vetoed.)

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Modifies the local administration of the Family and Children First Initiative by (1) eliminating local intersystem services for children clusters and requiring that every county have a county family and children first council, (2) modifying county family and children first council membership, (3) establishing an appeals process to address the issue of council members sharing responsibilities, (4) eliminating requirements for making
certain reports to the state, and (5) replacing the state approval process with state monitoring of each county's service coordination mechanism.

Creates in codified law the Wellness Block Grant program established by Am. Sub. S.B. 310 of the 121st General Assembly.

Creates in the codified law the Human Services Stabilization Fund from which the Director of Budget and Management may transfer money to the General Revenue Fund to meet identified shortfalls in the Department of Human Services.

Removes statutory authority of the Department of Aging to operate the Worley Terrace and Glendale Terrace residential facilities.

Provides that county departments of human services are responsible for all burials required by state law.

Requires, until July 1, 1999, each individual and group health insuring corporation policy that provides benefits for skilled nursing care through a closed panel plan to provide reimbursement for medically necessary covered skilled nursing care services that an enrollee receives in a skilled nursing facility, continuing care facility, or home for the aging even if the facility or home does not participate in the health insuring corporation's closed panel plan if certain conditions apply.

Requires the Director of Health to establish a pregnancy loss registry, to the extent that funding through grants is received, through which physicians are to report on the pregnancy losses of their patients, and requires the Director to perform studies on the causes of pregnancy losses.

Requires the Ohio Cancer Incidence Surveillance System operated by the Department of Health to follow the model for cancer data collection set forth by the National Cancer Institute's Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results program.

Requires the Director of Health to maintain registries of hospitals, clinics, physicians, or other health care providers for referral of individuals who may have been exposed to tuberculosis.

Would have required a hospital to provide a free copy of a patient's medical record under certain circumstances, and would have permitted a hospital to charge a fee capped at specified amounts for additional requests. (Vetoed.)

Requires the Director of Health to adopt rules establishing fees for licensure of ambulatory surgical facilities; freestanding dialysis centers, inpatient rehabilitation facilities, birthing centers, and radiation therapy centers; and mobile or freestanding diagnostic imaging centers.
Establishes the Quality Monitoring and Inspection Fund to be used by the Director of Health to administer and enforce safety and quality of care standards for certain health care procedures and quality standards for health care facilities subject to licensure.

Extends until April 1, 1998, the date by which certain freestanding health facilities in rural areas must be licensed under the rules for quality adopted by the Department of Health.

Would have provided that certain health care construction projects and capital expenditures in rural areas are reviewable under the Certificate of Need Law until April 1, 1998. (Vetoed.)

Continues until July 1, 1999 (from July 1, 1997), the moratorium on accepting certificate of need applications for certain long-term care beds.

Exempts the addition of up to 52 nursing home beds by the Ohio Veterans' Home from the certificate of need requirement if the beds are in service prior to June 30, 1999.

Would have exempted from certificate of need requirements and the moratorium on the creation of new nursing home beds the closure of a county nursing home that is not currently a licensed nursing home and not certified by Medicare or Medicaid when its operation is economically unfeasible and certain other conditions are met. (Vetoed.)

Establishes a study committee to perform an examination of the roles and functions of health service agencies.

Requires money generated by Ohio Department of Health fees for vital records and services to be used only for the administration and enforcement of vital statistics laws.

Permits the Department of Health to adopt rules establishing the conditions under which x-ray equipment at dental facilities can be inspected by other agencies or private entities and requires the Department of Health and the State Dental Board to issue a report on transferring to the Board the registration of dental offices operating as facilities with x-ray equipment.

Raises fees related to the Ohio Department of Health's radiation control program.

Establishes in statute Board of Pharmacy fee increases that were put into effect with Controlling Board approval.

Would have created the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Fund. (Vetoed.)
Would have abolished the Alcoholism Detoxification Centers Fund and the Drivers' Treatment Intervention Fund and would have transferred money and obligations from those funds to the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Fund. (Vetoed.)

Increases fees for licenses, permits, certificates, and registration associated with dentistry.

Requires fines or forfeitures of bond in an action for a violation of the Dental and Dental Hygienists Law to be credited to the Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund rather than to the General Revenue Fund.

Requires that the State Dental Board discuss with the Ohio Dental Association criteria for transferring complaints filed with the Board to the Association's peer review process.

Increases to $35 the maximum fee the Board of Nursing may charge for the biennial renewal of any license.

Changes the continuing education requirement for nurses from one hour per month to a number of hours to be specified by the Board of Nursing, and allows the Board to share with law enforcement officers information regarding its investigation of a nurse.

Permits advanced practice nurses (APNs) who are authorized to prescribe drugs and therapeutic devices as part of the pilot programs for medically underserved areas to supply personally to their patients certain drugs and therapeutic devices.

Increases specified fees collected by the State Medical Board.

Establishes a staggered biennial license renewal system for physicians and podiatrists.

Extends the "sunset" date of the Physician Loan Repayment program to July 30, 2001.

Requires the State Medical Board to develop and implement a quality intervention program designed to improve physicians' clinical and communication skills through remedial education.

Creates the State Medical Board Operating Fund on July 1, 1998, and requires most receipts of the State Medical Board to be credited to that Fund instead of the Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund.

Requires that the state's share of fines collected for practicing medicine without a license be credited to the Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund and, effective July
1, 1998, to the State Medical Board Operating Fund, rather than to the General Revenue Fund.

Requires a single surety, instead of two or more sureties, for the bond required of the Secretary of the State Board of Psychology.

Authorizes the Ohio Association of Black Psychologists to approve programs or courses for continuing education for psychologists.

Increases the annual license renewal fee for chiropractors by $100.

Redirects receipts from fines imposed for practicing chiropractic without a certificate and related violations from the General Revenue Fund to the Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund.

Establishes a fee for an original nursing home administrator's license.

Increases the annual registration fee for nursing home administrators.

Allows physical therapists, physical therapy assistants, occupational therapists, and occupational therapy assistants to be disciplined by reprimand or probation.

Establishes aiding or abetting unlicensed practice and being disciplined by the licensing authority of another state or country as additional reasons for imposing discipline on an occupational therapist, occupational therapy assistant, physical therapist, physical therapy assistant, or athletic trainer.

Eliminates the authority of out-of-state occupational therapists to practice in Ohio.

Eliminates the requirement that licensure examinations for physical therapists and physical therapist assistants be held in Columbus.

Requires the state's share of fines collected for violations of the Occupational and Physical Therapists Law to be credited to the Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund rather than to the General Revenue Fund.

Removes the educational requirements for athletic trainers from statute, authorizes the Athletic Trainers Section of the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board to establish the requirements in rules, and specifies who may refer persons with athletic injuries to an athletic trainer.

Revises educational requirements for licensure as a professional counselor.
Permits the Director of Human Services to establish offices, bureaus, and sections within the Department of Human Services, in addition to the divisions the Director is currently permitted to establish.

Authorizes the Director of Human Services for a nine-month period to take certain personnel actions relating to Department of Human Services employees who are not subject to the Public Employee Collective Bargaining Law.

Requires the Department of Human Services, by July 1, 1999, to reduce its full-time equivalent positions by 150.

Requires, subject to federal approval, each private child placing agency (PCPA), private noncustodial agency (PNA), and government entity (other than a public children services agency) seeking federal foster care maintenance payments to pay the Department of Human Services an annual fee and requires the Department to use the fees to secure federal foster care matching funds to help defray costs that PCPAs, PNAs, and government entities incur in training staff and foster parents.

Provides that counties may spend money provided under the state child welfare subsidy for the costs of kinship care and other services a public children services agency considers necessary to protect children from abuse, neglect, or dependency.

Eliminates the requirement that a public children services agency submit a plan concerning the children services it provides before it receives money under the state child welfare subsidy.

Creates a 15-member Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Task Force to study the needs of such grandparents and create an action plan based on its study.

Replaces county plans of cooperation that set forth operating procedures for responding to reports of child abuse or neglect and other offenses involving children with memorandums of understanding and revises the list of local officials who develop the plan and what the plan must include.

Requires that all funds that a public children services agency receives from appropriations made by the board of county commissioners or any other source for the purpose of providing county children services be deposited into the county children services fund.

Eliminates a requirement that a public children services agency (PCSA) conduct, or contract with an independent contractor to conduct, an annual evaluation of the services the PCSA provides to children under its care and that the PCSA order inadequate conditions to be remedied or activities or programs to be instituted that the PCSA
determines from the evaluation to exist or be needed at a child care facility operated by the PCSA.

Authorizes a public children services agency (PCSA) to contract with specified entities for the purpose of assisting the PCSA with its duties.

Permits the Department of Human Services to apply to the federal government for a waiver of the child welfare requirements established under Title IV-B of the Social Security Act or any other federal law, in order to conduct demonstration projects or otherwise improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the children services function.

Requires a private or government entity that intends to place a child in a foster home in a county other than the county in which the child resided at the time of being removed from home to give prior notification of the intended placement to certain persons and entities in the county of placement.

Permits a juvenile court to order the removal of a child from the county served by the court if the child was placed in a foster home in the county from another county and the child is disrupting the educational process in the school district in which the child is attending school, pursuant to a complaint filed by the superintendent of the school district.

Requires the juvenile court of the county that required the child's placement in a foster home in another county pursuant to a journalized case plan or other order to make changes to the case plan or issue another order concerning the child's placement consistent with any order removing the child from the other county.

Requests that the Ohio Supreme Court adopt rules governing procedure in juvenile courts addressing the placement of a child in a foster home in a county other than the county in which the child resided at the time of being removed from home.

Provides that, on and after the date the juvenile rules are adopted, the act's provisions concerning prior notification of out-of-county foster care placements and the action to remove a foster child from the county for disrupting the educational process will no longer be effective.

Designates the public children services agency responsible for conducting certain duties and providing services under the Juvenile Code to abused, neglected, or dependent children temporarily residing in shelters for domestic violence and homeless shelters in a county other than their county of residence.

Requires shelters for victims of domestic violence and homeless shelters to obtain and disseminate information concerning the last known residence address and county of residence of persons to whom the shelters provide accommodations.
Authorizes the Department of Human Services to seek approval to establish a demonstration project to expand eligibility for and services provided under federal "Title IV-E" foster care and adoption assistance.

Replaces the right of subrogation that the Department of Human Services has with regard to the liability of a third party for the cost of medical services and care arising out of injury, disease, or disability of a Medicaid or Disability Assistance Medical Assistance recipient with a right of recovery.

Provides that state law barring an action against a political subdivision under a subrogation provision in an insurance or other contract does not prohibit the Department of Human Services from recovering from a political subdivision, pursuant to its right of recovery, the cost of medical assistance benefits provided under Medicaid or Disability Assistance Medical Assistance.

Provides that if a Medicaid or Disability Assistance Medical Assistance recipient receives medical services or care through a managed care organization, the recovery claim of the Department of Human Services against the organization is to be the amount the organization pays for medical services or care rendered to the recipient.

Authorizes the Department of Human Services to enter into agreements with public children services agencies and private child placing agencies under which the Department will make payments to encourage the adoptive placement of children in the permanent custody of a public children services agency.

Exempts from child day-care licensure requirements child day-care provided on the premises of a parent's, guardian's, or custodian's place of employment if the parent, guardian, or custodian is employed on the premises two and one-half or fewer hours a day.

Provides guaranteed publicly funded child day-care for a family that has a child enrolled in Head Start and receives publicly funded child day-care for that child in a collaborative model at the same location until the end of the Head Start program year, unless the caretaker parent fails to pay the fee or the family is participating in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program and is ineligible for cash assistance due to sanction or fraud.

Renames the Adult Emergency Assistance program the Non-TANF Emergency Assistance program and provides for its continued operation in fiscal years 1998 and 1999.

Provides that persons age 18 or older who are ineligible for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and have incomes not greater than 40%, rather than 32%, of the
federal poverty guideline may receive assistance under the Non-TANF Emergency Assistance program.

Allows local entities that receive funds under the Non-TANF Emergency Assistance program to use up to 4%, rather than 3%, of the funds for administrative purposes.

Authorizes expansion of Medicaid eligibility, subject to federal approval and not sooner than January 1, 1998, to include children not otherwise eligible who are age 6 or older but under age 19 with family incomes at or below 150% of the federal poverty guideline.

Requires the Department of Human Services to conduct a study or contract to have a study done to determine the extent to which applicants for nursing home services paid for through Medicaid are transferring their assets for less than fair market value to become Medicaid eligible while avoiding the depletion of their assets.

Requires the Department of Human Services to adopt rules to implement managed care for Medicaid recipients but eliminates provisions specifying the matters to be dealt with in the rules.

Creates the Medicaid Managed Care Reimbursement Study Committee to review, on an ongoing basis, reimbursement under the managed care system for Medicaid recipients.

Eliminates the requirement that the Department of Human Services establish a case management system for Medicaid recipients whose care is exceptionally expensive.

Requires the Office of Budget and Management and the Department of Human Services, when preparing the next Medicaid budget, to review the results of a study regarding the use of a managed care system for providing services to individuals with mental retardation and developmental disabilities, if such a study is prepared by the Hattie Larlham Foundation and other interested parties.

Eliminates the authority of the Ohio Department of Human Services to seek federal approval to establish an assisted living waiver program under Medicaid.

Extends the Hospital Care Assurance program to July 1, 1999, eliminates the requirement that a separate audit of the program be conducted, and extends cost-reporting deadlines that apply to hospitals.

Eliminates law that provided that a resident of a certified residential treatment center could receive Disability Assistance not more than once in a five-year period and provides instead that certain former recipients of Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
may receive Disability Assistance while actively participating in a certified alcohol or drug addiction program.

Requires that the Department of Human Services report monthly to the Legislative Budget Office (LBO) and Office of Budget and Management (OBM) demographic information about recipients of Disability Assistance that is available to the Department and that the Department, LBO, and OBM agree will be in the reports.

Permits the Department of Human Services to establish a single allocation of certain public assistance program funds for county departments of human services subject to a partnership agreement between the Director of Human Services and a board of county commissioners.

Eliminates provisions that require the Department of Mental Health to maintain separate institutions for children and to operate a statewide system of "receiving hospitals."

Requires that the Department of Mental Health submit to the committees of the House of Representatives and Senate that work with issues of finance and appropriations annual reports providing information concerning positions at community settings or locations other than a public hospital that were terminated or continued the previous year.

Requires that the Directors of Mental Health and Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services convene a work group to examine management controls and related standards for Medicaid-covered community mental health, alcohol, and drug addiction services.

Makes changes in reimbursement to counties for expenses related to proceedings for the hospitalization of mentally ill persons.

Permits the Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (DMR/DD) to waive support collection requirements of an individual who resides in a residential facility, and the individual's liable relative, if the individual is preparing to move into an independent living arrangement.

Abolishes DMR/DD's Division of Administrative Services and Division of Developmental Center Services.

Permits DMR/DD to delegate to county boards of mental retardation and developmental disabilities (MR/DD boards) the authority to enter into and negotiate contracts and subcontracts for residential services and requires the boards to administer the contracts and subcontracts in compliance with rules and the boards' existing laws.
Restores the express authority to terminate a person's membership on an MR/DD board when the person is an elected public official or has certain familial or business ties to the board or an agency under contract with the board.

Requires DMR/DD to establish a system of accreditation for MR/DD boards under which DMR/DD conducts periodic, on-site reviews of each board and issues or denies accreditation according to its findings.

Prevents an MR/DD board that is denied accreditation for all or part of its programs or services from receiving state or federal funds for the programs or services in an amount that exceeds the amount it received when DMR/DD first determined the board was not in compliance with the accreditation standards.

Grants MR/DD boards an opportunity to prepare and implement a plan of correction before accreditation is denied.

Requires the following when accreditation is denied: (1) that the MR/DD board contract with an accredited MR/DD board or another qualified entity to administer the board's unaccredited programs and services, (2) if no contract is entered into, that DMR/DD appoint an administrative receiver, and (3) that the board transfer control of funds as necessary for the contractor or receiver to fulfill its duties.

Requires DMR/DD to adopt rules that establish standards for MR/DD boards to follow in administering, providing, arranging, or operating programs and services.

Modifies the program for promoting and advancing the quality of life of MR/DD board clients by (1) specifying that residential services and supported living are to be provided in accordance with the needs of the individual being served, (2) expanding the funds that an MR/DD board can use in fulfilling the goals of the quality standards, (3) coordinating the DMR/DD reviews on quality with the reviews it conducts under the accreditation system, and (4) permitting, rather than requiring, acceptance of private accreditation as proof that the board is in compliance with the quality standards.

Provides that MR/DD boards may be eligible to receive a subsidy from DMR/DD for the employment of a business manager.

Establishes a two-year moratorium on new residential facility beds for individuals with mental retardation and developmental disabilities.

**TAXATION**

Changes the computation of net worth for the purposes of the corporation franchise tax.
Exempts certain holding companies from paying the franchise tax on the basis of net worth.

Reduces the rate of the corporation franchise tax, whether computed on the basis of net worth or net income.

Establishes a maximum net worth-basis corporation franchise tax of $150,000.

Imposes taxes on partnerships, S corporations, limited liability companies, certain trusts, and other "pass-through" business entities having at least one nonresident investor or beneficiary.

Grants a fully compensating tax credit to investors and beneficiaries on whose behalf such a pass-through entity tax is paid.

Imposes an "exit" tax on corporations leaving Ohio based on the net income earned during the corporation's latest accounting period.

Changes the method of apportioning income of multistate corporations by giving more weight to sales made in Ohio, and by eliminating one of the criteria for determining where certain kinds of sales occur.

Requires corporations that are not financial institutions and that pay tax on the basis of net worth to use the new apportionment method.

Further closes a "loophole" used by corporations to shift taxable income out of Ohio by selling accounts receivable to related passive investment companies at a loss.

Otherwise strengthens and extends existing provisions designed to prevent similar income shifting by corporations.

Requires the lower corporation franchise tax rate bracket to be divided among corporations related through common ownership or control, regardless of whether they file a combined tax report.

Requires corporations and other business entities to include allocable or apportionable items received from a pass-through entity in their own allocation and apportionment computations.

Allows the Tax Commissioner to adopt alternative apportionment rules for all noncorporate entities, for classes of noncorporate business entities, or for noncorporate business entities in a particular industry sector for the purposes of determining the personal income tax of owners of those entities.
Limits the number of personal income tax exemptions and credits a nonresident may claim if the nonresident is an investor in an Ohio pass-through entity and the entity files a return on the nonresident's behalf, and imposes the highest marginal tax rate on those nonresidents' incomes.

Expands the minimum connection or presence ("nexus") standard required to trigger the state's power to tax corporate or personal income to the maximum prevailing standard allowed under the United States Constitution.

Allows the Tax Commissioner to prescribe alternative taxable years for corporations under certain circumstances.

Eliminates the 30-day "grace period" following the issuance of an assessment during which interest is not charged for late tax payments.

Modifies the manner in which foreign and domestic insurance companies are taxed, imposes an annual franchise tax on insurance companies that are health insuring corporations, provides for a phase-in of the new tax rates, increases the minimum tax, and provides a tax credit based on a company's gross premium sales in all states.

Makes the Treasurer of State, rather than the Superintendent of Insurance, responsible for collecting the surplus lines insurance tax imposed under continuing law.

Makes various changes in the law regulating surplus line brokers, which changes relate to authority to procure insurance from an unauthorized insurer, filing of account information, and bonding requirements.

Makes substantial changes in the laws governing the taxation of financial institutions, primarily regarding the manner in which their activities are apportioned or allocated to Ohio to determine tax liability.

Would have denied interest on refunds of school district tangible personal property taxes that are overpaid as a result of taxpayer error. (Vetoed.)

Makes the Income Tax Reduction Fund Law (reducing personal income tax rates for 1996 and 1997) applicable to years beyond 1997 as well, modifies the formula for calculating the income tax reduction, and requires that income tax returns indicate that such a tax reduction is reflected in how much tax is due from taxpayers.

Creates three separate, nonrefundable tax credits that may be claimed against the corporation franchise tax or state income tax for a business that establishes a child day-care center or provides certain kinds of financial support for day-care of its employees' children.
Increases the dependent care credit from 35% of the federal credit to 100% of the federal credit for taxpayers whose adjusted gross incomes are less than $20,000.

Authorizes the legislative authority of a municipal corporation to exempt from a municipal income tax compensation arising from certain transfers of stock options.

Requires that merchandise or agricultural products stored as inventory for shipment inside this state be assessed as tangible personal property at a rate of 25%, to be reduced by the Tax Commissioner by 5% each year under certain circumstances.

Provides that under the sales tax, a business that makes sales of a taxable service is liable for payment of tax when it purchases tangible personal property that it uses in performing the service, unless the property is to be transferred to the consumer of the service as an integral part of the performance of the service.

Modifies a direct-use exception under the sales tax, so that a sale is not subject to the tax if the purpose of the consumer is to use or consume the thing transferred directly in producing a product for sale by mining, farming, agriculture, horticulture, or floriculture.

Adds the following services to those authorized to be sold under authority of a service vendor's license: building maintenance and janitorial service, employment service, employment placement service, and exterminating service.

Specifies the location of the sale for several services under the Sales Tax Law.

Authorizes the Tax Commissioner to pay a sales tax refund directly to the consumer if the vendor has gone out of business or declared bankruptcy.

Exempts from the sales and use tax sales of personal computers and related equipment to a licensed or certified teacher for use in preparation for teaching elementary or secondary school students.

Exempts from the sales and use tax sales to professional racing teams of motor racing vehicles, repair services, and engines and certain other parts.

Extends the extra 2¢ earmark of wine tax revenue to the Ohio Grape Industries Fund until July 1, 1999.

Eliminates the future transfer to the Rail Development Fund of 75% of the corporation franchise tax revenue paid into the General Revenue Fund by certain railroads, so that the amount transferred to the Rail Development Fund remains at 50%.
Extends the expiration date of the authority for counties and municipal corporations to enter into agreements granting tax abatements in enterprise zones from December 31, 1997, to June 30, 1999.

Extends for two years the life of the corporation franchise tax credit available to a manufacturer that increases its investment in new machinery and equipment over its prior average levels of new investment.

Makes changes to the Technology Investment Tax Credit program and revises the role of an Edison Center in determining what Ohio entities are eligible to receive investments that qualify for the tax credit.

Prescribes uniform procedures for the Tax Commissioner to follow when dealing with a taxpayer who is entitled to a refund of a state tax but also is overdue in paying a state tax or fee--the Commissioner must retain the amount refundable to offset the amount owed.

Beginning in taxable years after 1999, indexes the amount of the personal income tax exemption to increases in the gross domestic product deflator.

In the case of a school district that stops levying an income tax, requires the Director of Budget and Management to adjust the payments made to the district for the last year's tax collections, in order to retain a sufficient amount to pay refunds.

Permits certain counties currently levying a lodging tax for the purpose of a convention and visitors bureau to increase the rate of the tax.

Repeals the statutes that imposed an excise tax on carbonated beverages, which were invalidated by a constitutional amendment.

Secs. 3.17, 3.24, 9.06, 101.23, 101.27, 101.35, 102.02, 103.143, 103.21, 105.41, 107.30, 107.40, 111.15, 111.16, 111.18, 111.25, 113.21, 117.44, 119.01, 120.04, 120.33, 121.04, 121.08, 121.37, 121.371, 121.38, 121.40, 121.52, 122.15, 122.151, 122.152, 122.153, 122.154, 122.16, 122.17, 122.18, 122.19 122.29, 122.89, 124.136, 124.15, 124.152, 124.18, 124.181, 124.34, 124.382, 124.383, 124.385, 124.391, 125.04, 125.05, 125.13, 125.15, 125.22, 125.28, 125.42, 125.83, 125.831, 125.87, 125.94, 126.07, 126.12, 126.14, 126.21, 126.26, 127.16, 131.35, 131.38, 131.41, 131.44, 135.142, 145.73, 149.303, 164.08, 164.09, 164.13, 169.02, 169.03, 169.05, 169.07, 171.05, 173.02, 173.07, 175.041, 175.21, 177.011, 181.52, 307.86, 321.46, 329.04, 341.25, 715.691, 718.01, 901.41, 901.42, 901.54, 924.10, 991.03, 1309.32, 1309.39, 1309.40, 1309.41, 1309.42, 1309.43, 1310.37, 1503.05, 1503.141, 1506.21, 1506.22, 1506.23, 1506.24, 1513.29, 1513.30, 1515.09, 1515.091, 1517.11, 1555.09, 1557.06, 1703.03, 1703.05, 1703.07, 1703.08, 1703.09, 1703.10, 1703.11, 1703.12, 1703.14, 1703.22,
Am. Sub. H.B. 362

Reps. Thompson, Johnson, Amstutz, Cates, Core, Vesper, Corbin, Terwilliger, Brading, Garcia, Taylor

Sen. Gillmor

Effective date: June 30, 1997; certain provisions effective September 29, 1997

Designates the Chairperson of the three-member Industrial Commission as the Chief Executive Officer of the Commission.

Requires the Governor to appoint the Chairperson of the Commission from among the members of the three-member Commission to serve at the Governor's pleasure, instead of the members annually electing a Chairperson, as under former law. Indicates that the Chairperson is the head of the Commission and its Chief Executive Officer.

Transfers most administrative and nonadjudicatory authority of the Commission under the Workers' Compensation Law to the Chairperson, but retains the authority of the three-member Commission to hear appeals and reconsiderations, engage in rulemaking, and perform other adjudicatory functions. With this transfer of authority, the Chairperson
is authorized to employ, promote, supervise, and remove all employees connected with
the performance of the Commission's duties consistently with rights of employees under
the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Law, with the exception of certain civil
service employees, and requires the Chairperson to prepare a separate budget for the
Commission for each biennium.

Removes the requirement that the Commission appoint district and staff hearing
officers and instead, gives the Chairperson the direct authority to hire staff and district
hearing officers after consultation with other Commission members, with the approval of
one other Commission member, and to establish the compensation of those hearing
officers. The act also grants the Chairperson authority to fire district and staff hearing
officers when appropriate after obtaining the approval of at least one other Commission
member.

Renames the chief administrative officer of the Commission the Executive
Director and requires the Chairperson to obtain approval of one other Commissioner prior
to appointing the Executive Director. The Executive Director serves at the pleasure of the
Chairperson.

Requires the Chairperson to submit four periodic reports to specified legislative
leaders concerning specified work of the Commission, detailing the number of cases
disposed of, the number of cases pending and on appeal, and efforts of the Commission to
maintain and improve communications with the Bureau of Workers' Compensation.

Allows the Commission to waive filing deadlines for filing claims and appeals
with the Commission for persons who are unable to comply with a deadline due to an
"emergency" or "disaster," which are defined terms under the act.

Requires the Tax Commissioner to certify each school district's carryover property
and increase in carryover valuation for each city, exempted village, and local school
district to be used to determine the amount of education funding to be distributed to each
school district.

Secs. 3317.015, 4121.01, 4121.02, 4121.03, 4121.09, 4121.10, 4121.34, 4121.35,
and 4123.511.

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Am. Sub. H.B. 363

Reps. Thompson, Johnson, Amstutz, O'Brien, Core, Cates, Vesper, Corbin, Garcia,
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Sens. Gillmor, Finan

Effective date: June 30, 1997; certain provisions effective September 29, 1997; contains item veto

Extends the time frame during which the Governor appoints the Administrator of Workers' Compensation from August 31, 1998, to August 31, 2000, retaining the authority of the Workers' Compensation Oversight Commission to appoint the Administrator thereafter.

Expands the means by which the Administrator of Workers' Compensation and self-insuring employers may recover against persons who fraudulently obtain compensation payments.

Requires the trier of fact in a tort action, in determining the amount of a plaintiff's compensatory damages, to consider collateral benefits from workers' compensation benefits that are subject to a right of subrogation.

Requires the Administrator of Workers' Compensation to establish the salaries for the staff attorneys of the legal section of the Bureau of Workers' Compensation and for these attorneys' immediate supervisors, and to provide adequate compensation for other staff attorneys.

Gives a person employed by the Bureau of Workers' Compensation in a certified position in the classified service who is appointed to an unclassified position the right to be reinstated to the classified position previously held, or to a comparable classified position.

Requires the Administrator of Workers' Compensation to submit a series of semiannual reports to the Workers' Compensation Oversight Commission, General Assembly, Office of Budget and Management, and Legislative Budget Office, regarding the performance of the Bureau in certain areas.

Eliminates a requirement that the Workers' Compensation Oversight Commission publish monthly reports setting forth performance measurements for Ohio's workers' compensation system and comparing data on Ohio's system to data of other states.

Permits the Administrator of Workers' Compensation, in revising premium rates, to exclude data from employers that are no longer active if inclusion of those data would have a significant negative impact on the remaining employers in the classification. (It is questionable whether this provision has effect, because it first appeared as an identical amendment in Am. Sub. S.B. 45 of the 122nd General Assembly, which was subsequently rejected at the referendum.)
For determinations of an employee's permanent partial impairment made subsequent to the original determination, sets forth the Bureau of Workers' Compensation's authority to require either a medical examination or a medical file review; this authority would have been eliminated by Am. Sub. S.B. 45, so the rejection of that act at the referendum probably rendered this provision unnecessary.

Amends uncodified sections of Am. Sub. S.B. 45 dealing with the application of certain provisions to pending claims and a required study of the incidence of occupational diseases; the rejection of Am. Sub. S.B. 45 at the referendum probably means these amendments also are rejected, as they are inseparably connected to Am. Sub. S.B. 45.

Limits the obligation of the Bureau of Workers' Compensation to pay the cost of a physician's deposition in an appeal to a court of a workers' compensation claim, to only stenographic depositions.

Would have specified that nothing in the Revised Code prohibits a member of the Workers' Compensation Oversight Commission from offering comments or asking questions about any aspect of the Workers' Compensation Law, proposed amendments to that Law, or rules proposed or adopted under that Law. (Vetoed.)

