

**THIS WEEK  
AT THE  
STATEHOUSE  
JULY 15, 2022**



**Ohio Fact of the Week**

*Cleveland became the world's first city to be lighted electrically in 1879.*

**NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

No Session  
No Committees

**State of Ohio Monthly Financial Report**

According to the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA)'s 'third' estimate, Real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) decreased in the first quarter of calendar year 2022 at an annualized rate of 1.6 percent, an 0.1 percentage point revision downward from last month's 'second' estimate. The first quarter decrease in real GDP resulted from decreases in net exports (-3.2 percentage points), private inventories (-0.4 percentage points) and government expenditures (-0.5 percentage points). These decreases were partially offset by increases in fixed investment (1.3 percentage points) and personal consumption expenditures (1.2 percentage points).

The Back-to-Normal Index tracks the economic recovery compared to pre-pandemic levels. As of July 6, 2022, the national index was at 91.5 percent. Ohio's index was 1.8 percentage points higher at 93.3 percent. Ohio's average Back-to-Normal Index value in June was 95.2 percent, which was 2.2 percentage points above the national average of 93.0 percent

**Tensions Flare Over Speed Of Superintendent Search**

The pace of the State Board of Education Track's efforts to find a permanent replacement for a state superintendent of public instruction who served less than a month drove debate at the panel's Tuesday meeting.

An occasionally testy discussion on the future of the top job at the Department of Education followed a decision by District 8's John Hagan to pull his resolution to appoint Larry Hook as the state's K-12 chief after the administrator was hired to lead the Forest Hills Local School District.

Mr. Hagan unsuccessfully sought emergency consideration for the resolution hiring Mr. Hook – the runner-up in the board's initial superintendent search – at the board's June meeting

**Ryan Targets Fox News Fans; Campaigns Trade Barbs Over Townhall...**

The Warren Democrat's latest television advertisement includes clips of Fox News personalities calling him "tough on China" and a "moderate," among other statements.

The Ryan campaign said the spot is the latest in an ongoing eight-figure television advertising blitz.

## NEWLY INTRODUCED LEGISLATION

(Road naming and license plate bills omitted from list)

### HOUSE BILLS

**HB 705 – Student Athletes** – To authorize the Ohio High School Athletic Association to establish the rules of play and athlete eligibility regulations for interscholastic athletics for grades seven to twelve.

**HB 706 – Temp Agriculture Workers** – To subject foreign temporary agricultural workers to municipal income taxes and to modify the withholding rules for such workers.

### SENATE BILLS

**SB 354 – Forclosures**– Regards who is eligible to bid in a foreclosure sale and to create the Ohio Housing Study Committee.

**SCR 17 – Chips Act** – To urge Congress to allocate funding to the CHIPS Act.