

THIS WEEK AT THE STATEHOUSE DECEMBER 03, 2021



CURRENT COVID STATS

Ohio:

- 1,699,161 confirmed cases
- 87,244 hospitalizations
- 26,587 confirmed fatalities

United States:

- 48,628,787 million cases
- 777,090 fatalities

World:

- 263,509,565 million cases
- 5,224,655 fatalities

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Monday:

Joint Committee on Agency Rule

Tuesday:

Committees

Wednesday:

House Session

Senate Session

Committees

Thursday:

House Session (If Needed)

Committees

Friday:

DeWine Signs Senate Bill 36, Helping to Stop Cycles of Crime

“For far too long, not all crime victims have received the support needed to recover from a crime and get their lives back on track. Sb 36 rights that wrong by expanding access to critical support that addresses physical and emotional trauma, while preventing future victimization,” – Shakyra Diaz, Chief of Staff for the Alliance for Safety and Justice.

House Veteran Announces Return, Rep. Vitale's Wife to Run

Former lawmaker and current Tuscarawas County Commissioner Al Landis announced he intends to run for Senate District 31, which contains Coshocton, Licking and Tuscarawas counties, as well as portions of Holmes and Stark counties.

Lilli Vitale, wife of term-limited Rep. Nino Vitale(R-Urbana), is seeking a seat in the newly redrawn Ohio House District 85. Ms. Vitale, who holds a bachelor's degree in finance and marketing from Ohio State University, highlighted "medical freedom" as a key campaign issue in an announcement post on her husband's Facebook page.

Senate Hears Vaccine Bill

On Tuesday, the Senate General Government and Budgetary Committee heard HB 218 despite Senate President Huffman previously expressing that that the upper chamber was not receptive to hearing the bill. Chairman Peterson mentioned that an opposition hearing could take place as early as next week.

HB 218 would prohibit employers, schools, or institutions of higher education from requiring vaccines, drugs, or other products that use mRNA, DNA, or other genetic technology that has not been approved by the U.S. food and drug administration.

NEWLY INTRODUCED LEGISLATION

HOUSE BILLS

HB 493 – Rabbit Rescue - To create the "Ohio House Rabbit Rescue" license plate.

HB 494 – School Adjacent Speed Zones - To authorize a municipal corporation, county, and township to establish a school adjacent speed zone on any street or highway within a half mile of certain schools.

HB 495 – Medical Chaperones - To require specified health care professionals to offer their patients medical chaperones, to establish certain mandatory reporting requirements for health care professionals.

HB 496 – Midwifery - To regulate the practice of certified nurse-midwives, certified midwives, and certified professional midwives.

HB 497 – Third Grade Reading Guarantee - To eliminate retention under the Third Grade Reading Guarantee.

HB 498 – Recreational Marijuana – To enact the Ohio Adult Use Act and to levy a tax.

HB 499 – Disability Retirees – To allow a Public Employees Retirement System or School Employees Retirement System disability benefit recipient elected to certain offices to continue receiving a disability benefit during the term of office.

HB 500 – Bindovers - to eliminate mandatory bindovers and reverse bindovers, and modify the law governing a discretionary bindover, of an alleged juvenile offender from a juvenile court to a criminal court.

SENATE BILLS

SB 269 – Internet Lottery Games - To clarify that the State Lottery Commission has the authority to operate certain internet lottery games and to prohibit the Commission from conducting internet lottery game versions of certain number match lottery games.

SB 270 – Schools Zones - To establish requirements regarding Department of Transportation projects, specifically as they relate to schools and school zones.

SB 271 – Walleye- to designate the walleye as the official fish of the state.

SB 272 – Residential Landlod-Tenant - to revise terminology used in the residential landlord-tenant law.