Secs. 2317.45, 4121.12, 4121.121, 4121.125, 4123.34, 4123.511, 4123.512, and 4123.57.

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**Am. Sub. S.B. 6**

Sens. Kearns, Dix, Oelslager, Gillmor, Suhadolnik, Gaeth, Zaleski, Ray, McLin, J. Johnson, Espy, Howard

Reps. Reid, Johnson, Sykes, Thomas, Corbin, Roberts, Perz, Mallory, Tavares, Opfer, Krebs, O'Brien, Boyd, Core, Prentiss, Britton, Lewis, Verich, Beatty

Effective date: June 20, 1997; Sections 4 and 5 effective March 21, 1997

Appropriates $10.3 million to the Office of Budget and Management for Central State University deficit reduction.

Requires the Office of Budget and Management to adopt rules under which the Board of Regents must place a state university or college (except a university branch) on a "fiscal watch" when criteria specified in the rules apply to the institution.
Provides that the fiscal watch criteria must include a requirement that the Auditor of State notify the Board of Regents, Director of Budget and Management, Legislative Budget Office, and chairpersons and ranking minority members of the House and Senate finance committees if an audit of a university or college reveals a budget deficit or other substantive negative findings.

Authorizes the Governor to transfer the powers and duties of the board of trustees of an institution on a fiscal watch to a temporary conservator and governance authority when the Board of Regents certifies to the Governor that criteria adopted by rule of the Office of Budget and Management warrant the transfer.

Provides that the authority, duties, and pay of the president or chief executive officer of a university or college are suspended upon the appointment of a conservator.

Authorizes the governance authority for the university or college to reinstate the authority, duties, and pay, or terminate the employment contract of the president or chief executive officer, after conducting a performance evaluation of the person.

Requires the development of a model for voluntary training of members of the boards of trustees of all state universities and colleges and the Board of Regents.

Secs. 101.72, 102.02, 102.022, 102.03, 126.21, 2907.03, 3333.045, 3345.011, 3345.031, 3345.09, 3345.61, 3345.71 to 3345.78, and 3345.99.

See also: Senate Bill 102
Sub. H.J.R. 5

Reps. Jacobson, Reid, Myers, Lucas, Womer Benjamin, Pringle, Sawyer, Thomas, Fox, Tiberi, Buchy, Padgett, Taylor, Young, Terwilleger, Bateman, Grendell, Haines, Roman, Olman, Mason, Batchelder, Mottl, Kasputis, Gardner, Harris, Metzger, Salerno, Hottinger, Verich, Krebs

Sens. Oelslager, B. Johnson, Latta, Blessing, Gaeth, Howard, Suhadolnik

Adopted: July 24, 1997; approved by the voters on November 7, 1997, and effective January 1, 1998

Proposes to amend Section 9 of Article I of the Ohio Constitution to provide that (1) a person who is charged with a felony where the proof is evident or the presumption great and who poses a substantial risk of serious physical harm to any person or to the community is not guaranteed a right to bail under the Ohio Constitution, (2) where a person is charged with any offense for which the person may be incarcerated, the court may determine at any time the type, amount, and conditions of bail, (3) the General Assembly must enact standards to determine whether a person charged with a felony where the proof is evident or the presumption great poses such a substantial risk of serious physical harm, and (4) the Ohio Supreme Court must establish procedures for establishing the amount and conditions of bail pursuant to Section 5(B) of Article IV of the Constitution.

Specifies in the Resolution's schedule that, until the General Assembly enacts the standards described in (3), above, bail or the denial of bail is to be determined as if the amendment had not been adopted.
COURTS AND PROCEDURES

Am. H.B. 27

Reps. Carey, Shoemaker, Garcia, Myers, Jones, Cates, Hottinger, Schuler

Sens. Blessing, Latta, B. Johnson

Effective date: Emergency, March 31, 1997

Changes the status of the judge of the Jackson County Municipal Court from part-time to full-time.

Requires the part-time judge of that Court who was elected in 1995 to serve as a full-time judge of that Court until the end of the judge's term.

Authorizes that judge to receive the salary of a full-time judge.

Changes from March 31 to September 30, in an odd-numbered year, the date by which the Elected Officials Compensation Commission must make recommendations to the General Assembly for adjusting the salaries of elected officials.

Secs. 105.61 and 1901.08.

H.B. 378

Reps. Kasputis, Colonna, Reid, Taylor, Schuring, Roman, Bateman, O'Brien, Mottley, Pringle, Garcia, Sulzer, Thomas, Lewis, Lucas, Mottl, Ford, Vesper, Jones, Harris, Haines, Patton

Sens. Blessing, Latta, Carnes, Oelslager, Watts, Gardner

Effective date: March 10, 1998

Expands the definition of "criminally injurious conduct" in the Crime Victims Reparations Law and the Criminal Sentencing Law to include terrorism that occurs within or outside the territorial jurisdiction of the United States; and defines "terrorism" as any activity that involves specific types of violent or dangerous acts that are committed within or outside the United States and violate or would violate the criminal law of this state, another state, or the United States, that is intended to intimidate or coerce a civilian population, influence governmental policy by intimidation or coercion, or affect
governmental conduct by assassination or kidnapping, and that occurs primarily outside the United States or transcends its national boundaries.

Secs. 2743.51 and 2929.01.

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**Am. H.B. 463**

**Reps.** Mason, Thomas, Salerno, Mead, Tiberi, Garcia, Myers, Taylor, Ford, Beatty, Lewis, Metelsky, Opfer, Tavares

**Sens.** Latta, B. Johnson, Watts, Espy, Blessing

**Effective date:** Emergency, August 4, 1997

Adds a new judge to the Franklin County Municipal Court, to be elected in the general election of November 1997.

Requires that the nomination of the new judge be by nominating petition signed by at least 1,000 electors and that nominating petitions for the new judgeship be filed no later than 4 p.m. on September 1, 1997.

Sec. 1901.08.

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**H.B. 471**

**Reps.** Metzger, Mason, Womer Benjamin, Garcia, Myers, Ford, Lucas, Sutton, Salerno, Harris, Maier, Colonna, Wilson, Padgett, Thomas, Pringle, Grendell, Tiberi, Reid, Cates, Johnson, Lewis, Brading, Patton, Coughlin, Jones, Bender, Olman, O'Brien, Weston, Ogg, Mottley, Mottl, Tavares, Roman

**Sens.** Blessing, Latta, DiDonato, Hagan, Carnes, White, Gardner, Ray

**Effective date:** March 10, 1998

Expands the definition of "dependent's economic loss," for purposes of awards of reparations to crime victims, to specify that, if a minor child of a victim is adopted after the victim's death, the minor child continues after the adoption to incur a dependent's economic loss as a result of the victim's death and to specify that, if the surviving spouse
of a victim remarries, the surviving spouse continues after the remarriage to incur a dependent's economic loss as a result of the victim's death.

Expands the definition of "dependent's replacement services loss," for purposes of awards of reparations to crime victims, to include similar provisions with regard to the adoption of a minor child or the remarriage of a surviving spouse.

Sec. 2743.51.

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Am. Sub. S.B. 1


Reps. Ford, Lucas, Prentiss, Callender, Mason, Womer Benjamin, Garcia, Myers, Reid, Grendell, Roberts, Lewis, Corbin, Thomas, Van Vyven, Terwilleger, Brading, Schuck, Perz, Miller, Jones, Bender, Salerno, Vesper, Harris, Schuring, Metzger, Mead, Jacobson, Fox, Olman, O'Brien, Core, Haines, Stapleton, Pringle, Winkler, Mottley, Coughlin, Damschroder, Johnson, Boggs, Clancy, Colonna, Patton, Mottl, Opfer, Sulzer, Householder, Krebs, Brady, Verich, Whalen, Bateman, Krupinski, Maier, Britton, Roman, Cates, Weston, Sawyer

Effective date: October 21, 1997

In the definitions that apply to the offense of domestic violence, the law governing the issuance of domestic violence temporary protection orders (TPOs) and domestic violence civil protection orders and consent agreements (CPOs), and the law governing the funding of shelters for victims of domestic violence, expands the definition of "family or household member" to also include the natural parent of any child of whom the alleged offender or the respondent is the putative other natural parent, and extends the definition of "person living as a spouse" to "look back" five years, instead of one year, to determine whether the requisite relationship existed.

Specifies that, if a court issues a TPO or CPO that bars the alleged offender or the respondent from entering the residence, school, business, or place of employment of the complainant, petitioner, or family or household member, the order or agreement must state clearly that the order cannot be waived or nullified by an invitation to the alleged offender or respondent from the complainant, petitioner, or family or household member to enter any of the specified places or by the alleged offender's or respondent's entry into
one of those places otherwise upon the consent of the complainant, petitioner, or family or household member.

Specifies that the provision described in the preceding paragraph does not limit any discretion of a court to determine that an alleged offender charged with the offense of "violating a protection order" (see below), with a violation of a municipal ordinance substantially equivalent to that offense, or with contempt of court, which charge is based on an alleged violation of a TPO or CPO, did not commit the violation or was not in contempt of court.

In a provision that gives an example of "immediate and present danger" that constitutes good cause for the issuance of an ex parte CPO, refers to a prior "conviction of" domestic violence instead of the prior "engaging in" domestic violence.

Modifies the provision that requires a court that issues an ex parte CPO to "hold" a full hearing within a specified, seven-day or ten-day period to instead require the court to "schedule" the hearing for a date within that specified period and, subject to a possible continuance for any of four specified reasons, to hold it on the date scheduled.

Specifies that an ex parte CPO does not expire because of a failure to serve notice upon the respondent before the date set for the full hearing or because the court grants a continuance under the act.

Specifies that an order that is issued under the law governing CPOs, other than an ex parte order, and that grants, approves, or refuses to grant or approve, a CPO, is a final appealable order.

Increases the maximum duration of a CPO from two years to five years after the date of issuance or approval of the CPO.

Generally requires the enforcement in Ohio of a protection order issued by a court of another state (an OSPO) that is similar in function to a TPO, a CPO, or an antistalking protection order issued in Ohio and provides a registration mechanism to assist in the enforcement of OSPOs.

Grants municipal courts and county courts original jurisdiction within their territories in any action concerning the enforcement of OSPOs.

Expands the offense of "violating a protection order or consent agreement or anti-stalking protection order" to also prohibit a person from recklessly violating the terms of an OSPO, renames the offense as "violating a protection order," and provides an affirmative defense to a charge of the offense involving an OSPO if the OSPO does not comport with federal requirements for affording full faith and credit to protection orders.
Extends the state's "preferred arrest" policy that currently applies regarding the warrantless arrest of a person by a peace officer who has reasonable ground to believe the person committed the offense of "domestic violence" or the offense of "violating a protection order or consent agreement" based on a TPO or CPO violation so that, instead, it applies to the offense of "domestic violence" and the offense of "violating a protection order" (see above) based on a violation of a TPO, a CPO, an antistalking protection order, or an OSPO.

Modifies the provisions that currently require each law enforcement agency or governmental entity that employs a peace officer who is subject to the state's "preferred arrest" policy described in the preceding paragraph to adopt a written domestic violence response policy and procedures to do the following: require the policy and procedures to apply regarding the offense of "domestic violence" and the offense of "violating a protection order" (see above) based on a violation of a TPO, a CPO, an antistalking protection order, or an OSPO; and conform certain provisions that must be included in the policy and procedures relative to mandatory arrests for acts that constitute "felonious assault" or "aggravated assault" to recent changes in the elements of those offenses involving certain acts committed against "another's unborn."

Provides a new immunity pursuant to which a peace officer who arrests an offender for the offense of "violating a protection order" (see above) with respect to a protection order or consent agreement of Ohio or another state that on its face is valid is immune from liability in a civil action for damages for injury, death, or loss to person or property allegedly caused by or related to the offense to the same extent as is provided under the preexisting State Officer or Employee Immunity Law or the existing Political Subdivision Employee Immunity Law.

Specifies that each agency, instrumentality, or political subdivision that is required to adopt a written domestic violence response policy and that arrests an offender for an alleged incident of the offense of "domestic violence" or "violating a protection order" (see above) must consider referring the case to federal authorities for prosecution under federal law if the incident constitutes a violation of 18 U.S.C. 2261.

Removes from a mayor's court all jurisdiction over domestic violence cases, over similar assault-related or menacing-related cases involving family or household members, over cases involving the violation of a protection order, and over the issuance of TPOs.

Conforms the "look-back" period for determining mayor's court OMVI* jurisdiction to the "look-back" period for determining the penalty for state OMVI as it

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* OMVI offenses involve operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse, or both, or operating a vehicle with a prohibited concentration of alcohol in the blood, breath, or urine.
was expanded from five years to six years by Am. Sub. S.B. 166 of the 121st General Assembly.

Expands the provisions pertaining to mental evaluations of persons charged with "violating a protection order" (see above) and the special bail provisions applicable regarding that offense to also apply regarding a violation of an OSPO.

Secs. 737.11, 1901.18, 1901.19, 1905.01, 1907.18, 2919.25, 2919.26, 2919.27, 2919.271, 2919.272, 2935.03, 2935.032, 2937.23, 3113.31, and 3113.33.

S.B. 53


Reps. Myers, Garcia, Mason, Grendell, Britton, Verich, Lewis, Reid, Miller, Carey, Hottinger, Pringle, Schuler, Clancy, Winkler, O'Brien, Core, Colonna, Sykes, Brading, Mottley, Vesper, Mottl, Boyd, Opfer, Tavares, Mallory, Salerno

Effective date: October 14, 1997

Expands the list of offenses for which a criminal or juvenile court may authorize a child victim to testify at trial by deposition, videotaped deposition, closed-circuit television, or videotaped testimony to include the offenses of unlawful restraint, criminal child enticement, importuning, public indecency, procuring, soliciting, solicitation after a positive HIV test, any violation of the offense of endangering children, and any offense of violence.

Expands the list of offenses for which a criminal court may authorize a child victim to testify at a preliminary hearing by closed-circuit television or videotaped testimony to include the previously described offenses that are felonies or an alleged felony offense of violence.

Expands the authority of a criminal or juvenile court to authorize a child victim to testify at trial by deposition, videotaped deposition, closed-circuit television, or videotaped testimony to permit such testimony by any person against whom was directed any conduct that constitutes, or that is an element of, a violation of one of the previously described offenses.

Raises by two years, from under 11 years of age when the earlier of the complaint, indictment, or information was filed to less than 13 years of age at that time, the age of
the child victim who in specified circumstances may testify by means of a deposition, a videotaped deposition, closed-circuit television testimony, or videotaped testimony.

Secs. 109.54, 2151.3511, 2907.41, 2937.11, 2945.481, and 2945.49.

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**S.B. 88**

Sens. Latta, White, Nein, McLin

Reps. Salerno, Garcia, Sulzer, Lewis, Patton

Effective date: October 14, 1997

Reduces from three to one the number of commissioners the court of common pleas must appoint in an action to partition real property.

Replaces a requirement that a commissioner be a "disinterested and judicious freeholder of the vicinity" with a requirement that a commissioner be a "suitable disinterested person."

Authorizes or requires the court to appoint one or two additional commissioners in specified circumstances.

Secs. 5307.04, 5307.05, 5307.06, 5307.07, 5307.08, 5307.09, 5307.12, 5307.15, 5307.17, and 5307.18.

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**Am. Sub. S.B. 98**

Sens. B. Johnson, Drake, Kearns

Reps. Sutton, Lucas, Ford, Garcia, Taylor, Myers, Womer Benjamin, Mason, Lewis, Core, Clancy, Opfer, Padgett, Mottley, Terwilleger, Vesper

Effective date: March 17, 1998

Provides that a judge of a court of common pleas, municipal court, or county court does not have authority to dismiss criminal charges solely at the request of the complaining witness and over the objection of the prosecutor in the case.
Specifies that domestic violence criminal temporary protection orders issued by a municipal court or a county court in relation to criminal charges filed in that court continue in effect, as though they were orders of the court of common pleas, subsequent to the transfer of the case to a court of common pleas until disposition of the case or the issuance of a domestic violence civil protection order, and specifies that the court of common pleas has exclusive jurisdiction after the transfer to modify the protection orders.

Specifies that antistalking protection orders issued by a municipal court or a county court in relation to criminal charges filed in that court continue in effect, as though they were orders of the court of common pleas, subsequent to the transfer of the case to a court of common pleas until the disposition of the case, and specifies that the court of common pleas has exclusive jurisdiction after the transfer to modify the protection orders.

Secs. 1901.20, 1907.02, 2903.213, 2919.26, 2930.06, and 2931.03.

See also: House Bills 93, 141, 151, 209, 342, and 352; House Joint Resolution 5; Senate Bill 58
Am. Sub. H.B. 1

Reps. Williams, Taylor, Myers, Callender, Batchelder, Mason, Garcia, Householder, Kasputis, Wise, Grendell, Carey, Harris, Tiberi, Amstutz, Cates, Winkler, Damschroder, Pringle, Boyd, Terwilleger, Boggs, O'Brien, Lucas, Jones, Haines, Olman, Core, Padgett, Thomas, Buchy, Corbin, Krebs, Vesper, Roman, Salerno, Johnson, Reid

Sens. Blessing, Howard, Drake, B. Johnson, Watts, Kearns, Gardner, Dix, Nein

Effective date: November 25, 1997; certain provisions effective January 1, 1998 and July 1, 1998

Creates the Release Authority of the Department of Youth Services (DYS), consisting of five persons appointed by the Director of Youth Services, as an independent administrative division in DYS and as the final and sole authority for making decisions regarding the release of children committed to DYS other than children placed on judicial release or early release by the court, children who have not completed a required period of time in a secure facility, and children required to remain in a secure facility until age 21.

Requires the Authority to conduct periodic reviews of the cases of children committed to DYS and to provide prior notice of the reviews to prosecutors, courts, and victims who request notice and permits prosecutors, courts, and victims to participate in release and discharge proceedings.

Authorizes the Authority in specified circumstances to place on supervised release a child who has served the minimum period of institutionalization in DYS custody, to modify supervised release terms and conditions, and to discharge a child who has been institutionalized for the prescribed minimum period of time without placing the child on supervised release.

Requires the Authority in specified circumstances to provide prior notice of the release or discharge of certain children from DYS custody to courts, prosecutors, law enforcement agencies, and requesting victims.

Requires the Authority to prepare a written supervised release plan specifying terms and conditions of release for each child placed on supervised release and grants juvenile courts the right to add certain terms and conditions to a child's supervised release.
Provides for the arrest of children on supervised release for a violation of its terms and conditions and establishes procedures for the Release Authority to follow in performing its responsibilities with respect to the arrest.

Grants juvenile courts the authority to revoke a child's supervised release for a violation of its terms and conditions and specifies procedures for revocation hearings.

Requires the Director of DYS to designate certain DYS employees who are authorized to arrest children in DYS custody who have or are alleged to have violated the terms and conditions of supervised release and to designate some of those employees as employees who are authorized to carry firearms in the course of duty and requires that those employees be trained in arrest tactics and procedures and, if they will carry firearms, in the use of firearms and the use of deadly force.

Permits the Release Authority under specified circumstances to release a child upon supervised release or to discharge a child from DYS custody for medical reasons.

Creates the Office of Victims' Services in the Release Authority, requires the Office to provide assistance to victims of delinquent acts for which children have been committed to DYS, including providing information about DYS policies and procedures and the status of children in DYS custody, and authorizes a victim to request notification of all release reviews, release hearings, supervised release revocation hearings, and discharge reviews related to the child in DYS custody for an act committed against that victim.

Permits the designation of a victim's representative to act on behalf of a victim with respect to proceedings before the Authority and specifies other rights of victims.

Enacts a mechanism pursuant to which a court that commits a child to DYS, upon its own motion or a request from DYS, the child, or the child's parents, may grant the child a judicial release from institutionalization during the first half of the prescribed minimum term for the most serious act for which the child was committed to DYS or, if the child was committed until the child attains 21 years of age, during the first half of that prescribed period of commitment, and provides procedures for the court's adoption of a written treatment and rehabilitation plan for the child.

Modifies the preexisting provisions that authorize a committing court to grant to a child committed to DYS an early release from institutionalization, specifies that a court, upon its own motion or a request from DYS, the child, or the child's parents, may grant an early release to a child during the second half of the prescribed minimum term for the most serious act for which the child was committed to DYS or, if the child was committed until the child attains 21 years of age, during the second half of that prescribed
period of commitment, and provides specific procedures for establishing a written treatment and rehabilitation plan for the child.

Expands the definition of "public safety bed" that applies regarding a DYS appropriation expenditure mechanism to also include, in specified circumstances, a felony delinquent child whose judicial release, early release, or supervised release is revoked and who is returned to DYS for institutionalization.

Extends, from September 1, 1997, to September 1, 1998, the date by which the State Criminal Sentencing Commission must submit to the General Assembly a comprehensive plan containing certain recommendations related to juvenile justice and changes in juvenile justice law and based on the Commission's review of statutes governing delinquent and unruly child and juvenile traffic offender dispositions and state and local resources used for such children and its profile of the population of such children in existing facilities and programs.

Secs. 109.801, 181.26, 2151.312, 2151.355, 2151.38, 5139.01, 5139.04, 5139.05, 5139.06, 5139.07, 5139.08, 5139.18, 5139.20, 5139.35, 5139.38, 5139.43, 5139.50, 5139.51, 5139.52, 5139.53, 5139.54, 5139.55, and 5139.56.

Sub. H.B. 18

Reps. Taylor, Gardner, Terwilleger, Fox, Garcia, Mason, Myers, Prentiss, Corbin, Thompson, Vesper, Harris, O'Brien, Roman, Johnson, Metzger, Amstutz, Olman, Mottl, Reid

Sens. Cupp, Blessing, Latta

Effective: January 30, 1998

Requires the Attorney General annually to prepare a "capital case status report" that includes specified information pertaining to each person sentenced to death in Ohio for an aggravated murder committed on or after October 18, 1981, and to file a copy of the report with the Governor, the Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate.

Modifies the law requiring criminal records checks of applicants for positions with a PASSPORT agency, home health agency, hospice care program, adult day-care program, or adult care facility that involve the provision of direct care to an older adult by permitting in specified circumstances the conditional employment of an applicant who is referred by an employment service; by waiving the criminal records check requirement
for a person who is referred by an employment service, who has been convicted of a disqualifying offense, and who meets the employing agency's, program's, or facility's personal character standards; and by making the report of a criminal records check available to persons involved in a case dealing with an applicant's employment or unemployment benefits.

Secs. 109.97, 173.41, 3701.881, 3712.09, 3712.121, and 3722.151.

Am. Sub. H.B. 32

Reps.  Reid, Bateman, Brading, Corbin, Garcia, Jerse, Lucas, Opfer, Winkler, Schuring, Olman, Vesper, Taylor, Terwilleger, Patton, Mottley, Grendell, Clancy, Pringle, Ogg, Boggs, Padgett, Roman, Verich, Lewis, Mottl, Mason, Perz, Householder, Young, Gerberry, Weston, Myers, Krebs, Metelsky, Miller, Ford, Jones, Thomas, Mead, Core, Harris, Stapleton, O'Brien, Salerno, Tavares, Womer Benjamin, Johnson

Sens.  Blessing, Howard, Latta, B. Johnson, McLin, Oelslager, DiDonato, Drake

Effective date:  March 10, 1998

Modifies the elements for one of the prohibitions contained within the offense of rape and one of the prohibitions contained within the offense of gross sexual imposition to specify that, in addition to applying when the offender administers a drug or intoxicant to the other involved person in one of the specified manners, the prohibitions also apply when the offender administers a controlled substance to the other involved person in one of the specified manners.

Requires that the mandatory prison term that must be imposed for a conviction of rape committed in specified circumstances be not less than five years if the offender administers a controlled substance to the victim surreptitiously or by force, threat of force, or deception, and clarifies that a mandatory prison term is required for rape regardless of the circumstances in which the offense is committed.

Makes the penalty for sexual battery a third degree felony in all circumstances in which the offense is committed.

Provides that gross sexual imposition is a third degree felony if the offender, to facilitate or commit the offense in a specified manner, administers any controlled substance to the victim surreptitiously or by force, threat of force, or deception.
Modifies the definition of "sexual conduct" that applies to the Sex Offense Law.

Secs. 2907.01, 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.05, 2929.13, and 2929.14.

Sub. H.B. 37

Reps. Bateman, Thompson, Haines, Lucas, Thomas, Ogg, Sawyer, Mottley, Taylor, Terwilleger, Corbin, Bender, Fox, Garcia, Batchelder, Mottl, Tiberi, Callender, O'Brien, Coughlin, Brading, Vesper, Reid, Harris, Stapleton, Sulzer, Roman, Winkler, Clancy, Krupinski, Lewis, Metelsky, Grendell, Johnson, Padgett, Williams, Schuler, Verich, Colonna, Patton

Sens. Blessing, Cupp, Latta, B. Johnson, Oelslager, Latell, Herington

Effective date: Emergency, June 11, 1997

Prohibits a person confined in a detention facility, in any manner and with an intent to harass, annoy, threaten, or alarm another person, from causing or attempting to cause another person to come into contact with a bodily substance.

Prohibits a person who is confined in a detention facility and who has knowledge that the person is a carrier of the HIV virus or the hepatitis virus or is infected with tuberculosis from engaging in such activity with an intent of that nature.

Specifies that a person who violates either prohibition commits the offense of harassment by an inmate and is guilty of a fifth degree felony for violating the first prohibition or a third degree felony for violating the second prohibition.

Amends Section 35 of Am. Sub. H.B. 117 of the 121st General Assembly, as amended by Am. Sub. S.B. 162 of that General Assembly and by Am. Sub. H.B. 210 of the 122nd General Assembly, to authorize counties to apply earlier to the Office of Criminal Justice Services for a grant to cover the costs of prosecuting indictments for aggravated murder, murder, or a felony of the first or second degree committed at an institution of the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction or the Department of Youth Services.

Sec. 2921.38.
Am. Sub. H.B. 93

Reps.  Reid, Fox, Jacobson, Mallory, Lucas, Sutton, Womer Benjamin, Garcia, Corbin, Roberts, Mottley, Haines, Grendell, Vesper, Mason, Tiberi, Clancy, Callender, Mottl, Roman, Lewis, Sawyer, Ford, Sulzer, Logan, Brading, Olman, Harris, Myers, Salerno, Terwilleger, Padgett, Thomas, O'Brien, Winkler, Colonna, Metzger, Krebs, Thompson, Bender, Weston, Buchy, Britton, Carey, Brady, Miller, Verich


Effective date: December 31, 1997

Expands the predicate offenses upon which an antistalking protection order may be issued to include felonious assault, aggravated assault, assault, and the violation of a municipal ordinance substantially similar to assault, aggravated menacing, menacing by stalking, menacing, or aggravated trespass, provided the offense alleged does not involve a family or household member of the alleged offender.

With respect to certain notices to be provided to an offender regarding the offender's duties under the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Law, retains the requirement that the sentencing judge or an official in the detention facility in which the offender is incarcerated provide the notice and obtain the offender's criminal history; removes the requirement that the judge or official obtain the offender's criminal history from the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation; and specifies that, if the notice is to be provided by a judge at the time of sentencing, the sheriff must provide the criminal history to the judge.

Secs. 2903.213 and 2950.03.

Sub. H.B. 106

Reps.  Winkler, Carey, Corbin, Fox, Harris, Krebs, Lucas, Metzger, O'Brien, Padgett, Perz, Roman, Thomas, Vesper, Ford, Garcia, Grendell, Clancy, Brading, Reid, Householder, Johnson, Myers, Bateman, Core, Damschroder, Mottley, Verich, Mottl, Cates, Pringle, Haines, Healy, Tiberi, Olman, Coughlin, Metelsky, Wilson, Salerno

Sens.  Blessing, Latta, B. Johnson, Oelslager, Watts, Herington, Carnes, White, Suhadolnik
Effective date: November 21, 1997

Increases the offense of assault from a first degree misdemeanor to a fifth degree felony when the victim is a school teacher or administrator or a school bus operator and the offense is committed on school premises, in a school building, on a school bus, or while the victim is outside of school premises or a school bus and is engaged in school-related duties or responsibilities.

Sec. 2903.13.

Sub. H.B. 151

Reps. Thomas, Johnson, Tiberi, Schuck, Vesper, Padgett, Van Vyven, Corbin, Mottley, Opfer, Krebs, Brading, Netzley, Schuler, Mason, Winkler, Bateman, O’Brien, Jacobson, Boggs, Thompson, Pringle, Garcia, Myers, Terwilleger, Grendell, Taylor, Hottinger, Maier, Fox, Haines, Cates, Lucas, Roman, Ford, Clancy, Damschroder, Gardner, Verich, Colonna, Core, Stapleton, Carey, Ogg, Womer Benjamin, Reid, Luebbers, Buchy, Metzger, Harris, Olman, Amstutz, Williams, Mottl, Weston, Bender, Metelsky, Lewis, Coughlin, Salerno

Sens. Oelslager, Latta, B. Johnson, Cupp, Blessing, Carnes, Gaeth, DiDonato, Horn, White, Nein, Dix, Watts, Gardner, Schafrath, Suhadolnik, Drake, Zaleski

Effective date: September 16, 1997

Expands the offense of aggravated robbery to prohibit a person, under specified circumstances, from knowingly removing or attempting to remove a deadly weapon from the person of a law enforcement officer (as defined under prior law plus an employee of the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction who carries a weapon) and from knowingly depriving or attempting to deprive the officer of a deadly weapon.

Requires that a prison term imposed upon an offender for a violation of the new aggravated robbery prohibition be served consecutively to any other prison term imposed upon the offender.

