

THIS WEEK AT THE STATEHOUSE

January 20, 2023



Rainy Day Fund Reaches Historic Level

Governor Mike DeWine announced that Ohio's Rainy Day Fund (RDF) has a balance of nearly \$3.5 billion following a transfer of \$727 million, an all-time high for the fund. The fund is limited to no more than 8.5% of General Revenue Fund revenues.

Merrin, Others Detail Ethics Reform Effort

Representative Derek Merrin and several colleagues outlined an ethics reform package designed to increase transparency and accountability around financial disclosure and elected official participation on corporate boards, among other items. Merrin noted that the legislature had not addressed ethics reform in decades and Ohioans need restored trust in their government.

House Majority Announces Leadership

Speaker Jason Stephens and the House Majority Caucus announced the remaining leadership members for the 135th General Assembly. Rounding out the team includes:

- Scott Oelslager, Speaker Pro Tempore
- Bill Seitz, Majority Floor Leader
- Jon Cross, Assistant Majority Floor Leader
- Jim Hoops, Majority Whip
- Sharon Ray, Assistant Majority Whip

NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday, January 23rd

Tuesday, January 24th

- House Session

Wednesday, January 25th

- House Session (If-Needed)

Thursday, January 26th

Friday, January 27th

INTRODUCED LEGISLATION

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OHIO HOUSE

- No New Introductions

OHIO SENATE

- **SB22 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT VACANCIES**
 - To allow a primary candidate to become a candidate at the general election by being appointed to fill a ballot vacancy under certain circumstances.
- **SB23 PURCHASING AUTHORITY CONSTRUCTION SERVICES**
 - To expand political subdivision joint purchasing authority to expressly include purchases for construction services