

THIS WEEK AT THE STATEHOUSE JUNE 11, 2021



CURRENT COVID STATS

Ohio:

- 923,497 confirmed cases
- 59,412 hospitalizations
- 19,912 confirmed fatalities

United States:

- 33.13 million cases
592,776 fatalities

World:

- 171.71 million cases
- 3.69 million fatalities

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Monday:

Tuesday:

- House Ag and Conservation (9 am)
- House Health (10 am)
- Senate Local Gov and Elections (10:30 am)
- Senate Veterans and Public Safety (2:30 pm)
- Senate Select Committee on Gaming (3:30 pm)

Wednesday:

- Senate Health (9:30 am)
- House Public Utilities (10 am)
- House Session (1 pm)
- Senate Session (1:30 pm)
- Senate Judiciary (3 pm)

Thursday:

- JMOC (9 am)
- House Session (1 pm)

Friday:

Budget Update

The Senate approved its version of the state operating budget on Wednesday after three hours of debate during session. This follows changes made in the omnibus amendment, including school funding changes, public assistance eligibility, developmental disability waiver changes, and more. A synopsis of the omnibus amendment provided by the Senate Finance Committee can be found [here](#). The measure now totals \$74.5 billion across the biennium in General Revenue Fund appropriations and \$160.9 billion in all funds. The bill will now go to conference committee for the chambers to settle differences before the June 30 deadline.

Resolutions to Expel Householder Introduced

Two House Resolutions were introduced this week (HR 69, sponsored by Rep. Fraizer and Rep. Stewart, and HR 70, sponsored by Rep. Crossman and Rep. Lepore-Hagan) which would eject Rep. Larry Householder from the chamber following Householder's arrest and indication in July 2020 for an alleged \$60 million racketeering scheme tied to a 2019 energy law, HB 6. If the measures reach the House floor, they will require a two-thirds majority vote for expulsion.

School Funding Debate

Following the Senate passing their version of the budget, school funding plans continue to be a large point of debate between the chambers. The Senate-passed version provides more in foundation funding to districts over two years, but features a lower base cost per pupil than the House plan, which requires annual spending increases amid a six-year phase-in. Speaker Bob Cupp commented on the House-passed funding plan that was changed by the Senate, which he called a comprehensive solution to school funding that is sustainable and gives every student a chance at quality education. The House has noted that keeping the chamber's school funding plan is a top priority as the bill enters conference committee.

Bill Introductions

HB 334 - School Board Members (Sobecki, L., Ingram, C.): Regards school district board member compensation and ethics and open meetings training.

HB 335 - Financial Disclosure (Schmidt, J.): To require the Ohio Ethics Commission to post certain financial disclosure statements online and to make an appropriation.

HB 336 - Health Insurance (Lipps, S., West, T.): To impose requirements relating to health plan issuers, Medicaid, pharmacies, and cancer drugs.

HB 337 - First Responders Bonus (Riedel, C., Plummer, P.): To provide a one-time bonus award to eligible first responders and to make an appropriation.

HB 338 - Motorcycle Safety (Hoops, J.): To make changes to the laws related to the motorcycle safety and education program.

HB 339 - Power Of Attorney Laws (Swearingen, D.): To expand the laws on wills, declarations or living wills, durable powers of attorney for health care, and transfer on death designation affidavits by providing for their execution electronically.

HB 340 - Month Designation (Bird, A., Blackshear, W.): To designate September as "International Underground Railroad Month."

HB 341 - Hate Crimes (Miller, A., Weinstein, C.): To create the Bureau of Hate Crimes in the Office of the Attorney General and to authorize the Attorney General to prosecute a hate crime.

HB 342 - COVID-19 Vaccinations (Blackshear, W.): To allow county recorders to record COVID-19 vaccination record cards.

HB 343 - Crime Victims (White, A.): To make changes relative to the rights of crime victims.

HR 69 - Lawmaker Expulsion (Fraizer, M., Stewart, B.): To expel Representative Larry Householder from the House of Representatives.

HR 70 - Lawmaker Expulsion (Crossman, J., Lepore-Hagan, M.): To expel Representative Larry Householder from the House of Representatives.

HCR 22 - United States Border (Young, T., Plummer, P.): To urge the United States government to secure its southern border.

HB 344 - Health Insurers (Stephens, J.): Regards limitations imposed by health insurers on dental care services.

HB 345 - Legislative Service Commission (Howse, S., Crossman, J.): To require the Director of the Legislative Service Commission to prepare a human impact statement concerning a bill or resolution that proposes to amend criminal justice law.

HB 346 - Motor Vehicles (Miller, J., Weinstein, C.): To alter the definitions of "plugin electric motor vehicle" and "hybrid motor vehicle" under the motor vehicle law and to halve the additional registration fees for those two types of motor vehicles.

HB 347 - Replica Motor Vehicles (Fowler Arthur, S.): To establish requirements relative to the titling and use of replica motor vehicles.

HB 348 - Unclaimed Funds (Merrin, D.): To make changes to the Unclaimed Funds Law.