Expands the offense of resisting arrest to prohibit a person, recklessly or by force while resisting or interfering with a lawful arrest, from causing physical harm to a law enforcement officer (as defined under prior law), from recklessly causing physical harm to a law enforcement officer by means of a deadly weapon, and from brandishing a deadly weapon.
Expands the "victim was a peace officer" death penalty aggravating circumstance to apply when the victim is a "law enforcement officer" as the act defines that term for purposes of the new aggravated robbery prohibition.

Requires a court, in its weekly report of cases to the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCII) and with respect to a case involving the disarming of a law enforcement officer (as defined under prior law), to clearly state that the offense involved the disarming of a law enforcement officer, and requires the Superintendent of BCII to ensure that a clear statement of that fact is placed in BCII records.

Exempts under certain circumstances county and municipal prosecutors, their assistants, and secret service officers appointed by a county prosecutor from the offense of illegal conveyance of a deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance into a courthouse and illegal possession or control of a deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance in a courthouse.

Secs. 109.57, 2911.01, 2921.33, 2923.123, 2929.04, 2929.14, 2929.20, and 2953.08.

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Am. H.B. 161

Reps. Hottinger, Jacobson, Taylor, Schuler, Haines, Brading, Corbin, O'Brien, Garcia, Pringle, Mottley, Hood, Maier, Lucas, Mason, Batchelder, Carey, Grendell, Reid, Verich, Myers, Terwilleger, Olman, Clancy, Roman, Amstutz, Williams, Opfer, Bender, Mottl, Vesper, Miller, Buchy, Stapleton, Brady, Householder, Young, Thomas, Salerno

Sens. Blessing, B. Johnson, Howard, Oelslager, Dix, Gardner, Drake

Effective date: December 31, 1997

Expands the offense of obstructing justice to also prohibit a person from doing specified actions with the purpose of hindering the discovery, apprehension, prosecution, adjudication as a delinquent child, or disposition of a child for an act that would be a crime if committed by an adult or with the purpose of assisting a child to benefit from the commission of an act that would be a crime if committed by an adult.

Sec. 2921.32.

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Am. Sub. H.B. 182


Sens.  B. Johnson, Blessing, Kearns, Drake, Herington, Howard, Horn, Gardner, Nein, Gillmor, Gaeth, Ray, Watts, Cupp, Dix, Latta, DiDonato, Sheerer

Effective date: Emergency, October 1, 1997

Enhances the penalty for the offenses of telephone harassment, inducing panic, and making false alarms in certain instances when the violation results in economic harm.

Defines "economic harm," for purposes of those offenses, as all direct, incidental, and consequential pecuniary harm suffered by a victim of the criminal conduct.

Exempts from the Ohio Telephone Solicitation Law a publisher that solicits the sale of the publisher's periodical or magazine of general, paid circulation and certain persons who solicit the sale of a periodical or magazine of that nature as authorized by a publisher under a written agreement directly with a publisher's clearinghouse if the person is an Ohio resident for more than three years, initiates all telephone solicitations from Ohio, and complies with specific federal requirements.

Increases the amounts to be reserved from the School Foundation Basic Allowance to fund the state reimbursement of educational service centers for fiscal years 1998 and 1999.

Increases for fiscal year 1998 the supplemental unit amount for allocations to an entity other than a city, local, or exempted village school district for educational programs that contain vocational units; units for classes for handicapped children; units for child study, occupational or physical therapy, speech and hearing, adaptive physical development, special education supervisors, and special education coordinators; and units for the gifted; repeals those supplemental unit amounts for fiscal year 1999.

Authorizes a "qualified municipal corporation," not later than ten days after the act's effective date, to certify to the appropriate board of elections for placement on the ballot at the November 4, 1997, election a resolution proposing to place the question of renewing a "qualifying property tax levy" on that ballot and requires the board of
elections to perform all tasks necessary to place the question on the ballot for that election; repeals the authorization on November 5, 1997.

Secs. 2917.21, 2917.31, 2917.32, and 4719.01.

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**H.B. 238**

Reps. Coughlin, Van Vyven, Thompson, Schuring, Netzley, Thomas, Corbin, Taylor, Pringle, Williams, Bender, Garcia, Tiberi, Terwilleger, O'Brien, Sutton, Lucas, Callender, Mason, Gardner, Bateman, Mottl, Reid, Grendell, James, Myers, Damschroder, Vesper, Kaspitus, Haines, Brading, Brady, Clancy, Verich, Harris, Roberts, Sykes, Olman, Metzger, Tavares, Patton, Sulzer, Stapleton, Salerno

Sens. B. Johnson, Blessing, Latta, Howard, Oelslager, Dix, White, Watts, Ray

Effective date: November 5, 1997

Expands the list of offenses that, if previously committed by an offender who commits domestic violence, increase the penalty for the offense, depending upon the act committed, from a first degree misdemeanor to a fifth degree felony or from a fourth degree misdemeanor to a third degree misdemeanor.

Adds to that list negligent assault, aggravated menacing, menacing, and endangering children involving a person who was a family or household member at the time of the violation and a violation of a municipal ordinance that is substantially similar to one of the offenses continuing to be on the list or added to the list by the act and that involves a person who was a family or household member at the time of the violation.

Sec. 2919.25.

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**Sub. H.B. 275**

Reps. Haines, O'Brien, Garcia, Taylor, Buchy, Wachtmann, Hood, Callender, Lucas, Myers, Batchelder, Reid, Tiberi, Harris, Sawyer, Hottinger, Carey, Mottley, Amstutz, Wise, Williams, Terwilleger, Bateman

Sens. B. Johnson, Blessing, Gaeth, Kearns, Latta
Effective date: December 31, 1997

Exempts from the existing prohibition against discharging a firearm in or on a motor vehicle (part of the offense of "improperly handling firearms in a motor vehicle") a person who discharges a firearm from a motor vehicle at a coyote or groundhog, if the discharge is not during deer gun hunting season, the motor vehicle is on real property that is located in an unincorporated area of a township and that either is zoned for agriculture or is used for agriculture, the person owns or is a tenant on the agricultural property or is a spouse or child of the owner or tenant, and the person does not discharge the firearm in one of four specified manners.

Exempts from two existing prohibitions against transporting or having a firearm in a motor vehicle (part of the offense of "improperly handling firearms in a motor vehicle") a person who is the operator of or a passenger in a motor vehicle, if the vehicle is on real property that is located in an unincorporated area of a township and that either is zoned for agriculture or is used for agriculture, the person owns or is a tenant on the agricultural property or is a spouse or child of the owner or tenant, and the person, prior to arriving at that property, did not transport or possess the firearm in a motor vehicle in a prohibited manner.

Sec. 2923.16.

S.B. 2

Sen. Blessing

Reps. Corbin, Thomas, Garcia

Effective: June 20, 1997

Eliminates the provision specifying that it is an affirmative defense to the offense of possession of marihuana that the offender, pursuant to the prior written recommendation of a licensed physician, possessed the marihuana solely for medicinal purposes.

Sec. 2925.11.
Am. S.B. 32


Reps. Lucas, Garcia, Myers, Taylor, Winkler, Clancy, O'Brien, Coughlin, Damschroder, Reid, Brading, Thomas, Bateman, Mottl, Verich, Bender, Schuler, Tiberi, Ford, Ogg, Jones, Krebs, Mead, Corbin, Core, Vesper, Gardner, Maier, Perz, Haines, Weston, Carey, Salerno, Kasputis, Roman, Terwilleger, Harris, Metzger, Householder, Pringle

Effective date: August 6, 1997

Expands the offense of aggravated murder to also prohibit purposely causing the death of a victim who was under 13 years of age at the time of the commission of the offense.

Includes as a capital offense aggravating circumstance that the offender, in the commission of the offense, purposely caused the death of another who was under 13 years of age at the time of the commission of the offense when the offender either was the principal offender or, if not the principal offender, committed the offense with prior calculation and design.

Secs. 2903.01, 2929.04, and 2941.14.

Sub. S.B. 58

Sens. Latta, Blessing, Nein, B. Johnson, Espy, Gardner, Gaeth, Drake

Reps. Womer Benjamin, Callender, Mason, Garcia, Sutton, Thompson, Lewis, Jones, Ford, Salerno, Weston, Tavares, Mottley, Patton

Effective date: September 30, 1997

Increases the penalty for violating the prohibition against engaging in the unauthorized practice of law from an unclassified offense with a penalty of not less than $25 and not more than $500 to a first degree misdemeanor and rephrases the prohibition.

Removes the prohibition against a deputy sheriff practicing as an attorney at law in an Ohio court.

Secs. 4705.01, 4705.07, and 4705.99.
Sub. S.B. 82


Reps. Jerse, Mason, Taylor, Ford, Lucas, Sutton, Beatty, Tavares, Vesper, Verich, Boyd, Colonna, Gerberry, Mottl, Mottley, Harris, Metzger, Grendell, O'Brien, Maier, James, Kasputis, Patton, Terwilleger, Miller, Whalen, Willamowski, Pringle, Core, Britton, Mallory, Reid, Roman, Johnson, Padgett, Womer, Benjamin, Olman, Salerno

Effective date: January 30, 1998

Expands the offense of voyeurism to also prohibit a person, for the purpose of sexually arousing or gratifying the person's self, from committing trespass or otherwise surreptitiously invading the privacy of another to photograph the other person in a state of nudity (a second degree misdemeanor); to photograph the other person in a state of nudity if the victim is a minor (a first degree misdemeanor); or to photograph the other person in a state of nudity if the victim is a minor and the offender is a specified person in a position of authority over that minor (a fifth degree felony).

Sec. 2907.08.

Am. Sub. S.B. 111

Sens. B. Johnson, Blessing, Carnes, Watts, Gaeth

Reps. Garcia, Lewis, Johnson, Perz, Roman, Sawyer, Ogg, Padgett, Olman, Patton, Ford, Healy

Effective date: March 17, 1998

Repeals the early release programs for Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (DRC) inmates that pertain to furloughs for employment, education, or other approved purposes, furloughs for limited, specified purposes (for example, to visit a dying relative), conditional releases to a halfway house or community-based correctional facility, and electronically monitored early release and replaces them with a comprehensive "transitional control program" that DRC may establish for certain of its
inmates to "closely monitor their adjustment to community supervision during the final 180 days of their confinement" provided the sentencing court does not disapprove the transfer of the particular inmate to the program, and with a separate program of "escorted visits" of DRC inmates for specified limited purposes.

Permits DRC to operate or contract for the operation of "violation sanction centers" to be used for service of the term of a more restrictive post-release control sanction imposed upon a releasee who violates a post-release control sanction or for service of a sanction imposed upon a parolee determined to be a parole violator because of a violation of the terms and conditions of the parolee's parole or conditional pardon, and extends the preexisting law regulating civil actions brought by an inmate against a government entity or employee so that it also applies to a person confined in a violation sanction center.

In the preexisting provision that makes the offense of "assault" a fifth degree felony when it is committed, in specified circumstances, by an offender who has been sentenced for a crime to a state correctional institution or has been committed for a delinquent act to a Department of Youth Services institution and who is on a specified type of early release from the institution, modifies the terminology that identifies the types of early release that are within the scope of the provision to include transitional control, an escorted visit, or post-release control, and expands the provision to also apply to offenders who are under a community control sanction or any other type of supervision by a government agency.

In certain preexisting provisions pertaining to violators at large, persons who abscond from supervision, and other release violators, modifies the terminology used to include references to persons under transitional control or another form of authorized release, and transfers to the person's supervising field officer the duty to report if the person absconds from supervision.

Relocates the preexisting definitions of "post-release control" and "post-release control sanction."

Limits the preexisting definition of "alternative residential facility" that applies in the Criminal Sentencing Law so that, in order to be an alternative residential facility, a facility must receive the appropriate license or certificate for any specialized education, training, treatment, habitation, or other service it provides from the government agency responsible for licensing or certifying that type of education, training, treatment, habitation, or service.

Requires a mandatory prison term for a DRC officer or employee who commits the offense of "illegal conveyance of weapons onto the grounds of a detention facility or a mental health or mental retardation and developmental disabilities institution" or the
offense of "illegal conveyance of drugs of abuse onto the grounds of a detention facility or a mental health or mental retardation and developmental disabilities institution," and provides an affirmative defense to a charge of the first of those offenses if the weapon in question was legally carried in a motor vehicle and certain other criteria are satisfied.

Broadens the preexisting category of offenders eligible to stay in a halfway house to also include persons under transitional control and other offenders eligible under rules adopted by the Director of Rehabilitation and Correction.

Modifies the preexisting state mechanism regarding the funding of halfway house construction, regarding applications for funding, program planning for the facility, and construction and management of the facility.

Transfers from the Adult Parole Authority (APA) to DRC the duty to reduce the stated prison term of a prisoner for time already spent in pretrial or postconviction confinement and clarifies the application of the provision regarding prison terms for which there is parole eligibility.

Permits DRC, specified local correctional facilities, and facilities in which an offender serves a community residential sanction to test and treat a prisoner, involuntarily, if necessary, for tuberculosis, HIV infection, hepatitis, including hepatitis A, B, and C, and other contagious diseases, and specifies that the authority of local correctional facilities to do so generally extends to arrested persons held in the facility pending trial in addition to prisoners serving a sentence in the facility.

Provides that minors who are convicted after being transferred to an adult court for prosecution and who are incarcerated as a result of that conviction in state correctional institutions are considered emancipated for the purpose of consenting to medical treatment.

Replaces the Chief of the APA with the Chief of DRC's Bureau of Sentence Computation or another person specified by the Director of Rehabilitation and Correction as the administrator of the preexisting Interstate Agreement on Detainers.

Authorizes the Director of Rehabilitation and Correction to establish divisions in addition to those specified under preexisting law, offices, bureaus, and other administrative units within the Department and to prescribe their powers and duties and repeals a provision that prescribed the structure for divisions established by the Director.

Requires managing officers of institutions under DRC control (for example, "wardens" under the act) and deputy wardens appointed by the Director to have criminal justice experience and enacts provisions relative to the Director's appointment of deputy wardens.
Provides certain reinstatement protection for persons in the classified service who are appointed to unclassified service in DRC.

Repeals provisions that generally place APA employees in the classified civil service and certain other civil service-related provisions regarding APA employees.

Renames DRC's "program for employment" of prisoners as a "work program" for prisoners and changes some of the terminology and guidelines relating to that program.

Authorizes DRC to purchase liability insurance for prisoners who operate motor vehicles in the course of a work program, as if they were DRC employees, to cover their operation of the vehicles.

Limits the preexisting requirement that DRC require all persons who employ prisoners to meet work safety standards so that the requirement applies only to persons in private industry or agriculture who employ prisoners.

Permits DRC to recover specified costs of incarceration or supervision from certain offenders in its custody or under its supervision and provides a mechanism for the recovery of those cost debts out of specified assets of the offender in DRC's possession or in the possession of a third party.

Permits DRC to grant an "administrative release" to escapees from a state correctional institution when at least 20 years have passed since the escape and the escapee is at least 90 years old.

Clarifies that DRC, instead of the warden or superintendent of the institution, has custody of convicts who are under indictment for a crime committed while in a correctional institution.

Replaces the former provisions regarding the authority of and requirements for state parole and field officers to carry firearms with provisions authorizing the APA Chief to permit any APA employee to carry a firearm in discharging official duties if the employee has received basic firearms training approved by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission and annually completes approved firearms requalification.

Relocates the law providing protection for quality assurance records of DRC and the Department of Mental Health, redefines the confidentiality that is afforded regarding such records, establishes limited exceptions to the confidentiality provisions, and provides a penalty for a violation of the confidentiality provisions.

In the preexisting law regarding DRC's community corrections program subsidies, revises the eligibility criteria for the subsidies, the definitions of "community corrections programs" and "joint county corrections planning board" that apply relative to the
program, the membership of local corrections planning boards, and certain other details of the program.

Eliminates restrictions against the use of minimum security jails for misdemeanants or fourth or fifth degree felons convicted of an offense of violence and provides that convicted misdemeanants or fourth or fifth degree felons cannot be confined in such a jail unless the jail administrator or the administrator's designee determines that the offender is a minimal security risk.

Expands the provision that grants the restoration of voting rights to persons convicted of a felony who are granted probation, parole, or conditional pardon to also include persons convicted of a felony who are granted judicial release or are released under a post-release control sanction.

Secs. 9.83, 109.42, 307.93, 341.14, 341.19, 341.21, 341.23, 341.34, 753.02, 753.04, 753.16, 753.21, 2301.51, 2301.52, 2301.55, 2301.56, 2305.24, 2305.25, 2305.251, 2901.07, 2903.13, 2921.36, 2929.01, 2929.13, 2929.14, 2929.16, 2929.23, 2930.16, 2941.39, 2947.19, 2950.01, 2961.01, 2963.35, 2967.01, 2967.131, 2967.14, 2967.141, 2967.15, 2967.191, 2967.22, 2967.23, 2967.26, 2967.27, 2967.28, 2967.29, 2969.21, 2969.22, 2969.24, 2969.26, 3313.65, 5120.031, 5120.05, 5120.06, 5120.07, 5120.071, 5120.072, 5120.073, 5120.074, 5120.102, 5120.103, 5120.104, 5120.105, 5120.16, 5120.163, 5120.172, 5120.211, 5120.331, 5120.38, 5120.381, 5120.382, 5120.56, 5120.99, 5122.10, 5122.32, 5122.99, 5145.16, 5145.24, 5149.05, 5149.09, 5149.30, 5149.31, 5149.32, 5149.33, 5149.34, 5149.35, 5149.36, and 5149.37.

See also: House Bills 101, 209, 342, 378, and 471; House Joint Resolution 5; Senate Bills 1, 5, 37, 52, 53, 85, 87, 96, and 98
Am. Sub. H.B. 56

Reps. Callender, Gardner, Prentiss, Harris, Jones, Whalen, Metzger, Bateman
Sens. J. Johnson, Gardner

Effective date: Emergency, March 31, 1997

Restores authority of school districts and educational service centers to employ under administrative contracts employees who do not hold educator licenses as long as they meet the definition of a supervisor or management level employee for purposes of collective bargaining.

Revises the authority of a financial planning and supervision commission appointed to oversee a school district in a fiscal emergency to approve new debt and restructure the district's existing debt.

Requires that the financial recovery plan adopted by a financial planning and supervision commission be updated annually.

Secs. 3316.06 and 3319.02.

Sub. H.B. 269

Reps. Wise, Batchelder, Hottinger, Taylor, Corbin, Tiberi, Kasputis, Cates
Sens. Kearns, J. Johnson, Schafrath

Effective date: November 12, 1997

Authorizes the mayor of a city that contains the majority of the territory of a school district under state control pursuant to a federal court order to appoint the school board.

Includes on the appointed board of education, as nonvoting ex officio members, the presidents of (1) any state university that has its main campus located within the school district and (2) the community college with the largest main branch located within the district.
Transfers control of the district to the appointed school board once the federal court order releases the district from state control.

Suspends the statutes that permit voters of the district to change the number and organization of the school board, until a referendum is held on continuing the mayor's authority to appoint the board.

Schedules the referendum on the mayor's authority to appoint board members for the general election in the first even-numbered year occurring at least four years after the federal court releases the district from state control.

Requires the current superintendent, assistant superintendents, treasurer, business manager, and "other administrators" to submit their resignations to the appointed board when the federal court releases the district from state control.

Authorizes the mayor alone to appoint and dismiss a chief executive officer (CEO) of the district during the first 30 months after the appointed board initially assumes control of the district; requires board concurrence for the mayor to appoint the CEO after the 30-month period but before the referendum; and if the referendum passes, requires the board to appoint the CEO with the concurrence of the mayor.

Requires the CEO to appoint other officers and administrators, including ombudspersons.

Permits the state Superintendent of Public Instruction, upon request of the district, to exempt the district from certain state administrative rules or permit it to apply its state operating funds to debt payments.

Creates the community oversight committee to review and evaluate the mayoral appointment school governance plan in the school district.

Secs. 102.02, 3311.71, 3311.72, 3311.73, 3311.74, 3311.75, 3311.76, 3311.77, 3313.02, 3313.04, 3313.11, 3313.70, 3315.15, and 3329.08.

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**Sub. H.B. 396**

Reps. Mead, Gardner, Reid, Tiberi, Schuler, Jones, García, Thomas, Colonna, Corbin, Pringle, O'Brien, Tavares, Brading, Roman, Harris, Winkler, Bender, Olman, Fox, Lucas, Patton, Lewis, Amstutz, Opfer, Vesper, Johnson, Mottl, Whalen, Salerno, Mottley, Boyd, Maier, Haines, Perz, Terwilleger, Ogg, Krebs, Householder
Sens. Furney, Shoemaker, Oelslager, Schafrath, Kearns, Drake, Latell, DiDonato, Dix, Gardner, Howard, Finan, Hagan

Effective date: January 30, 1998; certain provisions effective July 1, 1998

Requires a school district to grant a high school diploma to a student who would otherwise attend school in the district but who attends and receives a diploma from the State School for the Blind or the State School for the Deaf, and who fulfills the graduation requirements of the district, and permits a district to grant a diploma to any student who receives a diploma from the State School for the Blind or Deaf whether or not the student fulfilled all district requirements.

Requires the State School for the Blind and the State School for the Deaf to notify a student's school district when that student is granted a diploma.

Transfers licensing of Head Start programs and facilities from the Department of Human Services to the Department of Education.

Specifies that persons supervising preschool programs must be on-site.

Requires the Department of Education to issue an annual report concerning the violations it finds during its preschool and latchkey inspections.

Repeals the law that permits entities exempt from day-care licensing to elect to license their programs with the Department of Human Services and that makes such an election irrevocable.

Secs. 2950.11, 3301.50, 3301.52, 3301.53, 3301.54, 3301.541, 3301.55, 3301.57, 3301.58, 3301.581, 3313.61, 3325.08, and 5104.02.

Sub. H.B. 412

Reps. Cates, Clancy, Terwillger, O'Brien, Mottley, Tiberi, Garcia, Corbin, Olman, Jacobson, Fox, Harris, Brading, Gardner, Perz, Padgett, Buchy, Thomas, Batchelder, Myers, Carey, Grendell, Vesper, Winkler, Brady, Krebs, Johnson, Wachtmann, Williams, Salerno

Sens. Cupp, Kearns, Drake, Watts, Gillmor, Finan

Effective date: November 21, 1997; certain sections effective other than November 21, 1997
Permits the Auditor of State to conduct a performance audit of a school district that is in a state of "fiscal watch" or "fiscal emergency."

Creates the School District Solvency Assistance Fund and establishes additional grounds for declaring a school district to be in a state of fiscal watch or fiscal emergency relating to the district's receipt of advancements from the new Fund.

Permits a financial planning and supervision commission established for a fiscal emergency school district to reduce the number of district employees if necessary to balance the district's finances.

Creates the Office of Education Accountability and Productivity, repealed by other legislation, that would have provided oversight for the collection and analysis of school district education performance and fiscal data.

Requires school boards to set aside portions of their annual revenues in a district budget reserve fund, a capital and maintenance fund, and a textbook and instructional materials fund.

Phases out the law permitting school districts to borrow against future fiscal year personal property tax collections.

Prohibits the state from approving loans under the existing Emergency School Loan Law after March 1, 1998.

Requires school districts to develop five-year projections of revenues and expenditures as part of their spending plans.

Secs. 133.301, 3301.85, 3313.484, 3313.94, 3315.17, 3315.18, 3316.03, 3316.042, 3316.07, 3316.20, 3319.17, 3319.225, 5705.29, 5705.38, 5705.391, and 5705.412.

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Am. Sub. S.B. 55

Sens. Watts, Oelslager, B. Johnson

Reps. Gardner, Harris, Fox, Williams, Wise, Kasputis, Callender

Effective date: November 21, 1997; certain provisions effective July 1, 1998
School district performance standards

Replaces the existing system for identifying schools as being educationally excellent or deficient with a system that identifies in statute the expected state performance standards for school districts.

Bases the performance standards on dropout rates, student attendance rates, and specific percentages of students who pass proficiency tests.

Provides for identification of school districts as "effective," "in need of continuous improvement," "under academic watch," or "in a state of academic emergency," according to the percentage of performance standards that have been met.

Requires a school district "in need of continuous improvement," "under academic watch," or "in a state of academic emergency" to implement a three-year continuous improvement plan.

Requires a school district "under academic watch" or "in a state of academic emergency" to be subject to intervention rules developed by the Department of Education and approved by the General Assembly.

Requires the Department of Education to recommend rules for approval by the General Assembly that would exempt school districts declared to be "effective" or "in need of continuous improvement" from complying with specified state education requirements in rules or statutes.

Enhanced kindergarten funding

Establishes, contingent on the voters' approval on November 4, 1997, of an education finance constitutional amendment that includes a 1¢ sales tax increase for education, enhanced state funding for all-day and extended kindergarten in certain urban and rural school districts.

Accommodation of traditional kindergarten

Requires any school district that offers all-day or extended kindergarten to accommodate students whose parents or guardians elect to enroll them for only the minimum number of hours per day required for kindergarten under the State Board of Education's rules.

Fourth grade guarantee

Prohibits school districts from promoting to fifth grade after July 1, 2001, any fourth grader who fails the state fourth grade reading proficiency test, unless the student
is a handicapped child excused from the test or the student's principal and reading teacher agree the student is academically prepared to be promoted.

Requires school districts to assess each student at the end of first, second, and third grade and identify students reading below their grade level, beginning in the 1998-1999 school year.

Requires school districts to offer intervention services to first, second, and third grade students identified as reading below grade level, including intense summer remediation after third grade.

Increases the number of times the fourth grade reading proficiency test must be administered from once to three times annually, including once in the summer before fifth grade, beginning in the 2001-2002 school year.

**Summer remediation and retention for fourth and sixth graders**

Permits school districts to retain any student who fails three of the five fourth grade or sixth grade proficiency tests, regardless of whether the student attends summer school.

Requires each city, exempted village, and local school district to offer summer remediation, beginning in the summer of 1999, to any student who fails to pass at least three of the fourth grade or sixth grade proficiency tests.

**Contracts with intervention providers**

Requires the Department of Education to recommend rules permitting school districts to contract with public and private providers of academic remediation and intervention to assist students in grades one through six outside school hours, and specifies that the rules take effect only upon the General Assembly's approval through passage of a joint resolution.

**Promotion policy; retention of truants**

Requires school districts to adopt grade promotion and retention policies.

Prohibits promotion to the next grade level of a student who has unexcused absences for more than 10% of the required school attendance days and has failed two or more subjects, unless the principal and teachers determine the student is academically prepared for promotion.
High school requirements

Replaces the statewide ninth grade proficiency tests with tenth grade proficiency tests and, beginning September 15, 2004, requires passage of all five tenth grade proficiency tests in order to receive a high school diploma.

Increases from 18 to 21 the total number of units necessary for students graduating after September 15, 2001, including increases in the required number of units of English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies and a requirement for one unit (or two half units) of business/technology, fine arts, or foreign language.

Requires the Ohio Board of Regents to recommend strategies for increasing the number of math and science teachers.

Provides a scholarship of at least $500 to each student who passes all five of the 12th grade proficiency tests after July 1, 1998.

Public access to proficiency tests

Requires the Department of Education to make available to the public the proficiency tests administered during the previous year, beginning July 1, 1999.

NAEP testing

Requires the scheduling of the proficiency tests to allow a reasonable length of time between them and the administration of the National Assessment of Education Progress tests given to students in the same grade level.

Student discipline

Requires each city, exempted village, and local school district to adopt, no later than July 1, 1998, a policy of "zero tolerance" for violent, disruptive, or inappropriate behavior and establish strategies ranging from prevention to intervention to address the behavior.

Requires each Big Eight school district, and other districts with "significantly substandard" graduation rates, to establish at least one alternative school for students with severe discipline problems.

Permits a school district to form a joint alternative school with one or more other districts.
Interdistrict open enrollment

Authorizes city, exempted village, local, and joint vocational school boards to expand interdistrict open enrollment to include students from any other school district, not just adjacent districts.

Site-based management

Requires school districts that do not meet at least 94% of the state performance standards and that have average daily memberships in excess of 5,000 students to establish one school building within the district to be managed by a site-based management council.

Community schools

Permits any person or group of individuals to propose, in a Big Eight school district (other than Toledo) only, the creation of a new, "start-up" community school that is not a conversion of an existing public school.

Permits the proposing individual or group to seek sponsorship from the Big Eight board, the board of any joint vocational school district with territory in the same county as the majority of the territory of the Big Eight district, the school board of another district in the same county, or the State Board of Education.

Eliminates the July 1, 2002, cut-off date for proposing the conversion of a public school to a community school.

Auxiliary services at religious schools

Permits certain diagnostic, therapeutic, and remedial services financed with state Auxiliary Services funds, along with instructional equipment associated with the services, to be provided on the premises of religiously affiliated schools, instead of in mobile units.

Repeal of Office of Education Accountability and Productivity

Repeals the Office of Education Accountability and Productivity established by Sub. H.B. 412 of the 122nd General Assembly.

State Board of Education and Board of Regents cooperation

Requires the State Board of Education and the Board of Regents to strive to reduce unnecessary student remediation costs at colleges and universities, increase overall access to higher education, enhance the Post-Secondary Enrollment Options program, and enhance the Alternative Educator Licensure program.
Secs. 3301.0710, 3301.0711, 3301.85, 3302.01, 3302.02, 3302.03, 3302.04, 3302.05, 3302.06, 3302.07, 3313.533, 3313.534, 3313.603, 3313.608, 3313.609, 3313.6010, 3313.61, 3313.98, 3313.983, 3314.01, 3314.02, 3314.03, 3314.05, 3314.10, 3314.11, 3314.20, 3317.02, 3317.023, 3317.06, 3317.064, 3317.08, 3321.05, 3333.35, and 3365.15.

