

**THIS WEEK  
AT THE  
STATEHOUSE**  
DECEMBER 11, 2020



### **CURRENT COVID STATS**

#### Ohio:

- 489,078 confirmed cases
- 31,142 hospitalizations
- 6,772 confirmed fatalities

#### United States:

- 15.27 million cases
- 288,762 fatalities

#### World:

- 68.85 million cases
- 1.57 million fatalities

### **NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

#### Monday:

#### Tuesday:

#### Wednesday:

- House Session (1:00 pm)
- Senate Session (1:30 pm)

#### Thursday:

- Senate Session (11:00 am)
- House Session (11:00 am)

#### Friday:

### **Capital Budget Set to be Introduced**

On Tuesday, Office of Budget and Management Director Kimberly Murnieks provided details of the FY 2021-22 Capital Bill, which is predicted to be introduced next week and signed into law by the end of the year. Some highlights of the plan include \$452 million for higher education projects; \$309.5 million for K-12 buildings; \$280 million to help finance local infrastructure projects via the Public Works Commission; \$280.6 million for prisons; and \$95.6 million for Mental Health and Addiction Services facilities.

### **Governor Extends Curfew Order**

Governor Mike DeWine announced on Thursday that Ohio's 10 pm to 5 am curfew will be extended through January 2<sup>nd</sup>, after COVID-19 numbers in the state continue to rise. This curfew order provides exceptions for a number of high-profile sporting events, which due to pre-determined start times, will end after 10 pm. Spectators at these events are still required to abide by robust health and safety precautions.

### **HB 6 Repeal and Delay Bills Continue Hearings**

The Senate and House chambers continue to discuss the path forward on HB 6 and the subsidies associated with it. HB 798 from Representative Hoops would enact a one-year delay of subsidies; HB 772 from Representative Romanchuk would repeal provisions of the law that created subsidies. Both bills continue hearings.

### **Ohio Legislators Tapped to Lead at Federal Level**

President-elect Joe Biden made official his intention to nominate U.S. Representative Marcia Fudge, a Democrat from Cleveland, to head the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in his cabinet. This announcement means that a special election will be needed in 2021 to replace Representative Fudge in Northeast Ohio. At this time, Cuyahoga County Democratic Party Chair and County Councilwoman Shontel Brown and former state Senator Nina Turner have filed paperwork signaling their intent to run.

Additionally, Representative Joyce Beatty was tapped to Chair the Congressional Black Caucus in the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress.

## **Introduced Bills**

**HB 802 – Road Naming (Holmes):** To designate a portion of Interstate Route 70 in Licking County as the "SFC Ron Rosser Medal of Honor Recipient Memorial Highway."

**HB 803 – Respiratory Therapists (Patton):** To license advanced practice respiratory therapists.

**SB 389 – Occupational Therapy (Roegner):** To enter Ohio into the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact.