

# Byers, Minton and Associates

This Week at the Statehouse

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## Around the Square

### Get to Know Wes Goodman: State Representative

Representative Wes Goodman is currently serving his first term as Representative for Ohio's 87th House District. Goodman grew up on his family's farm in Morrow County before attending Ohio Wesleyan University and earning his degree in Politics and Government. Prior to joining the legislature, Goodman worked for then Ohio Senator and current Attorney General Mike DeWine before working for U.S. Representative Jim Jordan. He received the 2013 Congressional Staffer of the year award during his time there. He currently is active in many of his local organizations such as the Ohio and Morrow County Farm Bureaus, and the Morrow County Young Professionals.

### Get to Know Jay Edwards: State Representative

Representative Jay Edwards is serving his first term as Representative for Ohio's 94th House District. He attended Ohio University on a football scholarship and earned his degree in Mathematics. Edwards has his real estate license and is a small business owner, realtor, and property investor in the Nelsonville area. Edwards also has experience in medical sales and the drug abuse and treatment market. Because of this, one of his priorities in the legislature will be combating drug addiction problems, a critical issue in his home district.

### Sales Tax Holiday Passes Senate

The Senate passed a year extension on the sales tax holiday. The vote was 32-1 in favor of the measure, which designates a three day exception to the sales tax in August for school supplies under \$20 and clothing items no more than \$75. Senate Bill 9's purpose is to generate business while aiding working families before the school year begins.

## Political News and Notes

### Medicaid Staff Announcements

The Department of Medicaid announced staff changes on Thursday. Jenelle Hoseus, former legislative liaison for the agency, has been promoted to chief of staff. She will oversee project management, state innovation model work, and legislative projects. Dr. Beth Lison will serve as assistant medical director for the department. She is currently an associate professor of clinical internal medicine and pediatrics at Ohio State University.

### State of the State in Sandusky

Both the House and Senate passed resolutions to hold Governor Kasich's State of the State address in Sandusky on April 4th. The House passed the resolution with a vote of 58-38 and the Senate 31-2. Governor Kasich has previously delivered the address in Steubenville, Lima, Medina, Wilmington, and Marietta.

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