Am. Sub. S.B. 102

Sens. Dix, Gillmor, B. Johnson, Blessing, Carnes, Cupp, Drake, Finan, Gaeth, Gardner, Horn, Kearns, Latta, Nein, Ray, Schafrath, White, Watts

Reps. Fox, Amstutz, Mead, Krebs, O’Brien, Corbin, Cates, Wise, Core, Netzley, Brading, Harris, Young, Myers, Jacobson, Jordan

Effective date: May 20, 1997; section 4115.04 effective August 19, 1997

Exempts from the Prevailing Wage Law public improvements and construction undertaken by school districts and educational service centers.

Creates the Ohio School Facilities Commission, consisting of the Director of Budget and Management, the Director of Administrative Services, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and four nonvoting legislative members, to administer the classroom facilities assistance program instead of the State Board of Education.

Permits classroom facilities acquired or constructed with money from the classroom facilities assistance program to include space for child day-care facilities and community resource centers.

Limits the first round of on-site visits by the Commission to school districts in the first through fifth percentiles of the most recent ranking of school districts according to adjusted valuation per pupil, and limits each succeeding round of on-site visits to the percentiles included in the preceding round plus the next five percentiles.

Requires the Commission to adopt specifications for plans and materials for classroom facilities not later than October 31, 1997, and provides that a school district that contracts for a design that exceeds the basic project cost determined using these specifications must pay the amount in excess of that basic project cost.

Prohibits a school district that has received classroom facilities assistance from receiving assistance again in connection with the same classroom facilities for ten years.
Requires that state funds set aside to pay the state share of the cost of a classroom facilities project be released for other projects if the district fails to approve a bond issue and the required one-half mill tax levy within one year of the approval of the project, and requires that districts whose funds are released be given first priority for later project funding as funds become available.

Permits certain school districts that had classroom facilities projects approved prior to September 17, 1996, to distribute the proceeds of the required one-half mill property tax in the manner permitted under continuing law.

Changes the method of calculating the district share of the project costs for school districts, and permits such project costs to include installation of site utilities and site preparation.

Requires that state funds set aside to pay the state share of the cost of a classroom facilities project be spent prior to the expenditure of school district funds on the project.

Provides that the Ohio School Facilities Commission may under certain conditions advance the funding priority under the classroom facilities assistance program for school districts that voluntarily enter into joint-use agreements with other districts.

Creates the school building emergency repair program (administered by the Ohio School Facilities Commission) to provide money to school districts to make certain repairs to school buildings.

Requires, generally, that any contract entered into by a school district under the classroom facilities assistance program or the school building emergency repair program must include a provision requiring that at least 80% of the individuals who perform work under the contract and any subcontract have been residents of Ohio for the preceding 18-month period.

Requires the Ohio School Facilities Commission instead of the Department of Education to approve plans for energy conservation measures submitted by a board of education.

Requires that the Legislative Budget Office conduct a five-year study of the effects of the act's prevailing wage exemption for school districts and educational service centers.

Authorizes the Treasurer of State to issue not to exceed $300 million in new bonds for the classroom facilities assistance program.

Appropriates $2 million in fiscal year 1998 and $2.4 million in fiscal year 1999 for operating costs of the program.
Appropriates $21,780,000 in fiscal year 1998 and $36,030,000 in fiscal year 1999 for debt service on obligations issued for the program.

Secs. 133.06, 3313.372, 3318.01, 3318.011, 3318.02, 3318.03, 3318.04, 3318.041, 3318.05, 3318.051, 3318.06, 3318.07, 3318.08, 3318.081, 3318.082, 3318.091, 3318.10, 3318.111, 3318.12, 3318.13, 3318.14, 3318.15, 3318.16, 3318.17, 3318.18, 3318.19, 3318.22, 3318.23, 3318.24, 3318.25, 3318.26, 3318.27, 3318.29, 3318.30, 3318.31, 3318.32, 3318.33, 3318.35, and 4115.04.

See also: House Bills 106, 182, 339, and 343; Senate Bills 6, 17, and 96
Am. Sub. S.B. 116


Reps. Jacobson, Kasputis, Garcia, Reid, Haines

Effective date: Emergency, December 9, 1997; Sections 4 and 5 and certain other provisions effective January 1, 2000

Changes certain penalties in the Elections Law.

Makes changes regarding the use of personal funds for a campaign for statewide office or office of member of the General Assembly.

Makes changes regarding what funds a campaign committee may "carry into" an election.

Requires certain statewide candidates in a primary election to file additional statements of contributions.

Changes the definitions of "contribution" for purposes of the Campaign Finance Law to include a transfer of funds from an inter vivos or testamentary trust or decedent's estate.

Authorizes the Secretary of State to contract with individuals or entities to examine campaign finance statements filed by statewide candidates.

Exempts the campaign committees of candidates for specified local offices from filing campaign finance statements if the committee signs a certificate that the committee will not accept contributions or make expenditures during an election period that exceed specified amounts.

Repeals language specifying that expenditures made by any person for a social or fund-raising activity are not considered an expenditure by or on behalf of a campaign committee.


Makes other changes in the Elections Law.
Secs. 3517.01, 3517.08, 3517.10, 3517.102, 3517.103, 3517.107, 3517.109, 3517.1010, 3517.11, 3517.13, 3517.154, 3517.155, 3517.992, 3599.02, 3599.11, 3599.12, 3599.14, 3599.17, 3599.18, 3599.19, 3599.20, 3599.21, 3599.22, 3599.23, 3599.25, 3599.30, 3599.31, 3599.32, 3599.35, 3599.36, 3599.37, 3599.38, 3599.39, and 3599.40.

See also: House Bills 182, 269, 390, and 445; Senate Bill 55
Am. H.B. 101

Reps.  Kasputis, Olman, Bateman, Callender, Garcia, Haines

Sen.  Carnes

Effective date:  September 16, 1997

Prohibits, under certain circumstances, a person from mooring, anchoring, or tying a vessel at a private dock without the consent of the owner of the dock and authorizes the owner of the dock to order the towing of any vessel found moored, anchored, or tied there in violation of the prohibition.

Sec. 1547.30.

Am. Sub. H.B. 172

Reps.  Johnson, Mottley, Corbin, Krebs, Terwilleger, Fox, Boyd, Garcia, Harris, Lewis, Pringle, Van Vyven, Winkler, Thompson, Core, Verich, Sykes, O'Brien

Sen.  Ray

Vetoed:  August 27, 1997

The act was vetoed by the Governor. It would have done all of the following:

Required the Director of Environmental Protection, not later than two months after the act's effective date, to terminate the enhanced motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program and implement a biennial basic program in any county classified as attainment for carbon monoxide and ozone under the Clean Air Act Amendments on July 1, 1996, and in which an enhanced program was in operation on that date (the Cleveland-Akron area and the Dayton area).

Required the Director to continue to implement an enhanced program in any county classified as nonattainment for carbon monoxide or ozone on July 1, 1996, under the Clean Air Act Amendments and in which such a program was in operation on that date (the Cincinnati area) until the area was redesignated as attainment for carbon monoxide and ozone and an enhanced program was not necessary for the area to maintain
compliance with federal air quality standards, at which time a biennial basic program would have had to be implemented.

Specified that the Director was not authorized to implement a motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program in any additional areas of the state that were not subject to motor vehicle testing prior to the act's effective date.

Established an inspection fee ceiling of $18.75 for inspections and reinspections conducted under the basic program, provided that in both the basic and enhanced programs, the inspection and reinspection fees could be used only to compensate the contractor, and required that in both programs, the inspection fee be paid for the initial inspection and the reinspection fee be paid only for the second and each subsequent reinspection, if any.

Made an appropriation to the Environmental Protection Agency from the General Revenue Fund to pay the Agency's costs in administering the motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program.

Authorized the Director of Administrative Services, when an enhanced program was converted to a basic program, to negotiate with the contractor for the enhanced program without seeking proposals from other contractors to operate the basic program; required the Director of Environmental Protection, pursuant to a release and permit and effective immediately, to modify the existing contract within 30 days and subjected the modification to binding arbitration if the Director was unable to do so; and required the Director of Environmental Protection, pursuant to a release and permit, to execute a new contract if the existing contract could not be modified.

Revised the requirement that a contract contain a liquidated damages provision for future contracts, required a contractor to enter into a lease for the provision of real property only if so required by the contract, and required a contract to be reviewed by the Attorney General before being awarded or renewed.

Required that a basic program, as well as an enhanced program, be operated solely by a contractor, eliminated all provisions authorizing licensed inspection stations to conduct reinspections under a basic program, and eliminated the authority for owners of fleets and governmental entities to self-inspect their vehicles.

Specified that anyone who knowingly falsified information concerning the results of a motor vehicle inspection or falsified an inspection certificate was guilty of falsification, and precluded a contractor from hiring such a person for a basic or enhanced program.
Abolished the Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program Legislative Oversight Committee, required the Director of Environmental Protection to submit annual written reports concerning the motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program to the chairpersons and ranking minority members of the House of Representatives and Senate committees that deal with environmental issues, and required those committees to review the program annually.

Required the Director to implement and supervise other programs needed in the Cleveland-Akron and Dayton areas, and possibly in the Cincinnati area, for those areas to maintain compliance with the carbon monoxide and ozone standards.

Established a local air council in the Cleveland-Akron area and the Dayton area, and in the Cincinnati area if it was reclassified as an attainment area, provided for the appointment of members, and required each council to submit recommendations to the Director concerning additional compliance programs to be implemented in the appropriate area.

Required the Director to evaluate the location of monitors for carbon monoxide and ozone to determine if they provide the state with the most scientifically accurate sampling of air quality.

Authorized the Director to request invalidation of air quality monitoring data for a county that exceeded the standards if the exceedence occurred during a period of abnormal weather conditions or abnormal traffic congestion caused by highway construction.

Required the Director to evaluate a motor vehicle emissions remote sensing program and authorized the Director to conduct a remote sensing pilot project.


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Am. H.B. 203

Reps. Wachtman, Reid, Schuler, Mottley, Garcia, Opfer, Terwilleger, Harris, Vesper, Grendell, Weston, Householder, Haines, Core, Hodges, Buchy, Ogg, Ford, Carey, Callender, Brading, Clancy, Netzley, Batchelder, Metelsky, Mead, Bender, Boggs, Mason, Taylor, Prentiss, Miller, Thompson, Verich, Sawyer, Salerno

Sens. Latta, Gardner, Blessing, Kearns, Gaeth, DiDonato, Hagan, Dix
Effective date: February 25, 1998

Requires the Chief of the Division of Wildlife in the Department of Natural Resources to adopt rules providing for the issuance of one-day fishing licenses to a resident of this state or any other state.

Prohibits the taking of mussels or the sale of mussels taken in this state.

Eliminates the requirement that a hunter or trapper wear a tag on the back of the hunter's or trapper's outer garment.

Authorizes certain statutory provisions governing hunting and fishing licenses, wetlands habitat stamps, deer or wild turkey permits, and fur taker permits to be changed by rule.

Increases from $1 to $2 the fee for reissuance of a lost, destroyed, or stolen hunting or fishing license, wetlands habitat stamp, deer or wild turkey permit, or fur taker permit, and allows license agents, in addition to clerks of courts of common pleas, to reissue such licenses, stamps, and permits if the Chief authorizes it.

Makes other changes in the statutes governing issuance of hunting and fishing licenses, wetlands habitat stamps, deer or wild turkey permits, and fur taker permits.


Am. Sub. H.B. 209


Sens. Latta, Blessing, Suhadolnik, Shoemaker, Watts, Nein, Herington, Dix, Carnes, White, B. Johnson, DiDonato, Kearns, Oelslager, Drake, Gaeth

Effective date: November 21, 1997

Requires the Chief of the Division of Wildlife, after consulting with owners, operators, and users of shooting ranges, representatives of local governments, and holders
of adjoining real estate, to establish generally accepted standards for shooting ranges that include standards for the limitation and suppression of noise at, the hours of operation of, and public safety at shooting ranges.

Permits the Chief to establish standards for reconstructing, enlarging, remodeling, and repairing shooting range structures, but provides that certain local laws creating such standards still apply.

Provides that an owner, operator, or user of a shooting range is not liable in damages in a civil action for harm allegedly caused by noise or the failure to limit or suppress noise at the shooting range if the person substantially complies with the Chief's noise rules.

Provides that an owner, operator, or user of a shooting range is not subject to criminal prosecution under a state or local law related to the creation, limitation, or suppression of noise if the person's conduct at the shooting range substantially complies with the Chief's noise rules.

Prohibits courts of common pleas, municipal courts, and county courts from granting injunctive relief against the owner or operator of a shooting range in a nuisance action if the court finds that the owner's or operator's actions or omissions that are the subject of the complaint substantially complied with the Chief's noise or public safety rules, whichever apply to the nuisance action.

Expands the Hunter Harassment Law by prohibiting a person, with the primary intent of affecting the behavior of the wild animal being hunted, from purposely preventing or attempting to prevent any person from hunting a wild animal by creating noise through the use of implements when the hunting occurs in a place where hunting may lawfully occur and the noise is created from a place other than the place where hunting may lawfully occur.

Secs. 1533.031, 1533.83, 1533.84, and 1533.85.

Am. Sub. H.B. 321

Sens. Carnes, Dix, DiDonato, White, Gillmor, Oelslager, Drake, Gaeth, Watts

Effective date: November 26, 1997

**Drinking Water Assistance Fund**

Establishes the Drinking Water Assistance Fund and, within that Fund, the Water Supply Revolving Loan Account to provide financial and technical assistance for the purpose of protecting public health and achieving and maintaining compliance with federal and state safe drinking water laws.

Provides that the Drinking Water Assistance Fund consists of capitalization grants received under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, moneys credited to the Fund from nonfederal sources, including the proceeds of bonds or notes, all payments of principal and interest on loans made from the Fund, and all investment earnings on moneys held in the Fund, and establishes fiscal controls for the Fund and criteria and procedures for the awarding of assistance from the Fund.

Allows the Ohio Water Development Authority to issue bonds or notes to provide state matching moneys required by federal law for the state to receive capitalization grants under the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Requires the Director of Environmental Protection to prepare a drinking water assistance management plan establishing the short-term and long-term goals for assistance from the Fund and for other matters related to the Safe Drinking Water Law.

**Administrative penalties**

Authorizes the Director to adopt rules for the assessment and collection of administrative penalties for failure to comply with requirements of the federal and state safe drinking water laws.

**Other provisions**

Requires a public water system that is a community water system, or that is not a community water system and serves a nontransient population, and that proposes to commence providing water after October 1, 1999, to document the system's technical, managerial, and financial capability to comply with the Safe Drinking Water Law.

Allows an investor-owned public utility that owns or operates a public water system or disposal system to self-certify that certain alterations to that public water system or disposal system comply with the Safe Drinking Water Law or Water Pollution Control Law, respectively.
Reduces certain laboratory evaluation fees and requires certain fees to be deposited in the continuing Drinking Water Protection Fund instead of the continuing Surface Water Protection Fund.

Eliminates the requirement that the Director approve certain contracts between county sewer districts and municipal corporations related to water supply improvements.

Secs. 3745.11, 6103.22, 6109.01, 6109.04, 6109.07, 6109.22, 6109.23, 6109.24, 6111.14, 6121.01, 6121.04, and 6121.06.

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Am. Sub. S.B. 11

Sen. Suhadolnik

Rep. Wachtmann

Effective date: August 6, 1997

Authorizes the Board of Directors of the Ohio Low-Level Radioactive Waste Facility Development Authority to select more than one contractor for the purposes of developing and operating a disposal facility in Ohio and extends the deadlines for doing so.

Authorizes the Board to request the Midwest Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Commission to move its principal office to this state.

Extends by six months each of the deadlines by which the Board must approve, modify and approve, or disapprove and, after approval, implement a statewide screening process and by which it must approve for site characterization at least three potentially suitable disposal sites.

Requires the Board to approve, approve with modifications, or disapprove the license application for the facility prior to its submission to the Department of Health.

Clarifies that the Board may hire unclassified employees.

Expands the Board's research grant program to include grants for the study and development of technology for the reduction of low-level radioactive waste.

Secs. 3747.05, 3747.06, and 3747.061.
Sub. S.B. 46

Sens. Carnes, Dix, Gaeth, White
Reps. Haines, Householder, Ogg, Opfer, Padgett, Vesper, Tiberi, Terwilleger, Lewis, Reid

Effective date: December 18, 1997

Requires the technical advisory council in the Division of Oil and Gas in the Department of Natural Resources to establish procedures for the development of an oil and natural gas marketing program and specifies the purposes of such a program.

Establishes procedures for a referendum by independent producers of oil and natural gas for the establishment of such a marketing program.

Requires the council to appoint an operating committee if such a program is established, specifies the membership of the committee, and requires the council to monitor the actions of the committee.

Authorizes an operating committee to levy assessments on the production of oil and natural gas to support the marketing program, requires first purchasers to collect the assessments, provides for a refund upon application, and establishes enforcement procedures for failure or refusal to withhold or remit the assessments.

Provides for suspension, review, and termination of an oil and natural gas marketing program.

Requires compliance with rules adopted by the Fire Marshal governing underground storage tanks in order to be eligible to receive payment from the Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Financial Assurance Fund.

Secs. 1509.38, 1510.01, 1510.02, 1510.03, 1510.04, 1510.05, 1510.06, 1510.07, 1510.08, 1510.09, 1510.10, 1510.11, 1510.12, 1510.13, 1510.99, 3737.91, and 3737.92.

See also: House Bill 34
Am. Sub. H.B. 170

Reps. Womer Benjamin, Batchelder, Tiberi, Harris, Myers, Mason, Schuler, Lewis, Britton, Salerno, Taylor, Reid, Cates, Haines, Mottley, Jones, Terwilleger, Miller, Colonna, Thompson, Callender, Garcia, Grendell, Verich, Householder, O'Brien, Opfer, Logan

Sens. Ray, Oelslager, Watts, Drake, Latta, Latell, Howard

Effective date: November 21, 1997; certain provisions effective January 1, 1998

Revises the Investment Securities Law by adopting Revised Article 8--Investment Securities of the Uniform Commercial Code, which governs the issuance and purchase of investment securities in both the direct and indirect securities holding systems; addresses the registration of the transfer of certificated and uncertificated securities; and sets forth the rights attached to a security entitlement and the duties of a securities intermediary.

Makes substantive and conforming changes to Article 9--Secured Transactions of the Uniform Commercial Code to generally address the creation and perfection of a security interest in an investment security, whether held directly or indirectly.

Adopts modifications to the General Corporation Law regarding control share acquisitions and the definitions of "person" and "interested shares."

Makes changes in the Limited Liability Companies Law relative to the formation and duration of a limited liability company and the withdrawal of a member from such a company.

Makes changes in the Limited Partnerships Law relative to the withdrawal of a limited partner from a limited partnership.

Secs. 1301.05, 1301.12, 1303.02, 1304.01, 1304.02, 1305.10, 1305.13, 1308.01 to 1308.28, 1308.31 to 1308.44, 1308.51 to 1308.61, 1309.01, 1309.03, 1309.112, 1309.113, 1309.14, 1309.20 to 1309.25, 1309.28, 1309.31, 1701.01, 1701.24, 1701.25, 1701.27, 1701.49, 1701.591, 1701.831, 1701.832, 1705.01, 1705.04, 1705.16, 1705.43, 1782.33, and 3901.51.


**Am. Sub. H.B. 248**

Reps. Reid, O'Brien, Garcia, Mottley, Fox, Vesper, Netley, Haines, Hottinger, Batchelder, Grendell, Myers, Mottl, Lewis, Buchy, Brading, Olman, Salerno

Sens. Ray, Dix, Watts, Gillmor, Latell, Drake, Gaeth, Kearns

Effective date: March 17, 1998

Requires insurers to adopt an antifraud program that includes written procedures for pursuing insurance fraud.

Requires insurers to report persons suspected of insurance fraud to the Department of Insurance.

Requires persons convicted of a felony while licensed as an agent or solicitor to report the conviction to the Superintendent of Insurance.

Defines "insurance fraud investigation" for the purpose of identifying which papers, documents, reports, and other evidence in the possession of the Superintendent of Insurance may constitute confidential law enforcement investigatory records.

Designates the office of the Warden in the Department of Insurance as a criminal justice agency in investigating reported violations of law relating to insurance.

Replaces statutory references to the Division of Insurance Fraud in ongoing law pertaining to the investigation of fraudulent insurance acts, with references to the Superintendent of Insurance and designees of the Superintendent.

Secs. 3901.03, 3901.44, 3905.49, 3905.491, 3999.31, 3999.41, and 3999.42.

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**Am. Sub. H.B. 261**

Reps. Hottinger, Batchelder, Buchy, Garcia, Householder, Tiberi, Van Vyven, Mason, Metelsky, Tavares, Olman, Stapleton, Haines, Amstutz, Corbin, Carey, Terwilleger, Harris, Myers, Roman, Lewis, Sawyer, Ogg, Krupinski

Sens. Ray, Zaleski, Dix, Gillmor, Watts, Nein, Gardner, Gaeth, Schafrath, White

Effective date: September 3, 1997

Modifies Ohio's Uninsured and Underinsured Motorists Law with various changes, including the following:
--Providing, by definition, that certain motor vehicles are not uninsured or underinsured motor vehicles;

--Defining certain insurance policies as automobile liability or motor vehicle liability policies of insurance, subject to the Uninsured and Underinsured Motorists Law;

--Requiring that the rejection of uninsured and underinsured motorist insurance, or the election of differing limits of coverage, be in a writing signed by the applicant or insured;

--Limiting the insured's right to recover when the owner or operator of the uninsured motor vehicle has an immunity;

--Requiring independent corroboration of a claim to recover for injuries caused by an unidentified motorist;

--Allowing insurers to include terms and conditions that may preclude an insured's recovery under certain circumstances.

Modifies the Financial Responsibility Law to permit occupational driving privileges for certain first-time violators.

Secs. 3937.18, 4509.101, and 4509.105.

H.B. 338

Reps. Callender, Womer Benjamin, Garcia, Batchelder, Clancy, Gardner, Wise, Amstutz, Buchy, Harris, Tiberi, Miller, Lewis, Verich, Grendell, Reid, Tavares, Salerno


Effective date: November 5, 1997; Sections 1 and 2 effective July 1, 1998

Revises the Letter of Credit Law by adopting Revised Article 5--Letters of Credit of the Uniform Commercial Code, which provides for the issuance, amendment, and revocability of letters of credit; specifies the rights and duties of issuers, confirmers, beneficiaries, and applicants; sets forth the rights of an issuer or applicant in the event of fraud or forgery; addresses the transferability of a letter of credit and the assignability of proceeds from a letter of credit; specifies the rights and duties of a successor of a beneficiary; and addresses enforcement issues with respect to letters of credit, including
the rights of specified parties if there is a wrongful dishonor, the applicable statute of
limitations, choice of law considerations, and subrogation rights.

Makes substantive and conforming changes to Article 9--Secured Transactions to
generally address creditors' rights with respect to proceeds of a letter of credit, and makes
conforming changes to other provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

Secs. 1301.05, 1302.56, 1305.01 to 1305.16, 1309.01, 1309.03, 1309.04, 1309.23,
and 1309.24.

Am. Sub. H.B. 361

Reps. Van Vyven, Tavares, Bender, Boyd, Brading, Carey, Clancy, Corbin,
Coughlin, Ford, Garcia, Gerberry, Hottinger, Krupinski, Lawrence, Maier,
Miller, Mottley, O'Brien, Olman, Opfer, Padgett, Perz, Salerno, Sawyer,
Schuler, Schuring, Stapleton, Taylor, Terwilleger, Tiberi, Vesper, Wachtman,
Wise, Roman, Metelsky, Lewis, Netzley, Householder, Logan, Mason, Winkler,
Myers, Ogg, Britton, Whalen, Patton, Callender, Jerse, Mottl, Reid,
Damschroder, Thomas, Harris, Bateman, Roberts, Amstutz, Beatty, Verich,
Wilson, Willamowski, Jones, Buchy, Prentiss, Weston

Sens. Ray, Gillmor, Suhadolnik, Watts, Oelslager, Drake, Horn, Kearns, Schafrath,
Finan, Gardner, Howard

Effective date: Emergency, December 16, 1997; certain provisions effective March 16,
1998; certain other provisions effective October 1, 1998

Provider-health plan provisions

Adopts the Physician-Health Plan Partnership Act.

Requires the Superintendent of Insurance to prescribe a standard credentialing
form to be used by health insuring corporations in credentialing providers.

Requires a health insuring corporation to give participating providers an
opportunity to take corrective action prior to terminating the provider's participation in
the health insuring corporation.

Prohibits the inclusion of certain provisions in a health insuring corporation's
contract with a provider or health care facility, including "gag" clauses.
Requires a health insuring corporation to make certain disclosures to participating providers and provider applicants.

Regulates aspects of enrollees' access to covered health care services, including their access to emergency services, specialists, and nonformulary drugs, and provides for an external review of a health insuring corporation's denial of coverage for certain terminally ill enrollees.

Permits the copayment charged an enrollee on a physician office visit to exceed 30% of the total cost of the visit.

Prohibits a health insuring corporation or utilization review organization that has authorized an admission, treatment, or health care service from retroactively denying the authorization if the health care was rendered in good faith.

Requires a health insuring corporation that provides basic health care services to implement a quality assurance program consistent with listed requirements.

Regulates the conduct of utilization review by health insuring corporations.

**Workers' Compensation Law**

Authorizes the Administrator of Workers' Compensation to transfer surplus computers and computer equipment directly to an accredited public school within Ohio.

Specifies circumstances under which a board of county commissioners may be granted status as a self-insuring employer under the Workers' Compensation Law for the sole purpose of constructing a sports facility.

Secs. 1751.02, 1751.03, 1751.04, 1751.12, 1751.13, 1751.521, 1751.73, 1751.74, 1751.75, 1751.77, 1751.78, 1751.79, 1751.80, 1751.81, 1751.82, 1751.83, 1751.84, 1751.85, 1751.86, 1753.01, 1753.03, 1753.04, 1753.05, 1753.06, 1753.07, 1753.08, 1753.09, 1753.10, 1753.14, 1753.16, 1753.21, 1753.23, 1753.24, 1753.28, 1753.30, 3901.04, 3901.041, 3901.16, 3924.10, 4121.121, 4123.01, 4123.25, 4123.35, and 4123.512.

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**Sub. H.B. 370**

Reps. Batchelder, Buchy, Carey, Cates, Colonna, Garcia, Haines, Hodges, Householder, Jerse, Metelsky, Mottley, Netzley, Reid, Schuler, Stapleton,
Reorganization

Permits a mutual insurance company, alone or with one or more other mutual insurance companies and pursuant to a reorganization plan, to reorganize as a stock insurance company that is a subsidiary of a mutual insurance holding company or of an intermediate holding company.

Adoption of a reorganization plan

Requires a mutual insurance company that reorganizes under the act to adopt a reorganization plan.

Requires the reorganization plan to provide for the incorporation of a mutual insurance holding company, while providing for the continuation of the corporate existence of the mutual insurance company as a stock insurance company.

Requires approval of a reorganization plan that has been adopted by a mutual insurance company's board of directors by a majority of the policyholders voting at a policyholders' meeting.

Requires the Superintendent of Insurance to review and approve a reorganization plan prior to a mutual insurance company proceeding with the plan.

Permits the Superintendent to hold one or more public hearings on the plan following policyholder approval of the plan.

Requires the Attorney General to review and approve all articles of incorporation adopted by a mutual insurance company's policyholders in connection with a reorganization plan prior to the mutual insurance company proceeding with the plan.

Provides that the costs and expenses of the process of reorganization are to be paid for or reimbursed by the mutual insurance company, the reorganized stock company, or an intermediate holding company.
Challenges to a reorganization plan

Requires any action challenging the validity of, or arising out of, actions taken or proposed to be taken in connection with a reorganization under the act to be commenced no later than 30 days after the effective date of the reorganization.

Effects of a reorganization plan

States that the Superintendent of Insurance has jurisdiction, upon a reorganization plan taking effect, over the mutual insurance holding company, and, if applicable, over the intermediate holding company, "in order to ensure that the interests of the mutual insurance company's policyholders are protected."

Provides that the corporate existence of a mutual insurance company continues in the reorganized stock company, upon a reorganization plan taking effect; that all of the assets, rights, franchises, and interests of the mutual insurance company are vested in the reorganized stock company; and that all of the obligations and liabilities of the mutual insurance company are assumed by the reorganized stock company.

Deems a mutual insurance holding company, and its intermediate holding company, if any, to be insurers subject to financial examination by the Superintendent and subject to the Insurers Supervision, Rehabilitation, and Liquidation Act.

Amending the articles of a mutual insurance holding company; issuance of shares by a reorganized stock company

Permits members to adopt amendments to the articles of incorporation of a mutual insurance holding company at any members' meeting upon notice as specified in the act and the affirmative vote of at least three-fifths of the members present and voting. The adopted amendment must be submitted to the Attorney General for examination and approval.

Prohibits the issuance of shares by a reorganized stock company or an intermediate holding company, in addition to those issued pursuant to a reorganization plan, without the prior approval of the mutual insurance holding company as its majority shareholder.

Other forms of reorganization

Permits a mutual insurance company to reorganize by merging its policyholders' membership interests into a domestic or foreign mutual insurance holding company and continuing the corporate existence of the mutual insurance company as a reorganized stock company.
Permits a mutual insurance holding company to reorganize by merging or consolidating its membership interests into another domestic or foreign mutual insurance holding company.

Requires these reorganizations to comply with applicable provisions of the act and applicable laws of foreign jurisdictions.

**Grant of rule-making authority to the Superintendent of Insurance; Attorney General's authority over transactions of nonprofit health care entities**

Permits the Superintendent to adopt rules to carry out the act's purposes.

Acknowledges the Attorney General's statutory and common law authority to review any transaction involving nonprofit health care entities, and to protect and preserve charitable assets and charitable trusts of such entities.

