

# Byers, Minton and Associates

This Week at the Statehouse  
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## Legislation and Events

### Lame Duck Priorities

Senate President Larry Obhof has outlined priorities going into this year's lame duck session, which he says will be closely tied to November's election outcome. Among other things, unemployment compensation and legislation revising the state's energy standards will be at the top of the Senate's to-do list. President Obhof also discussed addressing half a dozen firearm proposals, as well as filling the vacant seat left by new Congressman Troy Balderson in the 20th district as needed.

### Child Healthcare Leadership Summit

More than 750 people from over 80 coalitions attended the Vote for Ohio Kids Leadership Forum presented by Groundwork Ohio and the Ohio Children's Hospital Association (OCHA) on Thursday. The forum aimed to connect and unite different organizations with the common goal of improving children's health, education and healthcare. Both gubernatorial candidates attended and shared their commitment to investing in Ohio's children. OCHA and the Health Policy Institute of Ohio issued a joint assessment to identify priorities and areas of growth for children's healthcare. To read the full report, go to <https://www.healthpolicyohio.org/child-health-and-health-care-advisory-committee/>.

## Election Update

### Recent Polls

With only 38 days remaining until the general election, all eyes are on the extremely tight race to replace Governor John Kasich. Polls released on Wednesday by NBC News and Ipsos found Democrat Rich Cordray and Republican Mike DeWine again locked in a dead heat. NBC showed both candidates polling at 47 percent among likely voters, while Ipsos has Mike DeWine leading 45 to 44 percent. Both polls report that Cordray has a slight edge on approval ratings, with only 59 percent of likely voters viewing him as the establishment politician compared to DeWine's 77 percent. The polls also show incumbent Senator Sherrod Brown leading his race over Representative Jim Renacci by a wide margin of 11-13 percentage points. If you would like to learn more about the gubernatorial election, Byers Minton has summarized each candidate's stances on major issues in our **Gubernatorial Candidate Issue Update**- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YGcqO3NmrkW4iGXVI7n9bV45b-eT8yN9/view?usp=sharing>.

### Issue 1 Information

Ohioans will vote on several issues in November including Issue 1, The Ohio Neighborhood Safety, Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation Amendment that aims to reduce penalties for crimes of obtaining, possessing and using illegal drugs. The ballot issue would create a constitutional amendment to implement several criminal justice reforms and redirect state funds to go towards addiction treatment. The Health Policy Institute of Ohio, a nonprofit organization that partners with policymakers to provide independent analysis on health policy, has released a non-partisan report on Issue 1 that can be found at <https://www.healthpolicyohio.org/issue-1/>.

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