

THIS WEEK AT THE STATEHOUSE

JUNE 10, 2022



CURRENT COVID STATS

Ohio:

- 18,247 new cases
- 5 recent fatalities

United States:

- 117,665 new cases
- 343 recent fatalities

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

No Session
No Committees

LaRose Urges Courts Not To Reopen Legislative Candidate Filing

The secretary's arguments responding to a handful of recent lawsuits in federal and state court are largely premised on court precedent that judges should not alter election rules immediately before an election.

"Here, any order by the court could place severe problems on the orderly procession of the Aug. 2 primary (and) would facilitate a grave risk of voter confusion," the secretary wrote in the federal challenge pending before U.S. District Court Judge Douglas Cole.

That legal challenge was filed by Jennifer Giroux, a Republican legislative hopeful, and a supporter who last week challenged the secretary's May 28 directive implementing a separate federal court's decision to impose two-year legislative maps for an August primary.

State Recovers Nearly \$400M For Unemployment System

The Department of Job and Family Services has recouped \$397.5 million in unemployment payments through collaborations with law enforcement offices and financial firms.

The agency on Wednesday detailed the latest results of its efforts to claw back unemployment compensation erroneously paid out during the initial months of the coronavirus pandemic.

A public interest audit by State Auditor Keith Faber's office previously found that Ohio overpaid unemployment claims by \$3.8 billion from March 1, 2020, through Feb. 28, 2021. That review identified \$3.3 billion in nonfraud overpayments and \$475 million in fraudulent claim

Senators Discuss Addiction Recovery Funds In New Committee

Senate President Matt Huffman (R-Lima) opened the meeting by saying the legislature often appropriates money but does not conduct follow-up performance audits on the money spent.

"To that extent, a lot of what we do is frustrating because it seems like the needle hasn't moved," he said.

He said the issue of addiction can be improved, but "there has to be continuing audit reviews of what's happening. Are our dollars really making a difference and if not, how do we get them to make a difference?" he said.

NEWLY INTRODUCED LEGISLATION

(Road naming and license plate bills omitted from list)

HOUSE BILLS

HB 695 – Child and Adult Diapers– To exempt from sales and use tax the sale of child and adult diapers.

HB 698 – Eminent Domain – To amend the law regarding eminent domain.

SENATE BILLS

No New Introductions