Secs. 3901.043, 3913.25, 3913.26, 3913.27, 3913.28, 3913.29, 3913.30, 3913.31, 3913.32, 3913.33, 3913.34, 3913.35, 3913.36, 3913.37, 3913.38, and 3913.40.

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**Am. Sub. H.B. 371**


Sens. Ray, Drake, Suhadolnik, Gardner, Dix, Latta

Effective date: February 25, 1998

**Collection of delinquent real property taxes**

Provides an optional procedure under which county treasurers of counties having a population of at least 200,000 can collect delinquent property taxes by selling tax certificates on delinquent properties to private parties by public auction, and treasurers of counties having a population of at least 1,400,000 can collect delinquent property taxes by selling such tax certificates through a negotiated sale.

Allows the holder of a tax certificate to attempt to recoup its costs of buying the certificate by requesting that the county institute foreclosure proceedings against the property or, in the case of a negotiated sale, by having a private attorney on behalf of the
certificate holder file with the county treasurer a notice of intent to foreclose; if the foreclosure sale is successful, the certificate holder is reimbursed for the purchase price of the certificate plus interest.

Provides that after a tax certificate sale but before foreclosure proceedings are commenced, the owner of the delinquent property can pay the taxes owed on the property plus interest charges, either in a lump sum or installments, and requires that the payment be used to reimburse the tax certificate holder for the purchase price of the certificate with interest.

Provides that a tax certificate holder is not liable for damages arising from a violation of state environmental laws committed by another person on the certificate parcel.

Other provisions

Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds in support of and in combination with revenue bonds issued for the purposes of the State Infrastructure Bank.

Authorizes the Department of Commerce to use Social Security numbers contained in unclaimed funds reports to enable the Division of Unclaimed Funds to carry out the purposes of the Unclaimed Funds Law.

Secs. 169.03, 317.08, 323.25, 323.31, 1109.65, 5301.25, 5528.51, 5528.53, 5528.54, 5528.57, 5538.53, 5721.01, 5721.03, 5721.06, 5721.10, 5721.30 to 5721.41, and 5721.46.

Sub. H.B. 374


Effective date: Emergency, June 30, 1997

**Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act**

Provides for the implementation of the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) by doing the following:

--With respect to the small group insurance market, adopting standards regarding maximum preexisting condition exclusions, portability, guaranteed renewability, guaranteed issue, disclosure, premium limitations, special enrollment periods, and affiliation periods, that apply to health benefit plans covering small employers (2-50 employees);

--With respect to the large group insurance market, adopting standards regarding maximum preexisting condition exclusions, portability, guaranteed renewability, disclosure, premium limitations, special enrollment periods, and affiliation periods, that apply to employment-related group policies and contracts other than those issued to small employers;

--With respect to the individual insurance market, adopting standards regarding guaranteed renewability, open enrollment for federally eligible individuals, network plans, and financial capacity limits, that apply to both individual policies and contracts and nonemployment-related group health plans.

--Amending the law on conversion coverage offered individuals who terminate employment or membership in a group, by requiring group contracts and policies to provide an option to federally eligible individuals for conversion to a basic or standard plan established by the board of directors of the Ohio Health Reinsurance program;

--Revising the definitions of "qualified dependent" and "eligible medical expense" for purposes of the Medical Savings Accounts Law;

--Addressing additional insurance issues, including coverage of dependents, unfair trade practices, enrollment authority of health insuring corporations, and genetic screening.

**Coverage of follow-up care for a mother and newborn**

Increases, under certain circumstances, the number of hours of follow-up care provided to a mother and newborn that is required to be covered by insurance.

Secs. 1739.05, 1751.06, 1751.15, 1751.16, 1751.18, 1751.57, 1751.58, 1751.59, 1751.61, 1751.64, 1751.65, 1751.67, 3901.044, 3901.21, 3901.49, 3901.491, 3901.50, 3901.501, 3923.021, 3923.122, 3923.26, 3923.40, 3923.57, 3923.571, 3923.58,
Am. Sub. S.B. 40

Sens.  White, Ray, Drake, Watts, Dix, Carnes, Blessing, Finan, Gillmor, Gardner, Nein, Suhadolnik, Gaeth

Reps.  Miller, Lewis, Colonna, Tiberi, Myers, Gerberry, Householder, Stapleton, Schuler, Verich, Garcia, Mallory, Corbin, Mottley, Reid, Gardner, Metelsky, Johnson, Sulzer, Prentiss, Brading, Cates, Hottinger, Olman, Salerno

Effective date:  Emergency, May 21, 1997

Revises the Savings and Loan Association Law and the Savings Bank Law relative to the establishment of banking offices, interstate branching, interstate acquisitions, examinations by the Division of Financial Institutions, and annual assessments.

Revises the Banking Law relative to the establishment and acquisition of banking offices, and to conversions, acquisitions, mergers, consolidations, and other transactions involving Ohio banks.

Recognizes in its declaration of an emergency that on and after June 1, 1997, the federal Riegle-Neal Interstate Banking and Branching Efficiency Act of 1994 permits nationally chartered banks to engage in interstate branching.

Makes banks, trust companies, and savings and loan associations subject to the Foreign Corporations Law, and requires, under certain circumstances, that banks, savings banks, and savings and loan associations chartered under federal law, the main offices of which are located in another state, notify the Secretary of State that they are transacting business in Ohio.

For purposes of the recently revised Trust Company Law, specifies the application of the Banking Law to certain fiduciaries, defines "charities" and "charitable trusts," and redefines "trust business."

Secs. 1101.01, 1101.03, 1101.15, 1101.16, 1111.01, 1115.01, 1115.05, 1115.11, 1115.14, 1117.01, 1121.06, 1121.11, 1151.01, 1151.05, 1151.052, 1151.60, 1151.71, 1155.09, 1155.091, 1155.13, 1161.01, 1161.05, 1161.07, 1161.76, 1161.79, 1163.12, 1163.121, 1163.16, 1703.01, 1703.02, 1703.031, and 1703.08.
Am. Sub. S.B. 67


Reps. Van Vyven, Reid, Mottley, Metelsky, Lewis, Garcia, Haines, Brading, Miller, Vesper, Jerse, O'Brien, Winkler, Opfer, Roberts, Patton, Grendell, Perz, Thompson

Effective date: Emergency, June 4, 1997

Provides uniform regulation of providers of managed health care by doing the following:

--Enacting a new chapter of the Revised Code, Chapter 1751., to provide for (1) the establishment and operation of "health insuring corporations," which are defined as profit or nonprofit corporations that, pursuant to a policy, contract, certificate, or agreement, pay for, reimburse, or provide, deliver, arrange for, or otherwise make available, basic health care services, supplemental health care services, or specialty health care services, or a combination of basic health care services and either supplemental or specialty health care services, through either an open panel plan or a closed panel plan, and (2) the regulation of such corporations, including provisions relating to licensure, deposit of securities, minimum net worth, permissible investments, quality controls, and examinations by the Superintendent of Insurance and Director of Health.

--Repealing the laws that had governed prepaid dental plan organizations, medical care corporations, health care corporations, dental care corporations, and health maintenance organizations.
Am. Sub. S.B. 70


Reps. Mottley, Tavares, Haines, Householder, Healy, Garcia, Lewis, Metelsky, Schuck, Jerse, Buchy, Reid, Logan, Maier, Thomas, Padgett, Terwilleger, Pringle, Lucas, Sulzer, Patton, Johnson, Womer Benjamin, Sutton, Thompson, Boyd, Mead, Ford, Salerno, Corbin, Metzger, Myers, Brading, Core, Olman, Miller, Opfer, Brady, Vesper, Gardner, Damschroder, Harris, O'Brien, Roman, Sykes, Grendell

Effective date: October 21, 1997

Makes it an unfair practice for any insurer to take certain adverse actions against policies and contracts of life and health insurance because the applicant or insured is a victim of domestic violence.

Applies, in general, to adverse actions that are related to the issuance, rates, and coverage of these contracts and policies and to inquiries made to applicants for and insureds under the contracts and policies.

Subjects persons who engage in the specified adverse actions to the penalties and remedies of the law governing unfair and deceptive acts or practices in the business of insurance.

Provides civil and criminal immunity to an insurer acting in compliance with the act.

Sec. 3901.21.

See also: House Bills 158, 242, and 478; Senate Bill 45
HEALTH AND SAFETY

Sub. H.B. 25

Reps. Lucas, Hood, Terwilleger, Pringle, Householder, Miller, James, Lewis, Gerberry, Garcia, Vesper, Mottl, Sawyer, Whalen, Ogg, Thomas, Harris

Sens. Drake, Hagan, Gardner, Dix

Effective date: October 14, 1997; Sections 1 and 2 effective January 12, 1998

Requires a business that offers tattooing or body piercing services to obtain approval from a local board of health and to perform the procedures in accordance with rules for safety and sanitation adopted by the Public Health Council.

Requires a board of health to inspect a business before approving it and permits a board to inspect an approved business at any time the board considers necessary.

Permits a board to suspend or revoke the approval of a business the board determines is being operated in violation of the act or the rules adopted under it.

Prohibits any person from performing tattooing or body piercing procedures on a minor without the consent of the minor’s parent, guardian, or custodian.

Requires a business that offers ear piercing services performed with an ear piercing gun to obtain parental consent prior to performing ear piercing on a minor and to disinfect and sterilize the gun.

Provides that the act does not prohibit municipal corporations and certain townships from adopting ordinances or resolutions that prohibit the establishment of tattooing or body piercing businesses.

Secs. 2151.02, 3709.09, 3730.01 to 3730.11, and 3730.99.

Am. Sub. H.B. 113

Reps. Terwilleger, Cates, Schuler, Opfer, Padgett, Roman, Hood, Mallory, Williams, Corbin, Wachtmann, Harris, Thompson, Garcia, Buchy, Lewis, Mead, Reid, Vesper, Brading, Krebs, Stapleton, Verich, Logan
Sens. Dix, Drake, White

Effective date: November 12, 1997

Specifies that a food service operation that includes the preparation and serving of bakery products is regulated only under the law governing food service operations.

Creates the Food Safety Council to study requirements for duplicative or concurrent inspection and licensing of retail food establishments and food service operations and report its findings, and "sunsets" the Council six months after it issues a report to the General Assembly.

Provides that the preparation and sale of stuffed breads is subject to the law governing bakeries.

Secs. 911.01, 911.011, and 3732.07.

Sub. H.B. 187

Reps. Thomas, Van Vyven, Brading, Taylor, Terwilleger, Myers, Mottley, Garcia, Harris, Corbin, Lewis, Opfer, O'Brien, Grendell, Lucas, Bender, Ford, Olman, Fox, Tavares, Lawrence, Thompson, Prentiss, Logan, Boyd, Vesper, Williams, Patton, Mason, Core, Mottl, Sykes, Carey, Padgett, Sawyer, Ogg, Mead, Householder, Reid, Johnson, Beatty, Healy, Cates, Stapleton, Verich, Roman, Jones, Miller, Salerno

Sens. Drake, Gillmor, Nein, Hagan, Kearns, Carnes, Watts, Oelslager, Schafrath

Effective date: October 14, 1997

Requires the State Medical Board to establish standards and procedures for physicians to follow in the diagnosis and treatment of intractable pain, including standards for managing intractable pain by prescribing, dispensing, or administering dangerous drugs in amounts that may not be appropriate when treating other medical conditions.

Provides that a physician is subject to discipline for treatment of intractable pain with dangerous drugs only if the physician fails to comply with the requirements imposed by the act or rules adopted by the Board.

Secs. 4731.052 and 4731.283.
Am. Sub. H.B. 242

Reps. Van Vyven, Maier, Schuring, Bender, Boggs, Brading, Buchy, Corbin, Ford, Fox, Garcia, Grendell, Hagan, Haines, Healy, James, Jerse, Jones, Krebs, Krupinski, Lewis, Logan, Metelsky, Miller, Mottl, Mottley, Ogg, Olman, Opfer, Roman, Sawyer, Schuler, Sykes, Weston, Wilson, Tavares, Patton, O'Brien, Winkler, Roberts, Thompson, Verich, Colonna, Harris, Johnson, Thomas, Mead, Reid

Sens. Blessing, Cupp, Oelslager, Latta, Drake, B. Johnson, Carnes, Watts, Gillmor, Kearns, Nein, Gardner

Effective date: Emergency, May 7, 1997

Requires the Attorney General to review and approve or disapprove proposed transfers of assets by certain nonprofit health care entities to for-profit entities.

 Defines "nonprofit health care entity" to include nonprofit hospitals and tax-exempt health maintenance organizations and insurance companies (that were previously hospital service associations) created for any charitable or social welfare purpose related to health care.

 Requires a nonprofit health care entity to submit to the Attorney General notice and other documents relating to the transfer of assets and declares such documents to be public records, if they are public records under existing law.

 Specifies that the proceeds of an approved transaction subject to the act must be dedicated and transferred to an existing or new charitable organization exempt from federal income tax unless certain conditions are met authorizing dedication and transfer to another person.

 Establishes an appeal procedure for transactions subject to the act that are disapproved by the Attorney General.

 Prohibits a nonprofit health care entity from entering into a transaction subject to the act without the Attorney General's approval.

 Prohibits an officer, director, board member, or other fiduciary of a nonprofit health care entity from receiving anything of substantial value relating to a transaction subject to the act if it is of such a character as to manifest a substantial and improper influence on that person.
Requires nonprofit health care entities involved in a "nonprofit combination" as defined by the act to provide notice of the combination to the Attorney General and the public.


Am. Sub. S.B. 5


Reps. Amstutz, Johnson, O'Brien, Roberts, Mead, Metelsky, Cates, Prentiss, Core, Opfer, Verich, Metzger, Carey, Mallory, Lewis, Bateman, Terwilleger, Sulzer, Britton, Boyd, Padgett, Salerno, Brading, Vesper, Roman, Mason, Householder, Olman, Grendell, Corbin, Reid, Myers, Logan, Patton, Krebs, Taylor, Garcia, Thomas

Effective date: November 5, 1997; certain provisions effective February 4, 1998

Requires the State Board of Education to establish a training program for emergency service telecommunicators, and provides that employees of public emergency service providers may attend courses in the program without charge and obtain certification upon successful completion of the program.

Provides that emergency service telecommunicator certification also can be obtained through courses conducted by proprietary schools or public emergency service departments.

Establishes curriculum requirements for emergency service telecommunicator certification courses, and continuing education requirements for telecommunicators to maintain certification.

Provides that the board of trustees of a joint fire district or fire and ambulance district may establish reasonable charges for the use of ambulance or emergency medical services.

Extends for two years, until December 31, 1999, the statutory authority for the "Lifeline" telephone service program for qualifying low-income residential customers, and the tax credit to which telephone companies are entitled for providing the service.

Concerning assessments paid by public utilities and railroads to operate the Public Utilities Commission and the Office of the Consumers' Counsel, requires the Director of
Budget and Management to take into account credits given for prior overpayments when making certain fund transfers to the General Revenue Fund during fiscal year 1998.

    Makes an appropriation.

    Secs. 505.371, 505.375, 4742.01, 4742.02, 4742.03, 4742.04, 4742.05, and 4742.06.

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See also: Senate Bills 25, 87, and 111
Am. Sub. H.B. 39


Sens. Oelslager, Watts, Carnes, Latta, White, Howard, Schafrath, Dix, Gardner, Gaeth

Effective date: September 16, 1997

Permits the clerk of a court of common pleas to accept payment of any tax due when a certificate of title is issued for a motor vehicle by corporate, business, or personal check, credit card, electronic transfer or wire transfer, debit card, or any other accepted form of payment made payable to the clerk.

Provides for a penalty if a payment is returned or dishonored, and establishes collection and disbursement procedures for such a payment.

Sec. 4505.06.

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Am. H.B. 141

Reps. Cates, Schuler, Garcia, Metzger, Padgett, Van Vyven, Bender, Terwilleger, Fox, Mallory, Haines, Olman, Miller, Ford, Core, Clancy, Brading, Harris, Hottinger, Grendell, Corbin, Sykes, Tavares, Buchy, Opfer, Mottl, Sawyer

Sens. Oelslager, Gaeth, Nein, Gardner

Effective date: September 3, 1997; Sections 1 and 2 effective 6 months after effective date

Permits clerks of municipal and county courts to send to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles a report containing the name and address of any person for whom an arrest
warrant has been issued by such a court and is outstanding, and requires the Registrar to enter this information into the records of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

Prohibits the issuance of a motor vehicle certificate of registration or a temporary instruction permit, driver's license, or commercial driver's license in the name of a person named in such an outstanding arrest warrant until the warrant is executed or canceled.

Secs. 4503.10, 4503.102, 4503.12, 4503.13, 4507.08, 4507.09, and 4507.091.

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**Am. Sub. H.B. 144**

Reps. Metzger, Harris, Mallory, Lucas, Netzley, Mottley, Roman, Grendell, Britton, Cates, Terwilleger, Bender, Olman, Bateman, Whalen, Vesper, Damschroder, Thomas, Garcia, Tiberi, Sulzer, Myers, Womer Benjamin, Brading, Buchy, Haines, Vesper, Mottl, Carey, Ford, Stapleton, Healy, Reid, Lewis, Opfer, Weston, Schuler, Jordan, Boggs, Tavares, Corbin, Beatty, Patton, Verich, Salerno, Mason, Colonna


Effective date: October 14, 1997

Permits a disabled veteran who has a service-connected disability rated at 100% by the Veterans' Administration to apply to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles or a deputy registrar for the issuance to that veteran of a temporary instruction permit, driver's license, motorcycle operator's endorsement, or motorized bicycle license without payment of the fee normally imposed for such a permit or license, and, in certain circumstances, without payment of the normal lamination fee.

Exempts a disabled veteran who has a service-connected disability rated at 100% by the Veterans' Administration from payment of the service fees normally collected by deputy registrars when conducting driver's license transactions, in certain circumstances.

Secs. 4507.23 and 4507.24.
Am. H.B. 199

Reps. Vesper, Mallory, Ogg, Carey, O'Brien, Winkler, Luebbers, Bateman, Clancy, Metelsky, Bender, Van Vyven, Mottley, Schuler, Garcia, Reid, Opfer, Stapleton, Lewis, Britton

Sens. Howard, Oelslager, White

Effective date: April 22, 1997

Designates as the "U.S. Grant Memorial Highway" that portion of the road known as United States Route 52, beginning in Hamilton County and extending eastward through a portion of Lawrence County.

Requires the Director of Transportation to use appropriate discretion with regard to what signing to post upon the Highway indicating its name.

Sec. 5533.46.

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H.B. 208

Reps. Opfer, Ford, Garcia, Bender, Vesper, Clancy, Patton, Mallory, Perz, Olman, Damschroder, Carey, Miller, Mottl, Lewis, Tiberi, Wilson, Sulzer, Hodges, Reid, Householder, Logan, Britton, Metelsky, Schuler, Myers, Sutton, Brady, Pringle, Krupinski, Winkler, Harris, Prentiss, Johnson, Thomas, Metzger, Colonna, Salerno

Sens. Latta, Watts, Drake, Kearns, DiDonato, White, Gillmor, Suhadolnik, Latell, Cupp, Dix

Effective date: December 18, 1997

Designates as the "Catholic War Veterans of the U.S.A. Highway" that portion of Interstate Route 280 that runs in a northerly and southerly direction between the cities of Oregon and Toledo.

Permits the Director of Transportation to erect suitable markers along that Highway indicating its name.

Sec. 5533.47.
Am. Sub. H.B. 224

Reps. Perz, Tavares, Bateman, Bender, Boyd, Carey, Corbin, Krebs, Krupinski, Lawrence, Mallory, Mead, Ogg, Olman, Opfer, Sawyer, Schuler, Schuring, Whalen, Vesper, Garcia, Mottl, Tiberi, Britton, Brading, Patton, Grendell, Roman, Myers, Sykes

Sens. Oelslager, Blessing

Effective date: August 21, 1997; certain provisions effective January 1, 1998

Requires the termination of collegiate license plate programs that do not meet future specified numerical minimums, and permits a program that has been canceled to be reestablished.

Decreases from $40 to $25 the contribution a person must make in order to be issued collegiate license plates.

Requires the termination of certain special license plate programs that do not meet a future specified numerical minimum, and permits a program that has been canceled to be reestablished.

Provides for the issuance of special "Purple Heart" license plates, "Marine Corps League" license plates, "Pearl Harbor" license plates, "Freemason" license plates, "Fraternal Order of Police" license plates, "Ohio Court-Appointed Special Advocate/Guardian Ad Litem," and "Rotary International" license plates.

Increases from $5 to $10 and from $7.50 to $10 the additional fee charged to persons who obtain certain special license plates.

Makes changes in the provisions that govern several current special license plates.

Permits certain special license plates to be issued to any vehicle that is of a class approved by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles.

Repeals the provision that permits a nonprofit organization to apply to the Director of Public Safety for the issuance of a special license plate.

Secs. 4501.29, 4501.30, 4503.14, 4503.15, 4503.46, 4503.47, 4503.48, 4503.50, 4503.51, 4503.511, 4503.512, 4503.52, 4503.53, 4503.54, 4503.55, 4503.56, 4503.57, 4503.571, 4503.58, 4503.59, 4503.70, 4503.71, 4503.72, 4503.75, 4503.77, 4503.78, 4503.79, and 4503.791.
Sub. H.B. 228

Reps. Corbin, Roberts, Mottley, Jacobson, Lewis, Thomas, Beatty, Mead, Garcia, Tavares, Metelsky, Carey, Patton, Colonna, Salerno, Opfer, Mallory, Wilson, Reid, Britton, Padgett, Sulzer, Krebs

Sens. Blessing, Nein, McLin, Horn, Watts, Howard, Oelslager, Latta, Gardner

Effective date: Emergency, May 7, 1997

Permits regional transit authorities to use sale and leaseback and "lease and leaseback" transactions to acquire any kind of transit facilities, and thereby offset part of the cost of acquisition.

Secs. 306.35 and 306.43.

Sub. H.B. 282


Sens. Dix, Latta, Blessing, Oelslager, White, Howard

Effective date: November 12, 1997

Permits farm machinery and vehicles escorting farm machinery to display simultaneously flashing turn signals or warning lights when being operated on a street or highway.

Permits the simultaneous flashing of turn signals on vehicles being operated in unfavorable atmospheric conditions in order to enhance their visibility.

Authorizes the display of a flashing, oscillating, or rotating red or blue light and the use of an audible signal on a vehicle operated by a coroner, deputy coroner, or coroner's investigator only when the vehicle is responding to a fatality and when the stoppage of traffic impedes the ability of the person to arrive at the site of the fatality.

Requires traffic to yield to a coroner's vehicle that is using the lights and siren in an authorized manner.
Exempts the operation of a coroner's vehicle from certain traffic laws relating to lanes of traffic and passing vehicles when the vehicle is using the lights and siren in an authorized manner.

Secs. 4511.042, 4511.45, 4513.11, 4513.17, and 4513.171.

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**Am. H.B. 433**

**Reps.** Thomas, Harris, Reid, Schuler, Taylor, Brading, Van Vyven, Tavares, O'Brien, Garcia, Lewis, Mottley, Pringle, Cates, Opfer, Ford, Myers, Colonna, Terwilleger, Ogg, Brady, Damschroder, Grendell, Wilson, Carey, Salerno, Buchy, Olman, Tiberi, Metzger, Krupinski, Maier, Vesper, Mottl, Weston, Clancy, Stapleton, Wachtman, Britton, Roman, Padgett, Sulzer, Householder

**Sens.** Oelslager, DiDonato, Howard, Dix, Kearns, Latell, B. Johnson, Watts

**Effective date:** November 12, 1997

Designates United States Route 33 as the "Marine Corps League Memorial Highway."

Repeals United States Route 33's designation as the "Blue and Grey Trail."

Secs. 5533.09 and 5533.63.

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**Am. S.B. 22**

**Sens.** Drake, Cupp, Latta, Suhadolnik, McLin, DiDonato, Latell, Nein, Kearns, Gaeth

**Reps.** Bateman, Whalen, Vesper, Bender, Mallory, Clancy, Mottl, Schuler, Mottley, Kaspitis, Reid, Garcia, Carey, Boggs, Colonna, Sutton, Taylor, Brading, Amstutz

**Effective date:** Emergency, April 22, 1997

Establishes that a person who attains the age of 35 years while attending a training school for prospective State Highway Patrol troopers cannot be disqualified as over age.

Sec. 5503.01.
Am. Sub. S.B. 35

Sens. B. Johnson, Watts, Sweeney, Finan, Carnes, Drake, Gaeth, Zaleski, Horn, Kearns

Reps. Schuring, Bender, Clancy, Stapleton, Olman, Brading, Garcia, Krebs, Corbin, Harris, Metzger, Thomas, Winkler, O'Brien, Colonna

Effective date: January 30, 1998; Sections 1 and 2 effective January 1, 1999, except for certain provisions effective July 1, 1998

Makes temporary instruction permits to operate a motor vehicle valid for one year.

Requires an applicant for a probationary driver's license to present an affidavit signed by a parent, guardian, custodian, or other person acting *in loco parentis* attesting that the applicant has acquired at least 50 hours of actual driving experience with at least ten of those hours at night, and establishes a penalty for falsification of the affidavit.

Requires that a person who is issued a probationary license have held a temporary instruction permit for a period of at least six months.

Requires successful completion of a juvenile driver improvement program before a juvenile whose license was suspended may apply for another license, and requires the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to establish the standards for acceptable programs.

Requires a person who is at least 15 years and six months of age, but less than 16 years of age, and who is issued a temporary instruction permit to be accompanied, while operating a motor vehicle, by a certified driving instructor, the person's parent, guardian, or custodian, or a person 21 years of age or older who acts *in loco parentis* of the permit holder.

Requires a person who is 16 years of age or older and who is issued a temporary instruction permit to be accompanied, while operating a motor vehicle, by a licensed operator who is at least 21 years of age.

Prohibits driving between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. by permit holders under age 17 unless accompanied by a licensed parent, guardian, or custodian.

Prohibits driving between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. by holders of probationary driver's licenses under age 17 unless accompanied by a parent or guardian and provides affirmative defenses for work, school functions, emergencies, and emancipated minors.
Prohibits the operation of a motor vehicle by a person holding a temporary instruction permit or a probationary driver's license unless the total number of occupants of the vehicle does not exceed the total number of occupant restraining devices originally installed in the vehicle by its manufacturer and all occupants of the vehicle are wearing the available seat belts.

Requires the suspension for 90 days of the temporary instruction permit, restricted license, or probationary driver's license of a minor who commits two moving violations prior to reaching age 18.

Clarifies that a juvenile court judge can suspend or revoke the temporary instruction permit, probationary driver's license, or driver's license of a child who is adjudicated an unruly child, delinquent child, or juvenile traffic offender.

Requires the suspension for not less than 60 days nor more than two years of the temporary instruction permit, driver's license, or probationary driver's license of a child who is adjudicated a juvenile traffic offender for operating a motor vehicle after underage alcohol consumption.

Requires the suspension for six months of the temporary instruction permit, probationary driver's license, or driver's license of a minor who commits the offense of the purchase or consumption of beer or intoxicating liquor by a person under age 21, or the offense of the consumption of beer or intoxicating liquor in a motor vehicle.

Requires all driver education courses approved by the Department of Education and all driver training courses approved by the Department of Public Safety to consist of 24 hours of classroom instruction and eight hours of actual behind-the-wheel instruction.

Requires the Department of Public Safety to maintain records of juvenile drivers and provide a report to the General Assembly analyzing the information and comparing records of juvenile drivers before and after the act.

Requires the Department and the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to review all current driver's license tests and examinations other than those for commercial driver's licenses and provide a report to the General Assembly.

Clarifies the applicability of certain procedures and requirements to the issuance of a temporary instruction permit.

Secs. 2151.354, 2151.355, 2151.356, 3301.07, 4301.99, 4507.05, 4507.07, 4507.071, 4507.08, 4507.081, 4507.10, 4507.11, 4507.13, 4507.162, 4507.21, 4507.99, and 4508.02.
Am. Sub. S.B. 60

Sens. Oelslager, Gardner, Latell, Latta

Reps. Metelsky, Damschroder, Bender, Mottley, Schuring, Grendell, Olman, Garcia, Opfer, Winkler, Brading, Mottl, Lucas, Myers, Vesper, Colonna, Sutton, Verich

Effective date: October 21, 1997

Authorizes the issuance of a nonrenewable driver's license, commercial driver's license, or identification card to a person who is a temporary resident of this state.

Allows the renewal of drivers' licenses at any time prior to expiration and identification cards 90 days before expiration.

Allows a driver's license or identification card issued to a person 30 days before the person's 21st birthday to have the characteristics of a license or card issued to a person 21 years of age or older.

In regard to commercial driver's license disqualifications, eliminates certain alcohol-related disqualifications based on convictions and authorizes disqualifications based on the sworn report of a peace officer when a person either refuses to submit to a test for the presence of a controlled substance or a specified alcohol concentration, or fails such a test.

Modifies vehicle equipment requirements applicable to hearing-impaired drivers.

Revises the period of license suspension applicable to persons who are subject to suspension as a result of a drug or OMVI offense in another jurisdiction.

Requires that the amount of tax due upon the transfer of a motor vehicle registration be determined solely on the basis of whether state registration taxes are due and eliminates the calculation of any local motor vehicle taxes that may be due.

Revises the fees for issuance of special "family plates" following driver's license suspension and impoundment of regular license plates.

An OMVI offense is one that involves operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse, or both, or operating a vehicle with a prohibited concentration of alcohol in the blood, breath, or urine.
Authorizes the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to limit to a reasonable number the number of certified copies or placards that may be provided to motor vehicle dealers and other persons who operate vehicles under specialized registrations.

Requires a motor vehicle certificate of title for a vehicle last previously registered in this state to reflect if the vehicle was a law enforcement vehicle, a taxicab, or was once in a flood.

Exempts printing contracts for motor vehicle certificates of title from the "Buy Ohio" requirements.

Establishes that if a person pleads guilty to or is convicted of an OMVI offense under a statute of the United States, the federal offense may be considered as a prior OMVI offense for purposes of the OMVI laws of this state.

Establishes a record retention schedule for all records and transactions that a deputy registrar performs for the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

Modifies the multi-year fleet registration to apply to ten or more vehicles and extends the registration period to five years.

Modifies the authority of law enforcement officials to order vehicles into storage by eliminating the restriction on the removal of abandoned junk motor vehicles and allowing the immediate removal of a vehicle obstructing traffic.

Revises the definition of "abandoned junk motor vehicle" by reducing the number of hours that the vehicle is left on private property from more than 72 to more than 48 hours, and increasing the fair market value from less than $400 to less than $1,500.

Redefines "chauffeured limousine" as a "motor vehicle that is designed to carry nine or fewer passengers."

Establishes that the requirement of continuing law that all state printing be executed within this state does not apply to printing contracts requiring special, security paper of a unique nature if compliance with the in-state requirement will result in an excessive price for the product or acquiring a disproportionately inferior product.

Specifies that a commercial tractor that does not receive an apportioned license plate under the International Registration Plan must be issued one license plate and validation sticker, which must be displayed on the front of the commercial tractor.

Defines the existing Rotary International license plate as a nonstandard license plate, thus making that license plate subject to the 1,000 license plate minimum requirement for nonstandard license plates prescribed in continuing law.
Modifies the law governing the actions operators of motor vehicles must take at certain railroad grade crossings.

Eliminates the requirement that samples of motor vehicle brake fluid sold in this state be submitted to the Department of Public Safety and requires all such brake fluid to meet the standards for brake fluid established by the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) and specified in the applicable federal motor vehicle safety standard.

Eliminates the requirement that motor vehicle brake linings, brake lining materials, and brake lining assemblies meet or exceed the minimum standard of specifications established by the Director of Public Safety and requires these items to meet the applicable standards established by the SAE and specified in the applicable federal motor vehicle safety standard.

Requires the Department of Public Safety, by and with the advice of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, to adopt and enforce rules relating to the construction, design, and equipment, including required lighting equipment, of all school buses, both publicly and privately owned, operated in this state.

Requires the Department of Education, by and with the advice of the Director of Public Safety, to adopt and enforce rules relating to the operation of all school buses both publicly and privately owned and operated in this state.

Requires a place of business to be considered as used exclusively for selling, displaying, offering for sale, or dealing in motor vehicles even though a business owned by a licensed motor vehicle leasing dealer or a motor vehicle renting dealer is located at the place of business.

Includes within the definition of "remanufacturer" of motor vehicles certain producers of limousines, hearses, and mobile self-contained facility vehicles.

Includes within the definition of "peace officer" the special police officers appointed by the Superintendent of the State Highway Patrol, and requires these officers to complete basic peace officer training.

Requires auctioneers to disclose in all written materials advertising motor vehicles for sale by auction if a motor vehicle listed or described in the materials has a nonfunctional odometer.

Secs. 109.71, 125.56, 1905.01, 2301.374, 2919.22, 3327.08, 4501.01, 4501.021, 4501.25, 4503.10, 4503.103, 4503.12, 4503.19, 4503.21, 4503.27, 4503.301, 4503.31, 4503.311, 4503.312, 4503.33, 4503.77, 4503.84, 4505.07, 4505.08, 4505.11, 4506.01, 4506.08, 4506.14, 4506.16, 4506.17, 4507.01, 4507.012, 4507.02, 4507.021, 4507.022, 4507.08, 4507.09, 4507.10, 4507.13, 4507.14, 4507.16, 4507.162, 4507.163, 4507.169,
4507.50, 4507.52, 4509.31, 4511.191, 4511.193, 4511.195, 4511.196, 4511.62, 4511.76, 4511.99, 4513.201, 4513.202, 4513.61, 4513.63, 4517.01, 4517.03, 4519.04, 4549.451, and 5503.09.

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**Am. Sub. S.B. 85**

**Sens.** Oelslager, Schafrath, Kearns, Watts, Cupp, Carnes, Latta, Gardner, Gaeth

**Reps.** Johnson, Cates, Opfer, Thompson, Verich, Metelsky, O'Brien, Mallory, Lewis, Garcia, Reid

**Effective date:** May 15, 1997

Corrects the omission from Am. Sub. H.B. 210 of the 122nd General Assembly, as it was reported by the Senate Highways and Transportation Committee, of several amendments adopted by the Committee but not included in the bill when it was assembled for the Committee report. The content of the omitted amendments addresses retention of a coffee safety break program by the Department of Transportation, liquor permits for outdoor music festivals, leasing of state property by the Department for billboards, and allowing church buses that formerly were school buses to retain the school bus yellow paint.

Delays implementation of the registration blocking program for vehicles leased by persons named in a declaration of forfeiture until the Registrar of Motor Vehicles adopts procedures to implement the program.

Specifies that the "look back" period at prior convictions that is used to determine the length of an administrative license suspension under the OMVI Law* is to remain at six years, rather than increasing to ten years.

Extends the length of the period during which a township is authorized to levy annual special assessments on boat docks to recover the cost of a project to maintain or improve a navigable waterway, to ten, instead of three, years after the year of the initial assessment.

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*The OMVI Law deals with offenses that involve operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse, or both, or operating a vehicle with a prohibited concentration of alcohol in the blood, breath, or urine.
Secs. 505.88, 2935.27, 2937.221, 4301.62, 4503.39, 4507.168, 4511.191, 4511.762, 5501.451, and 5515.07.

See also: House Bills 143, 172, and 210
Am. Sub. H.B. 352

Reps. Winkler, Lawrence, O'Brien, Clancy, Salerno, Vesper, Reid, Garcia, Harris, Sykes, Tavares, Jones

Sens. Carnes, Kearns, Ray, Howard, J. Johnson, McLin, Drake, Sheerer, DiDonato, Gardner

Effective date: Emergency, August 28, 1997; Sections 1, 2, and 3 effective January 1, 1998, except that certain provisions are effective October 1, 1997

Provides for centralized collection and disbursement of child support payments by the Division of Child Support (Division) in the Ohio Department of Human Services (ODHS).

Requires a child support enforcement agency (CSEA) to collect and disburse support amounts, collect a processing charge, collect other amounts, and perform certain other duties with respect to a support order until the order is converted to the support enforcement tracking system (SETS) and the Division authorizes centralized collection and disbursement.

Requires conversion to SETS to be completed and authorizations for centralized collection and disbursement to be given by July 1, 1999.

Provides that after conversion occurs and authorization is given, a CSEA may collect support amounts, the processing charge, and other amounts from obligors who pay the amounts in person at the office of the CSEA and requires all amounts collected by a CSEA to be sent to the Division no later than one day after receipt.

Requires the Division to return, on a quarterly basis, all processing charge amounts to the county CSEA that administers the order pursuant to which the amounts were collected.

Requires ODHS to conduct a study regarding the efficacy of continuing to impose the processing charge in light of centralized collection and disbursement.

Requires unemployment compensation benefits to be withheld pursuant to legal process, which includes administrative support orders and administrative withholding or deduction notices, and limits the amount that may be withheld from unemployment compensation benefits to 50% of the benefit amount.
Establishes procedures that permit the Division to locate unclaimed funds of obligors in default under support orders.

Requires all child support orders to specify which parent is responsible for providing health care coverage for the child.

Requires a notice to be sent requiring a new employer of a parent responsible for a child's health care coverage, if the employer provides coverage for the child, to enroll the child in the health care coverage and deduct the cost of the coverage from the parent's wages.

Requires all modifications of child support orders to address health care coverage of the child subject to the order.

Requires ODHS to establish an automated data processing system operational in all counties of the state.

Requires the Division to establish a case registry including the names and Social Security numbers of obligors and obligees under support orders being administered in Ohio.

Requires information in the directory of new hires to be used to locate individuals to establish paternity and to establish, modify, and enforce support obligations.

Establishes a penalty of less than $500 to be imposed on an employer for conspiracy between the employer and employee to supply a false or incomplete report to the directory and makes the penalty applicable to each failure to file a complete or accurate report.

Requires ODHS, beginning October 1, 1997, to supply information entered in the directory to the national directory of new hires within three business days after the information is entered into the directory.

Requires ODHS to make comparisons of information in the registries and the directory and requires a CSEA, on receipt of a notice from ODHS concerning a match between the directory and the case registry, to take action to obtain child support withholding.

Requires the Division to establish a birth registry containing information taken from orders determining the existence of a parent and child relationship and acknowledgments of paternity.

Except with respect to information maintained by the Department of Taxation, gives the Division access, to the extent permitted under state and federal law, to
information in the possession of any political subdivision that would aid in locating an absent parent or child, and to information concerning a child support obligor or obligee maintained by an employer, public utility, or financial institution.

Provides that, except as prohibited by state or federal law, the Division has access to information concerning taxpayers that is contained in state tax records for purposes of establishing paternity and establishing, modifying, and enforcing support orders.

Requires the Division to reimburse the Department of Taxation for the cost of accessing or obtaining the information.

Provides immunity from civil and criminal liability to persons and governmental entities that provide information to the Division.

Permits the imposition of a $500 fine for failure to provide information on request to the Division and exempts officers or entities of the state or a political subdivision of the state from imposition of the fine.

Prohibits disclosure of any information provided to the Division except as permitted under rules adopted by ODHS.

Requires the Division to enter into an agreement with at least one financial institution doing business in Ohio that allows the Division access to certain account information of obligors in default under support orders.

Requires ODHS to conduct a study and prepare a report concerning the exchange of information between financial institutions and the Division.

Requires the Division to enter information it receives from a financial institution pursuant to an agreement into the case registry, but provides that the information is not a public record.

Requires a financial institution that has knowledge pursuant to its agreement with the Division that a defaulting obligor maintains an account with the financial institution to place a restriction on the account that prohibits the withdrawal or transfer of funds from the account.

Establishes procedures to protect the interest of a person other than the obligor who has an ownership interest in the account.

Requires the CSEA to order the financial institution to pay an amount specified by the CSEA to the Division except to the extent that another person has an ownership interest in the account.
Provides that a financial institution is not liable for placing a restriction prohibiting withdrawal or transfer or for other action taken in good faith to comply with the act's requirements.

Requires that the record of any marriage termination or spousal support action contain the Social Security numbers of the parties; requires applications for an occupational or professional license, certificate, registration, or other authorization to contain the Social Security numbers of the applicants; and requires each death certificate to contain the Social Security number of the decedent, if available.

Requires that all court or CSEA orders finding the existence of a parent and child relationship contain the full names, addresses, and Social Security numbers of the mother and father and the full name and address of the child, unless the court or CSEA has reason to believe that a person named in the order is a potential victim of domestic violence.

Requires an obligor subject to a withholding or deduction notice to notify the CSEA of any new income source, unless the court or CSEA has reason to believe that a person named in the order is a potential victim of domestic violence.

Provides that recreational licenses, including hunting and fishing licenses, may be suspended, revoked, or refused issuance or renewal due to a final and enforceable determination that the license holder or applicant is in default under a child support order if the Division of Wildlife has implemented a computer system that maintains license numbers and the names and Social Security numbers of licensees and has established safeguards to protect confidentiality of Social Security numbers.

Requires that the occupational, professional, or driver's license of an obligor not be issued or renewed and that it be suspended or revoked if the obligor fails to comply with a subpoena or warrant issued by a court or CSEA with respect to a child support proceeding, but specifies that this will not occur until the later of November 15, 1997, or the date ODHS's automated data processing system is expected to be operational in all counties.

Permits CSEAs to use Ohio's Uniform Fraudulent Transfers Act to aid obligees in collecting support amounts from obligors.

Provides for the establishment of administrative liens on the real and personal property of an obligor for arrearage amounts under support orders after a court or CSEA makes a final and enforceable determination of default against the obligor and requires the courts, Division, and CSEAs to give full faith and credit to liens established in other states.
Requires a CSEA to provide to at least one consumer reporting agency in the state information concerning an obligor who is in default.

Repeals the law permitting consumer reporting agencies to request information from CSEAs on whether specific individuals have been found by a court to be in default under a support order, but permits consumer reporting agencies to obtain information from the case registry about individuals under child support orders by requesting that information from the Division.

Permits the Division to ask the Secretary of the United States Treasury for, and enter into a reciprocal agreement with the Secretary to obtain, administrative offsets to collect past due child support amounts.

Repeals the law that required that amounts deducted from an obligor's account in a financial institution be subject to the limitations of the federal Consumer Credit Protection Act.

Permits the Division to enter into contracts with public or private vendors for the collection of amounts due under support orders and permits the Division to contract with a collection agency for collection of arrearages under child support orders.

Repeals law that required a CSEA to obtain consent from the obligee under a support order in order to give the support order for collection to a collection agent.

Repeals law that permitted a CSEA to impose and collect a standardized collection cost from an obligor under a support order given for collection and permitted up to 25% of the arrearage amounts, interest, and collection costs to be paid to the collection agent before the obligee received payment of the total arrearage amounts.

Requires child support obligors who are able to work but are not working to participate in a work activity program and permits a court to issue a seek-work order against an obligor under an administrative child support order who fails to comply with an administrative order to participate in a work activity program.

Requires child support withholding to begin no later than 14 days following mailing of the withholding notice or no later than 14 days after the first pay period following mailing of the withholding notice and requires support amounts withheld or deducted to be sent to the Division no later than seven days after the withholding or deduction.

Provides that a payor or financial institution cannot be subject to criminal or civil liability for compliance with a withholding or deduction notice.
Permits a court to punish as contempt a failure to obey a subpoena issued by ODHS or a CSEA.

Permits a CSEA to order the Division to transmit support payments or to make them payable to a third person agreed on by the parties and approved by the CSEA or appointed by the CSEA.

Provides that any lump-sum amount of $150 or more payable to an obligor must be held to determine whether an arrearage is owed and clarifies that a CSEA may take action if it receives notice that a lump-sum payment of less than $150 is owed to an obligor.

Adopts the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act to replace the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act.

Requires ODHS to create a new affidavit form that must be used to make acknowledgments of paternity and establishes new procedures for obtaining acknowledgments of paternity.

Requires all hospitals to enter into agreements concerning paternity establishment with ODHS by April 1, 1998.

Requires ODHS to pay hospitals $20 for each correctly signed and notarized paternity acknowledgment.

Provides civil and criminal immunity to a hospital performing paternity establishment activities unless the hospital's conduct is malicious, in bad faith, wanton, or reckless.

Requires all acknowledgments of paternity to be filed with the Division and completely eliminates probate court involvement concerning acknowledgments of paternity entered into after the act's effective date.

Requires the Division to follow certain procedures to examine acknowledgment of paternity affidavits to determine whether they are completed correctly and requires the Division to enter the information contained in a correctly completed acknowledgment in the birth registry.

Specifies when an acknowledgment becomes final and provides the parents an opportunity to rescind the acknowledgment by requesting an administrative determination of the existence or nonexistence of a parent and child relationship no later than 60 days after the date of the last signature on the acknowledgment.
Permits a party to bring an action to rescind an acknowledgment on the basis of fraud, duress, or material mistake of fact and requires the court to treat the action as an action to determine paternity.

Provides that an action to contest an acknowledgment must be brought no later than one year after the acknowledgment becomes final.

Permits an administrative officer to hold a conference with the mother and alleged father to provide information and the opportunity to sign an acknowledgment.

Permits genetic testing to proceed if service of process cannot be obtained on a presumed or alleged father or the natural mother in 45 days after an administrative officer is assigned to a request for a paternity determination.

Requires a party that wishes to object to an administrative determination of paternity or an administrative support order to file a paternity action or an action for child support in the juvenile court of the county in which the agency that issued the order is located.

Permits a CSEA to ask a court to find in contempt an alleged father or natural mother who fails to submit to genetic testing or an alleged father, natural mother, or custodian who fails to submit the child to genetic testing.

Repeals the law that permits the mother and alleged father to agree to be bound by the results of genetic testing, have the CSEA conduct the tests, issue an appropriate order based on the results, and issue, if appropriate, a support order.

Provides that a recipient of public assistance must cooperate with the CSEA to obtain an administrative determination of paternity, or, if necessary, a court determination of paternity and permits a CSEA to bring a court action for paternity if a recipient of public assistance fails to cooperate.

Permits a court to find the existence of a parent-child relationship between a father and child by default judgment if the action was brought by the alleged father and the mother fails to submit to genetic testing or the mother or legal custodian of the child fails to submit the child to genetic testing.

Permits a guardian or legal custodian to object to an order of support issued pursuant to an administrative support order by bringing a court action for the payment of support.

Permits a court hearing a paternity action to use the results of genetic tests performed on the parties pursuant to an administrative procedure instead of ordering new genetic tests.
Permits the parties to object to the introduction into evidence of genetic test results conducted pursuant to an administrative procedure to determine the existence or nonexistence of a parent and child relationship.

Increases the paternity establishment probability percentage that genetic test results are required to meet in order to support a finding of paternity from 95% to 99%.

Eliminates the right to a jury trial in a parentage action.

Eliminates certain presumptions of paternity that arise due to the signature on the birth certificate.

Provides that a final and enforceable administrative determination of paternity based on genetic test results is not a presumption of paternity and that such a determination, if it is in conflict with a presumption of paternity, is controlling.

Permits a CSEA to order the surname of a child subject to an administrative determination of paternity based on genetic tests to be changed and order the change to be made on the child's birth record consistent with the order if the parties agree to the change.

Permits a man's name to be listed on a birth certificate as the father in cases in which the mother and father are not married if the mother and father sign an acknowledgment of paternity affidavit.

Provides that the duty of support terminates when a child reaches age 19, unless a court-issued support order provides that the duty continues.

Adds as additional events that an obligor may, and the obligee or person with custody of the child must, report to the CSEA administering a child support order (1) attainment of the age of majority if the child no longer attends high school and the support order does not provide that the duty of support continues past the age of majority or (2) cessation of the child's attendance of high school after attaining the age of majority, if the support order does not provide that the duty of support continues past the age of majority.

Permits a CSEA administering a child support order to investigate whether any reason exists for the order to terminate, even if the CSEA does not receive notice from the obligor, obligee, or person with custody of the child that a reason for termination exists.

Requires service of withholding and deduction notices; advance notices of default; notices pursuant to modification proceedings instituted by a CSEA; and license revocation, suspension, and refusal to issue notices to be made by ordinary first class mail, and provides that the notices are considered served when mailed.
Provides that an unmarried female who gives birth to a child is the sole residential parent and legal custodian of the child until a court issues an order designating another person as such.

Provides that a court designating the residential parent and legal custodian of a child must treat the mother and father as standing upon an equality when making the designation.

Delays the effective date of most provisions until January 1, 1998.

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ADMINISTRATION OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Permits a board of county commissioners to designate any private or government entity to serve as a child support enforcement agency (CSEA), county department of human services (CDHS), or public children services agency (PCSA), except that certain limitations apply in the case of a PCSA administered by a county children services board.

Permits a board of county commissioners to contract with a private or government entity for the entity to perform a social service duty on behalf of a CSEA, CDHS, or PCSA, other than a PCSA administered by a county children services board.

Requires each board of county commissioners to enter into a written partnership agreement with the Director of the Ohio Department of Human Services (ODHS) not later than January 1, 2000, regarding the administration and design of certain social service programs.

Permits ODHS to establish a consolidated funding allocation for two or more of a CDHS’s duties included in a partnership agreement.

Permits ODHS to establish performance standards for the administration and outcomes of social service duties and to provide financial, administrative, or other incentive awards to CSEAs, CDHSs, and PCSAs that exceed performance standards.

Permits ODHS to take action against a CSEA, CDHS, or PCSA that (1) fails to meet a performance standard, (2) fails to comply with a requirement established by federal or state law, or (3) is responsible for or contributes to a sanction or penalty.

Requires each board of county commissioners to enter into a written plan of cooperation with the CSEA, CDHS, and PCSA to enhance the administration of the Ohio Works First (OWF) program, the Prevention, Retention, and Contingency (PRC) program, and other social service duties the commissioners and CSEA, CDHS, and PCSA agree to include in the plan.

Provides that a plan of cooperation may include other government entities.
Requires each board of county commissioners to develop a written transportation work plan that establishes policies regarding the transportation needs of low-income residents of the county seeking or striving to retain employment and to establish procedures for providing services to children whose families relocate frequently.

Replaces county welfare advisory committees with county human services planning committees and requires that each planning committee advise its board of county commissioners on social services programs.

Permits the Director of Administrative Services or a board of county commissioners to donate surplus motor vehicles that do not exceed $4,500 in value to nonprofit organizations for the purpose of meeting the transportation needs of OWF participants, if certain conditions are met.

Requires ODHS to develop, in consultation with boards of county commissioners and not later than January 1, 1998, a technology enablement plan that includes an outline of an information technology strategy.

Requires the Director of ODHS to convene a group to (1) conduct a review of current state transportation resources and policies and consider new transportation coordination initiatives to support local community efforts in the design of local transportation solutions for underemployed and unemployed Ohioans and (2) review economic development issues related to underemployed and unemployed Ohioans.

**FEDERALLY FUNDED CASH ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

Abolishes the Aid to Dependent Children (ADC) and Family Emergency Assistance programs and establishes the OWF and PRC programs.

Requires ODHS to submit the state plan for OWF and PRC to certain members of the General Assembly before submitting the plan to the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Limits OWF eligibility to assistance groups that include specific members, including certain children, caretakers, and pregnant women, and provides that an assistance group is not eligible if it includes a member who is on strike.

Establishes the income requirement for OWF, including an 18-month $250 and one-half gross earned income disregard.

Requires each member of an assistance group who is an adult or minor head of household to enter into a self-sufficiency contract with a CDHS.
With certain exceptions, provides that an assistance group is ineligible to participate in OWF if the group includes an adult who has participated in the program for 36 months after September 1997.

Provides that an assistance group that has ceased to participate in OWF due to the 36-month time limit may, if at least 24 months have elapsed and good cause exists, reapply for additional eligibility not exceeding 24 months.

Allows a CDHS to exempt from the time limit on hardship grounds not more than 20% of the average monthly number of OWF participants.

Abolishes the Job Opportunities and Basic Skills (JOBS) training program and requires adults and minor heads of household participating in OWF to participate in work, developmental, or alternative work activities.

Requires a CDHS to schedule and conduct an appraisal of adult and minor head of household members of an assistance group applying for OWF and develop a plan for the group to achieve self-sufficiency and personal responsibility.

Permits a CDHS to assign up to 20% of minor heads of household and adults participating in OWF to one or more alternative work activities, instead of work activities or developmental activities.

Permits a CDHS to exempt a minor head of household or adult who is unmarried and caring for a child under age one from OWF work requirements for not more than 12 months, but requires the CDHS to assign an exempt minor or adult to at least one developmental activity and permits the CDHS to assign the minor or adult to one or more work activities.

Requires CDHSs to exceed federal minimum work activity participation rates by not less than five percentage points on a statewide average basis.

Provides that a nonexempt minor head of household or adult must participate in one or more work or developmental activities at least the following number of hours each week, except as provided by rules: (1) in the case of a minor head of household or adult in a one-adult assistance group, 30 hours and (2) in the case of adults in a two-adult assistance group, 35 hours between the two adults.

Of the hours of participation in work and developmental activities, permits a minor head of household or adult to participate in developmental activities for up to ten hours a week and requires the minor or adult to participate in work activities at least 20 hours a week.
Provides that, after having participated in the postsecondary education work activity for 1,040 hours, a minor head of household or adult may not participate in that activity for more than five hours a week.

Requires an OWF participant to make reasonable efforts to obtain assistance in paying tuition for postsecondary education before the tuition may be paid under an OWF work activity and permits a CDHS to enter into a loan agreement on or after October 1, 1998, to pay the participant's tuition for up to two years.

Prohibits in certain circumstances an OWF participant from being assigned to a work, developmental, or alternative work activity when the employer removes or discharges a person for the purpose of substituting the participant in the person's place and prohibits an employer from hiring an OWF participant part-time to circumvent hiring a full-time employee.

Requires ODHS, if the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services informs ODHS that implementation of OWF work requirements in accordance with the act jeopardizes federal funding for OWF, to ensure that CDHSs require participants to participate in work, developmental, and alternative work activities in a manner consistent with federal law.

Requires the Department of Administrative Services and the Bureau of Employment Services to develop a statewide, coordinated campaign to encourage employers to hire OWF participants.

Requires the Director of Transportation to apply for federal funds for transportation services for OWF participants.

Requires ODHS to allocate up to $5 million in fiscal years 1998 and 1999 from the amount appropriated for OWF that is not used due to caseload reductions for the purpose of enhancing transportation services to OWF participants.

Provides that participation in OWF constitutes an assignment to ODHS of any rights members of an assistance group have to support from another person, requires a CSEA that receives support payments assigned to ODHS to pay the payments to ODHS, and requires ODHS to deposit the support payments it receives into the Child Support Collections Fund or the Child Support Administrative Fund to be used to make cash assistance payments under OWF.

Requires a caretaker of a child who is a member of the child's assistance group to cooperate unless good cause exists in paternity and child support efforts.

Requires a pregnant minor, minor parent, or child of a minor parent to reside in a place of residence maintained by a parent, legal guardian, or specified relative of the
minor or, if exceptions apply, to reside in an adult-supervised living arrangement to be eligible to participate in OWF.

Provides that each member of an assistance group participating in OWF and each person who was a member of the assistance group of a recipient of transitional child day-care or transitional Medicaid on the day prior to the day the recipient begins to receive the transitional aid is ineligible to participate in OWF for six months if a CDHS determines that a member of the group terminated employment without just cause.

Requires ODHS to establish the Learnfare program as part of OWF in any county in which the commissioners choose, but provides that a CDHS is not to receive any additional state or federal funds to pay for Learnfare incentives.

Permits a CDHS to conduct assessments of OWF participants to determine whether any participants need other assistance or services.

Requires the Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services to establish a program of substance abuse services for OWF participants in selected counties who have a child receiving or referred for children services.

Requires the Bureau of Employment Services to cooperate and collaborate with one-stop career center systems, ODHS, and CDHSs concerning the availability of programs and funding administered or provided by the Bureau to assist OWF participants in achieving self-sufficiency.

Permits ODHS, as long as federal funds are provided, to provide Medicaid to families with children that meet either of the following conditions: (1) the family meets requirements in effect on July 16, 1996, for the former ADC program or (2) the family does not meet those requirements but is participating in OWF.

Provides that an adult eligible for Medicaid as an OWF participant loses Medicaid if the adult ceases to participate in OWF because of a third or subsequent sanction, unless the adult is eligible for Medicaid on another basis.

Provides that an adult eligible for Medicaid because of satisfying July 16, 1996, ADC requirements loses Medicaid if the adult ceases to participate in OWF due to a third or subsequent sanction caused by the failure to comply with a provision of a self-sufficiency contract related to work responsibilities, unless the adult qualifies for Medicaid on another basis.

Prohibits a CDHS, if a child was a member of an assistance group that received an erroneous OWF payment but becomes a member of a new assistance group that does not include a minor head of household or adult who also was a member of the previous
assistance group, from taking action against the new assistance group to recover the erroneous payment the previous assistance group received.

Requires that ODHS develop a written model design for the PRC program and requires CDHSs to adopt the model design or develop their own policies for the component.

Requires ODHS to develop a protocol regarding sharing information concerning trends and outcomes of welfare reform activities.

CHILD DAY-CARE

Requires that ODHS employ at least one senior-level full-time staff person to oversee ODHS's child day-care responsibilities.

Exempts from licensure as a child day-care center a place in which an organized religious body provides nonpublicly funded day-care for no more than 30 days per year to preschool and school age children if a parent, custodian, or legal guardian of at least one of the children is on the premises and accessible.

Requires that part-time child day-care centers and type A family day-care homes be inspected at least once annually

Permits ODHS to use selected requirements determined to be predictors of overall compliance in the inspection of day-care centers and type A homes.

Requires a day-care center or type A home to post written reports of inspections in a conspicuous location.

Permits directors of CDHSs to contract with government entities to inspect and certify type B family day-care homes.

Requires ODHS to adopt rules for granting limited certification to type B homes where the provider cares for the children of only one family.

Permits a CDHS to waive inspection and criminal records check requirements for a type B home eligible for limited certification and operated by a friend of the parent of children receiving care at the home.

Requires ODHS to simplify rules governing certification of type B homes.

Guarantees publicly funded transitional day-care for up to 12 months to an assistance group that ceases to participate in OWF if the group needs day-care due to employment and has an income no greater than 150% of the federal poverty guidelines and provides that the group that exhausts its 12 months of transitional day-care has
priority for nonguaranteed publicly funded day-care until its income exceeds 150% of the federal poverty guidelines.

Guarantees that a family receiving publicly funded child day-care on October 1, 1997, will continue to receive publicly funded day-care until the family's income reaches 150% of the federal poverty guidelines.

Requires ODHS, subject to available funds, to allow a family to continue to receive publicly funded day-care until the family's income exceeds 150% of the federal poverty guidelines.

Reduces from 15 to 13 years the age of a child eligible for publicly funded day-care.

Requires that parents receiving publicly funded day-care be employed or in education or training for an amount of time reasonably related to the time that the children are receiving day-care, unless the children are eligible for protective or special needs day-care.

Permits a CDHS to establish a waiting list if resources are insufficient to provide publicly funded day-care to all eligible families.

Eliminates a prohibition against charging a fee for protective day-care.

Permits ODHS to develop a registry of persons providing child day-care.

Requires ODHS to establish rates for publicly funded day-care, including enhanced rates for day-care provided during nontraditional hours.

Permits CDHSs to establish programs to encourage the organization of parent cooperative child day-care centers and type A family day-care homes for recipients of publicly funded day-care.

Provides that child care resource and referral services include coordination of services among day-care resource and referral organizations to assist in developing and maintaining a statewide system of such services if required by ODHS and cooperation with CDHSs in encouraging parent cooperative child day-care centers and type A family day-care homes.

OTHER HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAMS

Eliminates law that authorized ODHS, if funds were appropriated for this purpose, to provide Medicaid to children born after January 1, 1983, whose family's countable income was at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines but authorizes ODHS,
subject to federal approval and not sooner than January 1, 1998, to provide Medicaid to children age six or older but under age 19 with family incomes at or below 150% of the federal poverty guidelines.

Increases the amount a Medicaid recipient who is in a nursing facility may keep as a personal needs allowance.

Permits ODHS to adopt certain rules governing the Food Stamp program.

Provides for ODHS to operate a "simplified food stamp program" for persons eligible for food stamp benefits and OWF.

Provides that if the benefits of a household are reduced under a means-tested public assistance program due to a sanction, the household may not receive an increased allotment of food stamp benefits.

Requires a CDHS to provide a household in immediate need of food assistance with a list of community programs that provide emergency food.

Provides that a person who actively participates in a certified alcohol or drug addiction program and meets other eligibility requirements for Disability Assistance (DA) may receive DA and requires a CDHS to designate a representative payee for the recipient.

Revises law governing the Title XX social services program, including having county commissioners and ODHS approve Title XX profiles.

**COUNTY SHARE OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE COSTS**

Establishes as each county's share for the OWF and PRC programs the amount that was the actual amount of the county's share of expenses for the ADC and JOBS programs during federal fiscal year 1994, except during state fiscal years 1998 and 1999, when the county share will be 80% of that amount.

Permits ODHS to adopt rules establishing a maximum amount that it will reimburse a county for certain public assistance expenditures.

**CONFIDENTIALITY OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE RECORDS**

Requires ODHS to release information regarding a public assistance recipient to a government entity responsible for administering a program that provides assistance to low-income individuals for purposes related to the administration of the program and to a government entity responsible for children's protective services.
Requires ODHS to provide access to information regarding a public assistance recipient to the recipient; the recipient's authorized representative; the recipient's parent or guardian; and the recipient's attorney, if the attorney has written authorization from the recipient.

Permits ODHS to report to a PCSA or other appropriate agency information on known or suspected child abuse or neglect.

Exempts from the Public Records Law identifying information regarding children enrolled in day-care and persons who make a complaint regarding a day-care center or home.

Creates the Confidentiality Study Committee to study the confidentiality requirements pertaining to records of county social service agencies.

INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNTS

Permits a CDHS to establish an individual development account (IDA) program for low-income residents of the county.

Prohibits a fiduciary organization administering an IDA program from depositing an amount into a participant's IDA pursuant to an agreement with the participant's employer.

Limits the balance of an IDA to $10,000.

Provides that money in an IDA is not to be considered in determining whether an individual is eligible for OWF, PRC, or Medicaid.

Permits a program participant to use money in an IDA only for specified purposes and only with the approval of the fiduciary organization.

Permits those who contribute matching funds to an IDA program to deduct the contributions for state tax purposes.
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Providing information

Requires the Ohio Department of Human Services (ODHS) to enter into agreements with law enforcement agencies to share information regarding public assistance recipients to enable a determination of whether a recipient or a member of a recipient's assistance group is a fugitive felon or a probation or parole violator.
Requires ODHS, county departments of human services (CDHSs), and public children services agencies (PCSAs) to provide information regarding recipients of assistance under Title IV-A of the Social Security Act* or state Disability Assistance to a law enforcement agency on request for the purpose of any investigation, prosecution, or criminal or civil proceeding within the scope of the law enforcement agency's duties.

Requires the Department, CDHSs, and PCSAs, to the extent permitted by federal law, to provide access to information to government entities auditing assistance programs.

Requires the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction to enter into an agreement with ODHS to share on a monthly basis information concerning persons under the control or supervision of the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction.

Permits the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction to exchange psychiatric hospitalization and mental health records and information with a county sheriff's office.

Permits the Adult Parole Authority to enter into agreements to share information, personnel, and services for training, crime interdiction, fugitive apprehension, and community supervision, and to help a law enforcement agency detect, track, apprehend, or detain an individual subject to arrest.

**Eligibility for public assistance**

Denies assistance under Title IV-A of the Social Security Act and eligibility for state Disability Assistance to fugitive felons and probation or parole violators.

Exercises an option available to the state under the 1996 federal welfare reform legislation to provide that a felony drug offender is eligible for Title IV-A assistance and food stamp benefits if the offender meets all other eligibility requirements for the assistance or benefits.

**Prisoners' earnings**

Requires 25% of money that a prisoner earns pursuant to a work program established by the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction or a county jail industry program established by a board of county commissioners to be paid to ODHS if the prisoner has a dependent child receiving assistance under Title IV-A of the Social Security Act or to a child support enforcement agency if the prisoner is in default under a child support order.

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* Sub. H.B. 408 of the 122nd General Assembly named the program under which this assistance is distributed the Ohio Works First Program.
Secs. 3113.16, 5101.20, 5101.21, 5107.02, 5107.36, 5107.37, 5115.03, 5115.04, 5120.17, 5120.37, and 5149.03.

See also: House Bill 396; Senate Bill 96
INDUSTRY, COMMERCE, HOUSING AND LABOR

Sub. H.B. 158

Reps. Schuler, Corbin, Taylor, Kasputis, Opfer, Batchelder, Olman, O'Brien, Mottley, Boyd, Terwilleger, Jacobson, Ford, Padgett, Reid, Garcia, Householder, Krupinski, Thompson, Metelsky, Winkler, Tiberi, Maier, Brading, Clancy, Miller, Prentiss, Wilson, Damschroder

Sens. Zaleski, B. Johnson, Howard, Watts, Schafrath, Gardner

Effective date: August 28, 1997

Creates lien rights for real estate brokers on certain commercial property.

Provides for the perfection, enforcement, release or satisfaction, and extinguishment of a broker's lien.

Specifies that mechanics' liens arising and perfected under the Mechanics' Lien Law and prior recorded liens and mortgages have priority over a broker's lien.

Provides for the establishment of an escrow account to enable a transfer of lien property to close when a broker's perfected lien may otherwise prevent the closing.

Authorizes a court to award attorney's fees and costs to prevailing parties in an action based on a broker's lien.

Secs. 317.08, 1311.85, 1311.86, 1311.87, 1311.88, 1311.89, 1311.90, 1311.91, 1311.92, and 1311.93.

Sub. H.B. 478

Reps. Corbin, Hodges, Garcia, O'Brien, Brading, Schuler, Terwilleger, Lawrence, Boyd, Mottley, Sawyer, Reid, Grendell, Johnson, Mead, Patton, Lewis, Colonna, Verich

Sens. Dix, Cupp, Oelslager, Watts, Espy, Herington, Ray, Kearns, Latell

Effective date: Emergency, November 26, 1997
Claim for benefits and hearing procedures

Changes the procedure for filing appeals to referees (which the act renames as "hearing officers") and to the Unemployment Compensation Review Commission, and makes changes in the manner in which those appeals are heard and decided.

Specifies that hearings regarding unemployment compensation claims are held at the "hearing officer level," for initial hearings before hearing officers, and at the "review level," for appeals heard by the Review Commission.

Removes the requirement that the Administrator of the Bureau of Employment Services conduct predetermination fact-finding interviews.

Requires, on and after October 1, 2000, that an individual remove any disqualifying reason for the individual's separation from employment before a valid application for benefit rights can be established.

Specifies that certain notices need only be sent to the claimant, rather than to the claimant and the employer as formerly was required.

Authorizes the Review Commission to appoint hearing officers to conduct hearings for unemployment compensation appeals.

Specifies that the date the Administrator mailed notice is sufficient evidence upon which to base a determination that a redetermination or appeal was timely filed.

Requires individuals who become unemployed while attending school and who file a claim for unemployment benefits to continue to attend school as a condition of not being required to search for work.

Employer contribution, experience rates, and the mutualized account

Permits the Bureau of Employment Services to charge the costs to the mutualized account when a court determines that an employer is not responsible for paying unemployment benefits.

Requires benefit charges for weeks of unemployment occurring outside a seasonal employer's seasonal period to be charged to the seasonal employer's account rather than to the mutualized account as formerly was required.

Modifies the circumstances under which an employer is to receive a new employer contribution and experience rate, reduces the contribution rate of employers who do not qualify for an experience rate, and establishes a new contribution rate for employers engaged in the construction industry.
**Information required, maintained, and produced by the Bureau**

Specifies that information maintained by the Administrator is confidential and is not a public record.

Eliminates the surcharge required of contributing employers in 1990 to pay for automating the Bureau.

Permits the Administrator to receive employer reports through electronic information transmission.

Requires the Bureau to be reimbursed for costs associated with providing the state and county departments of human services statutorily specified information.

Removes the prohibition against compelling the attendance of a person outside the person's county of residence at unemployment compensation proceedings and the protection against self-incrimination for persons testifying in any proceeding under the Unemployment Compensation Law, and permits the Administrator or the Review Commission to apply to a court of appeals, in addition to a court of common pleas, to compel obedience.

**Miscellaneous provisions**

Changes the definition of "employment" and includes limited liability companies in the definition of "employer" for purposes of the Unemployment Compensation Law.

Makes other changes in the Unemployment Compensation Law, including changes necessary to conform that Law with the Federal Unemployment Tax Act.

Eliminates the criteria that foreign trade zones governed under specified port authorities be within the jurisdiction of the port authority and adds a requirement that actions of those port authorities relative to the zones be in accordance with the federal Foreign Trade Zones Act.

Secs. 2743.55, 4141.01, 4141.043, 4141.05, 4141.06, 4141.07, 4141.09, 4141.16, 4141.17, 4141.20, 4141.21, 4141.22, 4141.24, 4141.241, 4141.25, 4141.251, 4141.26, 4141.28, 4141.29, 4141.291, 4141.301, 4141.312, 4141.33, 4141.35, 4141.43, and 4582.31.
Am. Sub. S.B. 45


Reps. Thompson, Hodges, Williams, Corbin, Wachtman, Hood, Schuring, Cates, Mead, Coughlin, Harris, Buchy, Tiberi, Van Vyven, Callender, Brading, Stapleton, Perz, Myers, Hottinger

Effective date: Rejected by voters in a referendum vote November 4, 1997

**Determination and payment of workers' compensation benefits**

Would have changed "permanent partial disability" (PPD) and "permanent total disability" (PTD) to "permanent partial impairment" (PPI) and "permanent total impairment" (PTI), respectively, throughout the Workers' Compensation Law.

Would have eliminated the 40-week waiting period for the filing of an application for PPI (formerly PPD) compensation, when the employee has reached maximum medical improvement.

Would have permitted a self-insuring employer to voluntarily commence temporary total disability (TTD) payments and would have specified that they are continued at the discretion of the self-insuring employer.

Would have deemed a claim contested if a self-insuring employer fails either to certify or to contest a claim within 75 days after voluntarily commencing TTD payments.

Would have required a self-insuring employer to provide an employee of the employer with a specified notice upon the voluntary commencement of TTD payments.

Would have specified that a self-insuring employer's voluntary commencement of TTD payments is not a recognition of a claim or condition in a claim as compensable.

Would have modified provisions relative to the receipt of both working and nonworking wage loss and would have decreased the amount of time for which an employee can receive payments for nonworking wage loss.

Would have changed the tentative order and hearing procedure for awards of PPI compensation.

Would have permitted an employee and employer to agree, in writing, to use an alternative method of determining an employee's percentage of PPI.
Would have specified that neither the filing nor the receipt of nonworking wage loss could affect an employee's application for PTI compensation.

Would have changed the basis upon which to compute compensation for occupational disease claims.

Would have made changes relative to overpayment of TTD compensation.

Would have eliminated applications for reconsideration of a PPI award and would have removed the jurisdiction of staff hearing officers to hear and decide those applications.

Would have clarified that employees of self-insuring employers are eligible for special occupational disease wage loss awards.

Would have specified that an employee is not entitled to PTI compensation when the employee's age is the primary reason the employee is prevented from engaging in or acquiring the capacity to engage in sustained remunerative employment.

Would have required payment for 24-hour-per-day in-home health care under specified conditions.

Would have required, when applicable, that payment of compensation to a claimant commence within 21 days after the date of receipt by the employer of a hearing officer's or commission's order, rather than commencing payment on the date the employer receives the order as current law requires.

Would have permitted the Administrator of Workers' Compensation or the Industrial Commission to require an employee claiming the right to receive compensation to submit to a vocational rehabilitation evaluation and comply with an ensuing plan, and would have suspended consideration of the claim or payment of benefits until the employee did so.

Would have required the Administrator to adopt rules establishing criteria for the provision of rehabilitation services, counseling, or training by both state fund and self-insuring employers, and would have required the Commission to adopt rules regarding a hearing procedure to govern disputes between a self-insuring employer and a claimant with respect to such provision.

Would have provided that the death of a claimant who is entitled to payment under a final settlement agreement does not abate the settlement, and would have required those payments to be made to the claimant's dependents or to the claimant's estate if there are no dependents.
Would have revised conditions under which a final settlement agreement could be filed without an employer's signature and would have established related notification requirements.

Would have required that Commission policy manuals and joint Bureau-Commission policy manuals mandate use of the American Medical Association's *Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment* in the evaluation of PPI claims.

Would have required the Administrator to adopt rules providing incentives for employers to reemploy their employees who have successfully completed prescribed rehabilitation programs.

Would have increased the amount of funeral expenses payable by the Administrator for a deceased employee from $3,200 to $5,000, or the total cost of the funeral, whichever is less, and would have increased the amount of dependency benefits paid to dependents of a deceased employee from $3,000 to $5,000.

**Coverage under the Workers' Compensation Law**

Would have permitted an employer who, on religious grounds conscientiously objects to the acceptance of public or private death, disability, old age, retirement, or health care benefits, to have excepted from coverage under the Workers' Compensation Law and payment of premiums and assessments under that law, an individual who on religious grounds conscientiously objects to the acceptance of public or private death, disability, old age, retirement, or health care benefits.

Would have modified the continuing jurisdiction of the Commission to make a modification, change, finding, or award from six years in the absence of the payment of medical benefits and ten years in the absence of payment of compensation to a five-year limit in those cases, but would have made special provision for claims involving specified occupational diseases and prosthetic devices.

Would have excepted from specific safety rules adopted by the Administrator that apply to workshops and factories any building used for agricultural production, as well as the fixtures, equipment, devices, tools, and machinery used in those buildings.

**Injury and occupational disease**

Would have changed the definition of "occupational disease" and "injury."

Would have declared an intent to retain specified rights to compensation of firefighters and police officers irrespective of the act's change in the definition of "occupational disease."
For purposes of calculating awards, would have changed the determination of when an employee has an occupational disease from the time the disability due to the disease begins, to the time of first diagnosis of the occupational disease by a licensed physician, or, for specified occupational diseases, to the date the employee first misses work because of the occupational disease.

Would have placed limitations upon compensation and medical benefits for a condition, impairment, or disease process that preexisted an injury, and would have required documented objective clinical findings and test results concerning substantial worsening and acceleration relative to such claims.

Would have established a rebuttable presumption that an injured employee's intoxication or being under the influence of a controlled substance not prescribed for the employee's use at the time of the injury was the proximate cause of the employee's injury.

Would have prohibited the Administrator from adjusting the average weekly wage of, or compensation awarded to, a claimant for any period of time in which the claimant is enrolled as a full- or part-time student in any college, university, technical college, or community college.

**Hearings**

Would have provided that rules of the Commission or Administrator may not be construed as barring the participation of a nonattorney as a representative of a party for any matter under the Workers' Compensation Law if the nonattorney complies with the rules of the Commission and Administrator.

Would have prohibited a nonattorney from charging a fee for rendering advice or services in the preparation or presentation of a claim arising under the Workers' Compensation Law.

Would have specified that for a final settlement agreement, the Administrator or self-insuring employer must send the agreement to the Commission for assignment to a staff hearing officer only if one or more parties are not represented by an attorney, a union representative, a person who regularly provides workers' compensation-related services to employers, or certain specified employees of a self-insuring employer.

**Antifraud provisions**

Would have expanded the definition of workers' compensation fraud to include altering, forging, or creating workers' compensation certificates to falsely show correct or current coverage, receiving kickbacks or rebates for the referral of goods or services for which reimbursement may be made, providing false information when that information is
needed to determine an employer's actual premium or assessment, failing to secure or maintain workers' compensation coverage, and other actions.

Would have prohibited health care providers, managed care organizations, and their owners from obtaining or attempting to obtain by deception payments under the Workers' Compensation Law to which they are not entitled.

Would have authorized monetary penalties and debarment for health care providers, managed care organizations, and their owners for obtaining or attempting to obtain by deception payments under the Workers' Compensation Law to which they are not entitled.

Would have required district and staff hearing officers to report suspected fraudulent activity concerning the workers' compensation system to the Bureau of Workers' Compensation Inspection Division.

Would have permitted the Administrator to assess a fine or penalty against employers who knowingly misrepresent the amount or classification of payroll upon which the workers' compensation premium is based and would have capped liability for such misrepresentation at ten times the difference between the premium paid and what should have been paid.

Would have permitted the Administrator, instead of the Self-insuring Employers Evaluation Board, to assess an amount against self-insuring employers who misrepresent the amount of paid compensation and would have capped that amount at ten times the difference between the assessment paid and what should have been paid.

Would have authorized the Administrator, rather than the Self-insuring Employers Evaluation Board, to assess a fine or penalty against, or revoke or refuse to renew the self-insuring status of, a self-insuring employer.

Would have required the Self-insuring Employers Evaluation Board to hear appeals from self-insuring employers who have been assessed a fine or penalty or who have had their status revoked or not renewed.

Would have specified that the Self-insuring Employers Evaluation Board's vote to affirm or vacate the Administrator's assessment of a fine or penalty must be a majority vote, and that a decision to affirm the Administrator's decision to revoke or not renew an employer's self-insuring status had to be by a unanimous vote.
Records

Would have specified that information furnished by employers to the Division of Safety and Hygiene pertaining to workplace injuries or occupational safety and health conditions in specific workplaces is confidential.

Would have specified that any records, files, pleadings, or documents generated by a claimant's attorney with respect to a client in a workers' compensation claim are the property of that client and would have required the attorney to convey copies of those records to the client upon the client's request.

Would have required managed care organizations and health care providers to provide a claimant with copies of the claimant's medical records upon request and at a charge not to exceed 15¢.

Would have required that investigative reports of employer violations of specific safety rules be made available to the employer and the claimant involved in the investigation.

Studies to be conducted by the Administrator

Would have required the Administrator to conduct studies, and report the results of the studies to specified elected officials, relative to all of the following: the incidence of occupational disease, and specifically latent occupational diseases, in the health care professions; the quality, thoroughness, and adequacy of Bureau medical examinations for PPI determinations and an evaluation of fees charged for those examinations; the effect of permitting public employers to become self-insuring employers or to form pools for workers' compensation purposes; and the relationship among various entities involved in vocational rehabilitation in helping injured workers return to work.

Miscellaneous

Would have required the Administrator in revising basic rates to exclude the experience of employers that are no longer active if the inclusion of those employers would have a significant negative impact on those employers who remain in a particular manual classification.

Would have specified that the act applies to claims arising on and after its effective date, except that certain provisions relating to PPI and PTI determinations and the voluntary payment of TTD by self-insuring employers would apply to all workers' compensation claims pending on the act's effective date.

Would have removed the authority of the Bureau to internally administer the health partnership program if the Bureau's staff was able to match or exceed the
performance and outcomes of external vendors of medical management and cost containment services in the program.

Makes other changes in the Workers' Compensation Law.

Secs. 2913.48, 4121.121, 4121.32, 4121.34, 4121.35, 4121.36, 4121.38, 4121.44, 4121.444, 4121.445, 4121.47, 4121.61, 4121.67, 4123.01, 4123.032, 4123.033, 4123.061, 4123.07, 4123.15, 4123.25, 4123.27, 4123.28, 4123.34, 4123.343, 4123.35, 4123.352, 4123.411, 4123.412, 4123.413, 4123.414, 4123.416, 4123.419, 4123.511, 4123.512, 4123.52, 4123.531, 4123.54, 4123.541, 4123.55, 4123.56, 4123.57, 4123.58, 4123.59, 4123.60, 4123.61, 4123.62, 4123.64, 4123.65, 4123.651, 4123.66, 4123.68, 4123.70, 4123.80, 4123.82, 4123.84, 4123.85, 4123.90, 4123.93, 4127.03, 4127.06, and 4141.31.
Am. Sub. H.B. 390

Reps. Sawyer, Wachtmann, Olman, Garcia, Tiberi, Ogg, Bender, Van Vyven, Schuler, Mottley, Cates, Mallory, Healy, Metelsky, Lewis, Corbin, Gerberry, Opfer, Buchy

Sens. Schafrath, Gaeth, Gardner, Blessing, White, B. Johnson, Espy, Dix

Effective date: Emergency, July 21, 1997

Allows local option elections on the sale of beer, the sale of wine and mixed beverages, the sale of spirituous liquor, and Sunday sales in a portion of a precinct or residence district in which the status of such sales as allowed or prohibited is inconsistent with the status of such sales in the remainder of the precinct or residence district.

Shortens from four years to two years the period before local option liquor questions may be resubmitted to the voters.

For two years after the act's effective date, exempts the sale of beer and intoxicating liquor at the State Fairgrounds and the contiguous Ohio Historical Society and Ohio Village from the effects of local option elections.


See also: Senate Bill 85
Sub. H.B. 22

Reps. Wise, Opfer, Grendell, Thompson, Schuler, Cates, Fox, Terwilleger, Garcia, Mottley, Kasputis, O'Brien, Clancy, Williams, Ogg

Sens. Blessing, Gardner, Zaleski, Kearns, Drake, Suhadolnik, Carnes, Herington, Latell, Cupp, White

Effective date: October 21, 1997

Eliminates, under specified conditions, the requirement that subdivision plats in certain unincorporated territory be approved by a city or village authority before being recorded.

Provides that plats so exempted from being approved by a municipal authority may not be recorded without the approval of the county or regional planning commission.

Permits platting rules to require proof of compliance with any applicable zoning resolutions.

Secs. 711.05, 711.09, and 711.10.

H.B. 259

Reps. Lawrence, Schuler, Garcia, Carey, Sulzer, Roman, Terwilleger, Van Vyven, Ogg, Krebs, Johnson, Padgett

Sens. Schafrath, Gardner, Gillmor, Dix

Effective date: December 18, 1997

Permits a township that operates a township police department to charge a fee for certain false security alarms.

Includes false security alarms answered by police constables as alarms for which a fee may be charged.

Sec. 505.511.
Am. Sub. H.B. 280

Reps. Schuler, Garcia, Krebs, Winkler, O'Brien, Opfer, Mottley, Cates, Logan, Terwilleger, Luebbers, Grendell, Reid, Lewis, Britton, Lawrence, Ogg, Padgett, Roberts, Olman

Sens. Blessing, Schafrath, Latell, Gardner, Finan

Effective date: October 21, 1997

Rewrites the county and township planned-unit development (PUD) laws to reflect the interpretation of those laws taken in State ex rel. Zonders v. Delaware Cty. Bd. of Elections, 69 Ohio St. 3d 5 (1994).

Permits a board of county commissioners or a board of township trustees to create PUD districts that a property owner may elect, in an administrative procedure, to apply to the owner's property instead of the zoning regulations that apply at the time of that election.

Permits a PUD to be established as a conditional use.

Secs. 303.022 and 519.021.

Am. Sub. H.B. 304

Reps. Clancy, Taylor, Schuler, Padgett, Garcia, Cates, Winkler, Terwilleger, Britton, Olman, Bateman, Roman, Maier, Van Vyven, Sulzer, Ogg, Reid, Brading, Corbin, Lewis, Gardner, Vesper, Verich, Harris, Gerberry, Myers, Stapleton, Grendell, Johnson, Sawyer, Haines, Bender, Mallory

Sens. Schafrath, Nein, Zaleski, Finan, Blessing, Drake, White

Effective date: March 17, 1998

Allows a board of township trustees to remove snow, debris, and other obstructions from undedicated roads and stream banks during the one-month period following the adoption of a resolution declaring an emergency or an imminent emergency threatening life or property within the unincorporated area of the township.
Sec. 505.82.

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**Am. Sub. H.B. 336**

**Reps.** O'Brien, Terwilliger, Opfer, Mottley, Garcia, Boyd, Britton, Lewis, Thomas, Bateman, Clancy, Winkler, Johnson, Corbin, Reid, Brading, Sulzer, Schuler, Olman

**Sens.** Oelslager, Gardner, Blessing, Drake, Nein, Finan, Kearns

**Effective date:** November 12, 1997

Permits local subdivisions and taxing authorities to issue tax anticipation notes at any time during the life of a tax levy that is for a purpose other than current expenses.

Permits townships to levy a property tax specifically for constructing and maintaining sidewalks, trails, or bicycle paths or acquiring land for those purposes, and to combine that tax with a tax for road and bridge construction and repair.

Provides that township property taxes levied for preserving natural or scenic areas may be designated on the ballot as being for "greenspace."

Secs. 5705.19 and 5705.191.

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**Am. Sub. H.B. 342**

**Reps.** Householder, Haines, Sulzer, Clancy, Ogg, Terwilliger, Garcia, Roman, Grendell, Padgett, Brading, Myers, Perz, Reid, Vesper, Hottinger, Olman, Tiberi, Metelsky, Hodges, Sawyer, Johnson, Taylor, Verich, Cates, Lewis, Krebs

**Sens.** Gardner, Schafrath, Shoemaker, Dix, Drake, White, Nein, Gaeth, B. Johnson, Cupp, Herington, Latell, Latta, Blessing

**Effective date:** December 31, 1997

Expands the authority of a county sheriff to request and obtain police and fire-protection aid from other specified political subdivisions.

Expands a township's authority to obtain additional police protection by contract.
Permits municipal corporations to allow their police officers to work in multijurisdictional drug, gang, or career criminal task forces.

Expands the list of offenses for which the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCII) of the Attorney General's office maintains criminal conviction and arrest records and related information to include all misdemeanors on a list of offenses for which the Bureau must conduct a criminal records check regarding applicants for specified positions with specified entities that involve the care, custody, or control of children.

Requires specified local correctional facilities and criminal justice-related facilities, in addition to state correctional institutions, to submit to BCII fingerprints, photographs, and other information regarding persons in custody at the facility who are suspected of committing a specified type of offense or delinquent act, expands the list of criminal offenses that trigger the requirement to include misdemeanors of the type described in the preceding paragraph, requires BCII to provide those facilities with BCII's standard form for the reports, and requires BCII to provide those facilities with copies of BCII's standard fingerprint impression sheets.

Expands the information to be kept in BCII's system of criminal identification to include information similar to that BCII will receive under the provisions described in the two preceding paragraphs.

Requires every clerk of a court of record, other than the Supreme Court or a court of appeals, instead of the court itself, to submit to BCII a weekly report summarizing cases involving specified types of offenses or delinquent acts, requires the clerk of the court of common pleas to include specified information in the report relative to cases before the court of appeals served by the clerk, expands the list of criminal offenses that trigger the requirement to submit the report to include misdemeanors of the type described in the third paragraph before this one, modifies the required content of the weekly report, and requires BCII to provide the clerks with BCII's standard form for the reports.

In the provision that requires sheriffs and police chiefs to submit to BCII the fingerprints of a person arrested for a specified type of offense or delinquent act, expands the list of criminal offenses that trigger the duty to submit fingerprints to include misdemeanors of the type described in the fourth paragraph before this one, enacts provisions to ensure that the fingerprints of a subject person are taken when required under the provision, and expands the list of local correctional facilities and criminal justice-related facilities that BCII must notify if it determines, upon review of the fingerprints, that the person has a record or is a fugitive.

Secs. 109.57, 109.58, 109.60, 311.07, 505.43, 737.04, and 737.041.
Am. H.B. 445

Reps. Logan, Jacobson, Lucas, Garcia, Opfer, Maier, Krebs, Schuler, Vesper, Hood, Bender, Lewis, Padgett, Miller

Sen. Latell

Effective date: March 17, 1998

Requires that if a vacancy in the office of mayor of a city occurs more than 40 days before the next regular municipal election, a successor be elected at that election for the unexpired term, unless the unexpired term ends within one year immediately following the date of that election.

Requires the president pro tempore of the legislative authority of a village with a population of less than 2,000 to choose whether to resume serving on the legislative authority after filling a vacancy in the office of mayor.

Secs. 731.43 and 733.08.

Am. Sub. S.B. 62


Reps. Garcia, Core, Schuler, Vesper, Schuring, Mottley, Corbin, Lewis, Patton, Verich, Grendell, Reid, Sawyer, Perz, O'Brien, Wilson, Olman

Effective date: November 5, 1997

Authorizes a county or township to permit other counties or townships to participate in contracts into which it has entered, and allows a county or township to participate in joint purchasing programs of a national or state association of political subdivisions, for the acquisition of equipment, materials, supplies, or services.

Authorizes counties and townships to issue self-supporting securities for paying the costs of their permanent improvements and those of other counties or townships.
Permits a county or township to dispose of unnecessary county personal property or township real or personal property by private sale, without public notice, if the property's fair market value is $2,500 or less.

Secs. 9.48, 133.151, 307.12, and 505.10.

See also: House Bills 117, 228, 282, 352, 361, 371, and 408; Senate Bills 5, 25, and 85
OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS

Am. Sub. H.B. 143

Reps. Metzger, Opfer, Van Vyven, Metelsky, Miller, Bender, Terwilleger, Ogg, Garcia, Lewis, Boggs, O'Brien, Winkler, Brady, Reid, Roberts, Roman, James, Coughlin, Verich

Sens. Oelslager, Drake, Gardner, Watts

Effective date: December 18, 1997

Registration; temporary registration

Requires the annual registration of "motor vehicle collision repair operators" who engage in five or more separate motor vehicle collision repairs in a 12-month period and imposes criminal penalties for a violation of this requirement.

Permits a motor vehicle collision repair operator who "substantially complies" with the act's registration requirements and who is making a "good faith effort toward achieving compliance" with all of the act's requirements to obtain a temporary registration and renew the temporary registration not more than four times.

Board of Motor Vehicle Collision Repair Registration

Establishes the Board of Motor Vehicle Collision Repair Registration to administer and enforce, through an Executive Director the Board appoints, the law on motor vehicle collision repair registration.

Preemption

Establishes a preemption policy applicable to local laws that are adopted or enacted after the act's effective date and that are limited to the registration of persons engaged in business as motor vehicle collision repair operators in a manner corresponding to the provisions of the act.

Fees; Fund

Establishes an initial and annual renewal registration fee, subject to modification by the Board, of $100 for each motor vehicle collision repair operator's business location.

Creates the Motor Vehicle Collision Repair Registration Fund in the state treasury to consist of all fees and fines collected by the Board.
Other provisions

Provides that no person required to be registered under the act has the benefit of any lien for labor or materials unless the person is so registered.

Requires motor vehicle collision repair operators to have general liability insurance and liability insurance for motor vehicles in their care, custody, or control.

Permits the Executive Director to appoint an enforcement officer who is required to report to the Executive Director and the Board the name and address of any operator that the enforcement officer has reasonable grounds to believe is operating in violation of the act.

Authorizes the Department of Taxation to disclose to the Board any information necessary for the Board to verify the existence of an applicant's valid vendor's license and current state tax identification number.

Supersedes a portion of Am. Sub. S.B. 60 of the 122nd General Assembly that allowed a commercial tractor to be issued a single license plate and requires a commercial tractor to be issued two license plates and to display the registration validation sticker on the front license plate.

Secs. 4503.19, 4503.21, 4745.01, 4775.01 to 4775.11, 4775.99, and 5703.21.

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Sub. S.B. 31

Sens. Suhadolnik, White, Furney, McLin, Gillmor, B. Johnson, Oelslager, Drake, Gaeth, Ray

Reps. Van Vyven, Brading, Hodges, Ogg, Olman, Vesper, Wachtmann, Coughlin, Lewis, Garcia, Corbin, Mallory, Grendell, Tavares, O'Brien, Haines, Schuler, Householder, Reid, Wilson, Harris, Willamowski, Core, Colonna, Verich, Britton, Mason, Prentiss

Effective date: April 10, 1998

Permits an optometrist, chiropractor, psychologist, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, pharmacist, physical therapist, or doctor of medicine, osteopathic medicine, or podiatry to engage in practice in a professional corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or professional association that includes persons practicing one of the other professions.
Permits doctors of medicine or osteopathic medicine to engage in their respective practices operating as a corporation or limited liability company.

Prohibits a corporation, limited liability company, or professional association formed for the purpose of providing a combination of the professional services of the professions mentioned above from controlling the professional clinical judgment exercised within accepted and prevailing standards of practice of those professionals in rendering care, treatment, or professional advice to an individual patient.

Specifies that the prohibition mentioned above does not prevent a hospital, insurer, or intermediary organization from entering into a contract with an entity created under the act that includes a provision requiring utilization review, quality assurance, peer review, or other performance or quality standards, and specifies that such activities must not be construed as controlling the professional clinical judgment of an individual practitioner.

Modifies the Professional Associations Law relative to shareholders, issuance of capital stock, and directors' terms of office as they relate to combined practices of professions mentioned above.

Modifies the criteria for disciplining doctors for dividing fees.

Permits a third-party payer to refuse reimbursement of a claim submitted by a beneficiary or provider, other than a hospital or nursing home, under the Insurance Law, until the claim contains the date on which the health care service was performed, a specified description of the service, and the name of and designation identifying the profession of the individual who performed the service.

Secs. 1701.03, 1705.03, 1705.04, 1705.53, 1785.01, 1785.02, 1785.03, 1785.05 to 1785.08, 3901.38, 3901.381, 4723.16, 4725.114, 4729.161, 4731.22, 4731.226, 4731.44, 4731.65, 4732.17, 4732.28, 4734.03, 4734.091, 4734.10, 4734.17, 4755.47, and 4755.471.

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**Am. Sub. S.B. 96**

**Sens.** Cupp, Herington, Kearns, Gardner, Schafrath, J. Johnson, White, Gillmor, Dix, Gaeth, DiDonato, Howard, Sheerer, Carnes, Oelslager, Drake, Latta, McLin, Suhadolnik, Watts, Ray

**Reps.** Thompson, Hodges, Logan, Cates, Patton, Wachtmann, Mead, Brading, Core, Corbin, Reid, Perz, Garcia, Verich, Sulzer, Boggs, Vesper, Lewis, Grendell, Britton, Terwilleger, Williams, O'Brien, Harris, Womer Benjamin, Opfer
Effective date: Emergency, June 11, 1997

Permits the State Board of Education to issue one-year, temporary educator licenses in speech-language pathology, renewable in the case of individuals who are enrolled in or qualified for a master's degree program leading to licensure by the Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology.

Terminates the authority to issue the temporary educator licenses on January 1, 2002.

Permits school districts and educational service centers to contract with speech-language pathologists and audiologists licensed by the Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology if attempts to obtain such services from a person with an educator's license have been unsuccessful.

Requires the Legislative Office of Education Oversight and the Board of Regents to conduct studies concerning the shortage of school speech-language pathologists, audiologists, occupational therapists, and physical therapists.

Permits an entity providing direct care services to older adults to continue conditionally employing a person while a request for information from the FBI is pending, regardless of the length of time it may take to get the results of the request from the FBI, while retaining a requirement that such conditional employment be terminated if the results of a request for information from the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation are not obtained within 60 days.

Excludes certain students with disabilities who are enrolled in chartered nonpublic schools from taking the proficiency tests.

Permits a school district otherwise unable because of a fire to meet the minimum number of days required for instruction to meet the requirement by extending the length of the school day.

Secs. 109.572, 173.41, 3301.0711, 3319.223, 3319.224, 3701.881, 3712.09, 3721.121, 3722.151, 4753.08, and 4753.12.

See also: House Bills 25 and 187; Senate Bill 58
PUBLIC LAND CONVEYANCES

Sub. H.B. 55
Reps. Gardner, Mead, Garcia, Britton, Myers, Mottl, O'Brien, Reid, Salerno, Verich
Sens. Blessing, Finan, White, Latta, Gardner, Howard
Effective date: Emergency, March 21, 1997

Authorizes the conveyance of the state's interest in restrictions and reversions on two parcels of real estate located in Wood County to Behavioral Connections of Wood County, Inc.

Amends a prior conveyance of real estate to the city of Cincinnati to revise the consideration for the conveyance and the restrictions on the use of the conveyed real estate.

Sub. H.B. 97
Reps. Salerno, Mead, Thomas, Tiberi, Garcia, Myers, Tavares, Schuck, Beatty, Mason, Amstutz, Johnson, Britton
Sens. B. Johnson, Watts, Espy, Hagan
Effective date: Emergency, April 22, 1997

Authorizes the conveyance of state-owned real estate located in Franklin County to the city of Columbus for construction of the Franklinton Floodwall Project.

Authorizes the conveyance of additional land that might be needed to complete the Project.

Retains, with respect to the Project, an easement for state entry as needed for construction and repair of State Route 315.

Authorizes the conveyance of state-owned real estate located in Mahoning County to the Mahoning County Mental Health Board.
Sub. H.B. 486

Reps.  Mead, Salerno, Tiberi, Garcia, Myers, Schuler, Mason, Lewis, Tavares
Sens.  Latta, Blessing, B. Johnson, Watts, Howard, Ray, Finan

Effective date: January 30, 1998

Authorizes the conveyance of two parcels of state-owned real estate located in the Hilltop State Lands in Franklin County to the city of Columbus.

Authorizes the conveyance of state-owned real estate in Hamilton County to the Institute of Advanced Manufacturing Sciences, Inc.

Authorizes the conveyance of state-owned real estate in Summit County to Ohio Health Ventures.

Sub. S.B. 7

Sens.  Kearns, Blessing, Finan, Latta, Gaeth, McLin
Reps.  Garcia, Britton, James, Reid, Lewis, Schuler

Effective date: Emergency, June 6, 1997

Authorizes the conveyance to Greene County of state-owned real estate in Greene County known as the Ohio Veterans' Children's Home for $1,307,868 to be paid in three annual installments of $435,956 and makes the conveyance subject to the lease of a portion of the real estate that the Director of Administrative Services entered into with the Association of Ex-Pupils of the Ohio Veterans' Children's Home.

Amends Section 139 of Am. Sub. H.B. 117 of the 121st General Assembly to require all (instead of $1 million) of the proceeds of the sale of the Ohio Veterans' Children's Home to be deposited to Fund 4ZO, Veterans' Plaza Fund.

Requires the Department of Administrative Services, after the closing of the Home, to administer specified administrative records of the Ohio Veterans' Children's Home.

Requires the Department of Administrative Services to assume the business and financial functions of the Ohio Veterans' Children's Home at any time on or after the later
of July 1, 1997, or the first day of the pay period commencing after the act's effective date.

Requires the Department of Administrative Services, upon the completion of all business functions related to the Home but not later than 180 days after the act's effective date, to request the Auditor of State to conduct a final audit of the Ohio Veterans' Children's Home.

Specifies procedures for the disposition of certain items of historic or symbolic significance at the Ohio Veterans' Children's Home.

Sec. 149.331.

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**Am. Sub. S.B. 18**

Sens. Ray, Herington, Latell, Blessing, Latta, Watts

Reps. Garcia, Myers, Sykes, Coughlin, Britton

Effective date: August 21, 1997

Authorizes the conveyance of state-owned real estate in Summit County to Sagamore Hills Township for $181,285, with the net proceeds being paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Mental Health Trust Fund.

Authorizes the conveyance of state-owned real estate in Summit County to the city of Akron for $23,695 to be paid to the University of Akron for its use and benefit.

Authorizes the conveyance of state-owned real estate in Summit County to the FIJI House Corporation of the University of Akron for $285,000 to be paid to the University of Akron for its use and benefit and reserves for the use and benefit of the University of Akron a right of first refusal to purchase or lease the real estate.

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**Am. S.B. 49**

Sens. Oelslager, Blessing

Effective date: September 16, 1997
Authorizes the conveyance of state-owned real estate in Stark County to Leonard Cooper for $200,000.

Requires the net proceeds of the conveyance to be used to enhance specified facilities owned by the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services in which the United States Department of Labor has full equity, or returned to the United States Department of Labor.

Sub. S.B. 90

Sens. Furney, Latta, Blessing, Gaeth, Herington, DiDonato, Finan, Latell, Espy, Hagan

Reps. Garcia, Britton, Perz, Gardner, Logan, Lewis, Ford, Brading, Opfer, O'Brien, Olman

Effective date: Emergency, July 21, 1997

Authorizes the Board of Trustees of the Medical College of Ohio at Toledo to sell real estate located in the Advanced Technology Park of Northwest Ohio in Lucas County to persons whose intended use of the real estate is consistent with the purposes of the Advanced Technology Park and requires the proceeds of the sale or sales to be deposited into the appropriate accounts for purposes determined by the Board of Trustees.

Authorizes the Governor and the Board of Trustees of the Medical College of Ohio at Toledo Foundation to sell real estate located in Foundation Park in Lucas County to willing and able purchasers to be determined and requires the net proceeds of the sale or sales to be deposited into the appropriate accounts as determined by the Foundation's Board of Trustees for the charitable and educational purposes of the Foundation.

Authorizes the conveyance of two parcels of state-owned real estate in Columbiana County to George W. Morris for a purchase price of $205,000, requires the proceeds to be deposited into specified funds in the state treasury, and requires the proceeds to be used to enhance specified facilities owned by the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services or returned to the United States Department of Labor.
Sub. S.B. 113

Sens. Latta, B. Johnson, Blessing, Finan

Reps. Garcia, O'Brien, Gardner, Vesper, Opfer, Olman

Effective date: October 21, 1997

Authorizes the conveyance of state-owned real estate (1) in Lucas County to Community Residential Services, Inc., (2) in Ottawa County to Ottawa Residential Services, Inc., (3) in Wood County to the Wood County Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Board, and (4) in Hamilton County to the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County.
Am. H.B. 339

Reps. Vesper, Tiberi, Padgett, Corbin, Mottley, Lucas, Colonna, Terwilleger, Haines, Britton, Brading, Maier, Taylor, Weston, Patton, Schuring, Van Vyven, Tavares, Coughlin, Gardner, Ogg, Metzger, Harris, Sulzer, Sawyer, Reid, Verich, Gerberry, Beatty, Wilson, Stapleton, Thomas, Perz, Fox, Roberts, Core, Householder, Garcia, Carey, Brady, Jones, Healy, Krupinski, Sutton, Buchy, Pringle, Olman, Mason, Roman, Metelsky, Johnson, Myers, Salerno

Sens. Drake, McLin, DiDonato, Herington, Blessing, B. Johnson, Nein, Oelslager, White, Shoemaker, Latta, Kearns, Howard, Ray, Schafrath, Suhadolnik

Effective date: Emergency, August 6, 1997

Increases the percentage used to calculate the retirement benefit for a State Teachers Retirement System (STRS) member who has 31 or more years of credit for service as a teacher in Ohio.

Permits an STRS member who retires on or after July 1, 1997, but prior to the act's effective date based on 31 or more years of credit for service as a teacher to request, not later than December 31, 1997, a recalculation of the member's benefit based on increased percentages established by the act.

Increases to $9,600 (from $6,000) the minimum annual single lifetime benefit for an STRS retirant with 30 or more years of Ohio service credit.

Increases the amount of any current benefit that has been payable for at least 12 months if the benefit is less than 70% of its original amount when adjusted for inflation, and provides that the increase is to be included in a person's base for purposes of future cost-of-living increases.

Secs. 3307.38, 3307.384, and 3307.4013.

See also: Senate Bills 87 and 130
Am. Sub. S.B. 25

Sens. White, Drake, Gaeth, Zaleski, Shoemaker, DiDonato, Carnes, Schafrath, Latta, Finan, Latell, Hagan

Reps. Carey, Garcia, Brading, Opfer, Lewis, Padgett, Vesper, Johnson, Householder, Metzger, Wilson, Sulzer, Ogg, Stapleton

Effective date: August 21, 1997

Provides immunity from civil liability for certain nonprofit corporations owning or operating rural water systems and for regional water and sewer districts when a hydrant controlled by one of them fails to provide sufficient water or water pressure to suppress a fire.

Requires municipal corporations and regional water and sewer districts to paint low-pressure hydrants a conspicuous color that distinguishes them from high-pressure hydrants.

Sec. 2305.34.

See also: Senate Bill 5
Am. H.B. 34

Reps. Reid, Mottley, Garcia, Grendell, Perz, Lewis
Sens. Gillmor, Blessing, Kearns, Herington, Gardner, Carnes, Schafrath, Gaeth, Shoemaker

Effective date: March 10, 1998

Designates the third Friday in March as School Energy Conservation Day in Ohio.

Sec. 5.2212.

Sub. H.B. 98

Reps. Mottley, Wachtmann, Bateman, Haines, Opfer, Gardner, Amstutz, Grendell, Schuler, Carey, Mason, Thomas, Garcia, Kasputis, Batchelder, Perz, Taylor, Harris, O'Brien, Krebs, Reid, Buchy, Netzley, Fox, Hodges, Roman, Winkler, Stapleton, Metzger, Vesper
Sens. White, Latta

Effective date: October 14, 1997

Requires legislative validation of a compact between the Governor and an Indian tribe authorizing gaming or of a grant by the Governor of authority for an Indian tribe to place land in trust to be used for gaming.

Requires that such a gaming compact contain an expiration date and a binding agreement for the collection of certain taxes and payments in lieu of taxes.

Sec. 107.25.
Am. H.B. 202


Effective date: January 21, 1998

Requires the Department of Administrative Services to create (1) a business reply form to be used by certain state agencies under a two-year pilot program to obtain information from private businesses and (2) an on-line computer network system to allow private businesses to file that form electronically.

Authorizes the Director of Administrative Services to recommend a 5% reduction in the future appropriations of any such state agency that fails without good cause to use the business reply form.

Sec. 125.30.

Sub. S.B. 37

Sens. Blessing, Gardner, Watts, Finan

Reps. Healy, Wachtmann, Bateman, Winkler, Metelsky, Householder, Verich, Garcia, Buchy, Brading, Prentiss, Core, Lewis, Patton, Britton, Colonna

Effective date: Emergency, July 26, 1997

Eliminates the restriction on the frequency with which a governmental unit may lease premises located in a county with a population exceeding 500,000 to charitable organizations for the purpose of conducting festivals at which games of chance are conducted, and allows a veteran's or fraternal organization to lease its premises to charitable organizations for this purpose four times per year.
Prohibits the State Racing Commission from approving the establishment of a satellite facility for the receipt of simulcast horse races if the owner of the premises where the facility is proposed to be located or the proposed operator of the facility has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a felony gambling offense or certain other felonies.

Prohibits a horse racing track from knowingly contracting with the owner of a satellite facility premises or from knowingly employing a person as a satellite facility operator or employee if the owner or other person has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a felony gambling offense or certain other felonies, and permits the imposition of a fine on a track that violates any of these prohibitions.

Requires the Commission to conduct a background investigation on each person who owns a premises where a satellite facility is proposed to be located or who is proposed to be the operator or an employee of a satellite facility.

Secs. 2915.02 and 3769.26.

See also: House Bills 27, 242, 343, 352, 361, 371, 378, and 471; Senate Bills 5, 7, and 130
TAXATION

Sub. H.B. 117

Reps. Terwilleger, Brading, Fox, Opfer, Ogg, Vesper, Buchy, Harris, Metzger, Haines, Householder, Weston, Padgett, Garcia, Carey, Reid, Corbin, Krebs, Mead, Hottinger, Sulzer, Kasputis, Salerno

Sens. B. Johnson, Blessing, Drake, White, Gaeth, Gardner, Dix

Effective date: September 3, 1997

Eliminates the requirement that, in a county in which there is a county agricultural society and in which the board of county commissioners appropriates more than $50,000 to be expended in one year for certain expenses related to fairs, the question of an agricultural tax levy be submitted to the qualified electors of the county before the expenditure can be made.

Eliminates the requirement that, in two or more counties in which there is an independent agricultural society and the respective boards of county commissioners jointly purchase or lease fairgrounds and in which one or more of the respective boards appropriates more than $50,000 to be expended in one year for certain joint expenses related to fairs, the question of an agricultural tax levy be submitted to the qualified electors of the counties before the expenditure can be made.

Authorizes a board of county commissioners at any time and in any year, by vote of two-thirds of all board members, to declare by resolution that it is necessary to levy a tax for purchasing, maintaining, or improving real estate on which to hold agricultural fairs, and to certify the resolution to the board of elections for submission to the electors of the county.

Provides that beginning January 1, 1998, county agricultural societies and independent agricultural societies do not have to pay into the Ohio Standardbred Development Fund, from the money paid to the Tax Commissioner by harness horse permit holders, one-half of 1% of the amount wagered on a racing day.

Secs. 1711.081, 1711.15, 1711.16, 1711.17, 3769.08, and 5705.19.
Am. Sub. S.B. 17


Reps. Fox, Kasputis, Thomas, Harris, Mottley, Reid, Vesper, Metzger, Corbin, Garcia, Thompson, Taylor, Myers, Brading, Cates, Ford, Lewis, Boggs, Olman, Krebs, Mead, Sulzer, Roberts, O'Brien, Opfer, Haines, Womer Benjamin, Bender, Gardner, Patton

Effective date: Emergency, February 13, 1997

Authorizes a new school district property tax for the dual purposes of permanent improvements and current operating expenses, subject to voter approval.

Authorizes a new school district property tax for the purpose of permanent improvements or current operating expenses, or both, and the issuance of general obligation bonds for the purpose of financing permanent improvements, subject to voter approval.

Authorizes a new school district income tax for school district purposes and the issuance of general obligation bonds for the purpose of financing permanent improvements, subject to voter approval.

Changes the elections at which the question of levying or increasing a sales tax for the purpose of providing additional general revenue for the county or for supporting criminal and administrative justice services, or both, may be presented to the electors.

Secs. 145.56, 3307.71, 3309.66, 3316.06, 3316.08, 3317.08, 5505.22, 5705.214, 5705.217, 5705.218, 5739.021, 5739.026, 5739.028, 5748.01, 5748.05, and 5748.08.

S.B. 24

Sens. Ray, B. Johnson, Blessing, Drake, DiDonato, Herington, Gillmor, McLin, Carnes, Kearns

Reps. Haines, Coughlin, Miller, Lewis, Callender, Thomas, Williams, Tiberi, Mead, O'Brien, Brading, Stapleton, Perz, Grendell, Reid, Gardner, Olman, Padgett, Householder, Johnson, Logan, Colonna, Metzger, Core, Vesper

Effective date: August 6, 1997
Increases from five to ten years the period for which notes may be issued (which would increase the principal amount of the notes) in anticipation of 50% of the proceeds from a library tax for permanent improvements.

Sec. 5705.23.

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**Sub. S.B. 59**

Sens. Nein, Latta, Gaeth, DiDonato, Gardner, White, B. Johnson, Kearns, Herington, Dix, McLin

Reps. Thomas, Lewis, Mottley, Garcia, Terwilleger, Padgett, Cates, Brading, Johnson, Opfer, Stapleton, Reid, Core, Healy, Maier, Householder

Effective date: October 14, 1997

Extends the real property tax prepayment system to all taxpayers, not just taxpayers who own residential property.

Provides that if a discount is not given to a taxpayer for prepayment of real property taxes, the county treasurer must apply any earnings on the prepayments to prepayment system operating expenses.

Permits a county treasurer to charge a fee of up to $5 for returned or dishonored checks, drafts, or money orders.

Limits who may request a written undertaking providing for delinquent tax installment payments for a period of at least two years to a person who owns and occupies residential real property.

Permits owners of delinquent real property in the process of foreclosure to pay the delinquent taxes under the same terms as owners of delinquent property that is not yet in the process of foreclosure.

Permits, rather than requires, foreclosure actions to be brought against delinquent taxes on mineral rights, and allows those delinquent taxes to be deemed uncollectible after five years.

Provides that only a United States Postal Service postmark is valid in establishing the date of payment of a tax to a county treasurer.
Secs. 321.45, 321.48, 323.12, 323.25, 323.31, 5711.33, 5715.39, 5719.03, 5721.14, 5721.18, 5721.25, and 5721.30.

Am. Sub. S.B. 123

Sens. White, Blessing, Carnes, Dix, Shoemaker, B. Johnson, Drake, Gaeth, Latta, Gardner, Zaleski, Howard, Schafrath

Reps. Thomas, Grendell, Brady, Jones, Netzley, Mottl, Jerse, Terwilleger, Padgett, Garcia, Lewis, Sulzer, Colonna, Verich, Carey, Ogg, Schuler, Vesper, Haines, Myers, Stapleton, Mallory, Reid, Core, Weston, Maier, Harris, Ford, Opfer, Sutton, Whalen, Mason, Johnson, Krebs, Householder, Cates, Britton, Salerno

Effective date: Emergency, October 22, 1997

Permits owners of a building or structure, land, an orchard, timber, ornamental trees, or groves that have been destroyed or injured to receive a reduction in the valuation of such property, even if they apply for the reduction later than 30 days after the end of the calendar quarter in which the injury or destruction occurred.

Authorizes a similar reduction in the manufactured home tax on a manufactured home that has been destroyed or injured.

Temporarily permits a special election in December 1997 for a school district library tax levy question.

Secs. 319.38 and 4503.0611.

See also: House Bills 182, 336, and 371; Senate Bill 55
Effective date: October 21, 1997

Eligibility requirements for war orphans scholarships

Expands the specified service periods within the definition of "veteran" that applies to the War Orphans Scholarship Law and thereby expands the potential number of eligible scholarship recipients under that Law, as follows: (1) the period of December 7, 1941, to September 2, 1945, is extended to December 31, 1945, and (2) the period of June 25, 1950, to July 19, 1953, is extended to January 31, 1955.

Further expands the applicable service period for that definition of "veteran" to include any other period of conflict established by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for pension purposes.

Removes the requirement that an applicant for a war orphans scholarship be recommended by the principal of a high school the applicant has attended to be eligible for the scholarship.

Extends the eligibility for a war orphans scholarship to all children of Ohio veterans who were declared to be prisoners of war or missing in action as a result of United States participation in any armed conflict on or after January 1, 1960.

War Orphans Scholarship Board membership

Removes the requirement that members of the War Orphans Scholarship Board appointed by the Governor be members of their respective veterans organizations and instead requires that they be representatives of their respective organizations.
Alters the term of the current member representing the AMVETS, ending it on December 31, 1998, and commencing a new term that runs from January 1, 1999, to December 31, 2002.

Revises the appointment process for replacement of the Governor's appointees when their terms expire.

**Other provisions**

Makes technical changes, including gender neutralization and alteration of references to nonexistent or renumbered sections, to the War Orphans Scholarship Law.

Secs. 5910.01, 5910.02, 5910.03, 5910.032, and 5910.06.

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**Am. Sub. S.B. 130**

Sens. Watts, White, Schafrath, Blessing, Gardner, Latell, Gillmor, Zaleski, Gaeth, Latta, Kearns, DiDonato, Drake, Dix

Reps. Reid, Britton, Schuler, Padgett, Brading, Thomas, Terwilleger, Corbin, Grendell, Lewis, Garcia, Mason, Verich, Taylor, Gardner, Roman, Opfer

Effective date: Emergency, September 18, 1997

Exempts the Adjutant General's Department from specified statutory requirements regarding the filing and effective dates of rules adopted by the Department.

Exempts the military pay and allowances of members of the reserve units of the armed forces of the United States and the Ohio National Guard from municipal corporation income tax.

Exempts members and uniformed employees of the armed forces of the United States, members of the reserve components of the armed forces of the United States, and members of the Ohio National Guard, except United States reserve technicians, from the Commercial Driver's Licensing Law when operating a vehicle owned by the Department of Defense.

Exempts executive agencies of the United States from having to report newly hired, rehired, or returning to work employees to the Department of Human Services for child support and fraud detection purposes.
Places in the unclassified civil service all commissioned, warrant, and noncommissioned officers and enlisted persons in the Ohio organized militia, including military appointees in the Adjutant General's Department.

Excludes members of the Ohio organized militia while training or performing duty under the Ohio National Guard Law from coverage under the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Law.

Provides that a reservist called or ordered to active duty for less than 31 days must not be required to pay more than the employee's share for the continuation of the employee's group health or medical care coverage.

Repeals existing law regarding the reemployment of public employees after military service, and requires that the reinstatement and reemployment rights of employees in the uniformed services conform to the federal Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994.

Makes members of the Ohio Military Reserve and Ohio Naval Militia who were members of the Public Employees Retirement System ineligible, in the calculation of retirement benefits, to receive certain military service credit.

Provides that the stocking, accounting for, issuing, and dispensing of any pharmaceutical drug to any Ohio National Guard unit or member is governed exclusively by federal military regulations.

Repeals the exemption from jury duty and serving on a posse comitatus for active duty members of the Ohio Military Reserve and the Ohio Naval Militia.

Modifies the Adjutant General Law.

Repeals the Military Census Law.

Modifies the Ohio National Guard Law.

Modifies the Organized Militia Law.

Secs. 111.15, 124.11, 124.28, 124.29, 141.02, 145.01, 145.30, 718.01, 1751.54, 3319.13, 3319.14, 3923.381, 3923.382, 4117.01, 4141.01, 4506.02, 4911.04, 5101.312, 5903.01, 5903.02, 5903.03, 5903.04, 5903.05, 5903.09, 5903.99, 5911.011, 5911.03, 5911.04, 5911.08, 5913.01, 5913.013, 5913.02, 5913.021, 5913.03, 5913.04, 5913.05, 5913.051, 5913.06, 5913.07, 5913.08, 5913.09, 5913.10, 5913.11, 5913.17, 5917.01, 5917.02, 5917.03, 5917.04, 5917.05, 5917.06, 5917.99, 5919.01, 5919.02, 5919.04, 5919.071, 5919.09, 5919.12, 5919.13, 5919.14, 5919.15, 5919.16, 5919.17, 5919.20, 5919.22, 5919.25, 5919.28, 5919.29, 5919.30, 5919.32, 5919.33, 5919.35, 5920.10,
5921.09, 5923.01, 5923.02, 5923.03, 5923.05, 5923.051, 5923.09, 5923.10, 5923.21, 5923.28, 5923.35, and 5924.15.

See also: House Bills 144 and 433; Senate Bill 7
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**HOUSE**

ANR  Agriculture and Natural Resources  
CJ  Criminal Justice  
CL  Commerce and Labor  
EDB  Economic Development and Small Business  
ED  Education  
EE  Energy and Environment  
ETE  Ethics and Elections  
FS  Family Services  
FA  Finance and Appropriations  
FI  Financial Institutions  
HRA  Health, Retirement, and Aging  
HPL  Housing and Public Lands  
INS  Insurance  
LGT  Local Government and Townships  
RR  Rules and Reference  
SG  State Government  
TPS  Transportation and Public Safety  
VET  Veterans Affairs  
WM  Ways and Means

**SENATE**

AGR  Agriculture  
ED  Education  
ENR  Energy, Natural Resources and Environment  
FIN  Finance and Financial Institutions  
HL  Health  
HT  Highways and Transportation  
HSA  Human Services and Aging  
ICL  Insurance, Commerce, and Labor  
JUD  Judiciary  
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