

THIS WEEK AT THE STATEHOUSE

February 17, 2023



House Majority Outlines Legislative Priorities

This week, Speaker Jason Stephens and members of the Ohio House Majority Caucus held a press conference highlighting the release of the Republicans' priority legislation. The proposals include tax reform, education funding, affordable housing, adoption modernization, and addressing mothers and infant mortality. A full listing of the legislation can be found below.

Speaker Stephens Announces Senior Staff Positions

Speaker Stephens has also announced additional senior staff positions for the House Majority. The positions include:

- Devin Babcock, Policy Director
- Dan Baker, Majority Finance Director
- Kevin Stanek - Chief Legal Counsel
- Heather Blessing - Deputy Chief Legal Counsel
- Mike McGuire - Senior Deputy Legal Counsel
- Megan Fitzmartin - Senior Advisor to the Speaker
- Pat Melton - Director of Strategic Communications

Budget Legislation Receives Bill Numbers

The House has officially introduced the four budget bills that are currently under consideration. The proposals are numbered as follows: **HB23 (Edwards)** - Department of Transportation Budget; **HB31 (Edwards)** - Bureau of Workers' Compensation Budget; **HB32 (Edwards)** - Industrial Commission Budget; **HB33 (Edwards)** - FY24-25 Operating Budget.

NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday, February 20th

- State Closed
 - (President's Day)

Tuesday, February 21st

- House & Senate Committees

Wednesday, February 22nd

- House & Senate Committees
- Senate Session

Thursday, February 23rd

- House Finance HHS

Friday, February 24th

INTRODUCED LEGISLATION

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OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HB1	PROPERTY, INCOME TAX CHANGES To modify the law regarding property taxation and income tax rates. Referred to Ways and Means Committee	Mathews, A	
HB2	LEGISLATIVE INTENT-STATE FUNDING To declare the intent of the General Assembly to direct state funds to projects across the state for economic growth and community development. Referred to Finance Committee	Cutrona, A	Upchurch, T
HB3	LEGISLATIVE INTENT-AFFORDABLE HOUSING To formally state the General Assembly's intention to authorize an affordable housing tax credit. Referred to Economic and Workforce Development Committee	Pavliga, G	McNally, L
HB4	LEGISLATIVE INTENT-ECONOMIC BOYCOTTS To declare the General Assembly's intention to enact legislation regarding financial institutions and other businesses that conduct economic boycotts or discriminate against certain companies or customers based on certain factors. Referred to Financial Institutions Committee	Young, T	King, A
HB5	LEGISLATIVE INTENT-ADOPTION MODERNIZATION To express the General Assembly's intent to modernize the adoption process. Referred to Families and Aging Committee	Ray, S	Baker, R
HB6	SINGLE-SEX TEAMS REQUIREMENT To enact the Save Women's Sports Act to require schools, state institutions of higher education, and private colleges to designate separate single-sex teams and sports for each sex. Referred to Higher Education Committee	Powell, J	
HB7	LEGISLATIVE INTENT-STRONG FOUNDATIONS To express the General Assembly's intent to support strong foundations for mothers and babies to address maternal and infant mortality and improve health and developmental outcomes, and to name this act the Strong Foundations Act. Referred to Families and Aging Committee	White, A	Humphrey, L
HB8	PARENTAL NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS To enact the "Parents' Bill of Rights" to require public schools to adopt a policy on parental notification on student health and well-being and instructional materials with sexually explicit content. Referred to Primary and Secondary Education Committee	Swearingen, D	Carruthers, S

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HB9	TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS To establish the Grow Your Own Teacher Program, to establish a loan repayment program for eligible teachers, to make changes to teacher licensing and professional development, and to make an appropriation. Referred to Primary and Secondary Education Committee	Manning, G	Lightbody,
HB10	PHASE-IN SCHOOL FUNDING SYSTEM To express the intent of the General Assembly to continue phasing-in the school financing system established in H.B. 110 of the 134th General Assembly and, if practicable, fully phase it in. Referred to Finance Committee	Callender, J	Sweeney,
HB11	SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CHANGES To establish the Backpack Scholarship Program to begin operating for the 2023-2024 school year, to repeal the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and the Pilot Project Scholarship Program on July 1, 2024, and to make an appropriation. Referred to Primary and Secondary Education Committee	McClain, R	John, M
HB12	REFORM OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION To rename the Department of Education as the Department of Education and Workforce; to create the position of Director of Education and Workforce; and to reform the functions and responsibilities of the State Board of Education and the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Referred to Primary and Secondary Education Committee	Jones, D	Dobos, D
HB13	REDEFINE HYBRID MOTOR VEHICLE To redefine "hybrid motor vehicle" under the motor vehicle law for purposes of the additional registration fee applicable to those vehicles and to delay the effect of those changes until January 1, 2024. Referred to Homeland Security Committee	Miller, J	Weinstein,
HB14	CHILD CUSTODY Regarding the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities to grant equal time and responsibility for a child. Referred to Civil Justice Committee	Creech, R	John, M
HB15	ABORTION CONSENT LAW To revise the informed consent law regarding abortions. Referred to Public Health Policy Committee	Gross, J	Lear, B
HB16	ETHICS, FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REFORM To enact the Ethics and Financial Disclosure Reform Act to revise the law governing ethics and lobbying. Referred to Government Oversight Committee	Merrin, D	

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HB17	STATE EMPLOYEE TIKTOK BAN To prohibit state officials, employees, and contractors from using TikTok, WeChat, or any other application or service owned by an entity located in China. Referred to Technology and Innovation Committee	Schmidt, J	Swearingen,
HB18	VETERANS ID USE To allow an applicant for a military license plate to present a county-issued veterans identification card as evidence of an honorable discharge. Referred to Armed Services and Veterans Affairs Committee	Galonski, T	
HB19	OHIO WORLD HIJAB DAY To designate February 1st as "Ohio World Hijab Day." Referred to State and Local Government Committee	Abdullahi, M	
HB20	OHIO COMPUTER CRIMES ACT To enact the Ohio Computer Crimes Act. Referred to Criminal Justice Committee	Swearingen, D	
HB21	MAY PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY To require a presidential primary election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May. Referred to Government Oversight Committee	Troy, D	
HB22	STROKE CARE DATA Regarding the collection of stroke care data and the recognition of thrombectomy-capable stroke centers. Referred to Health Provider Services Committee	Schmidt, J	Hall, T
HB23	TRANSPORTATION BUDGET To make appropriations for programs related to transportation for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of those programs. Referred to Finance Committee	Edwards, J	
HB24	BIOMARKER TESTING To require health benefit plan and Medicaid program coverage of biomarker testing. Referred to Insurance Committee	White, A	
HB25	CREATE AAPI AFFAIRS COMMISSION To create the Ohio Asian-American and Pacific Islander Affairs Commission and the Office of Asian American and Pacific Islander Affairs and to make an appropriation. Referred to State and Local Government Committee	Galonski, T	Somani, A

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HB26	PHILIP M. WIGAL MEM HWY To designate a portion of State Route 301 in Wayne County as the "Town and Country Firefighter Lt. Philip M. Wigal Memorial Highway." Referred to Transportation Committee	Wiggam, S	
HB27	COLLEGES - FINANCIAL COST DISCLOSURE FORMS To require state institutions of higher education to provide financial cost and aid disclosure forms. Referred to Higher Education Committee	Mathews, A	Thomas, J
HB28	TRIPLE NEGATIVE BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH To designate March as "Triple Negative Breast Cancer Awareness Month." Referred to Public Health Policy Committee	Humphrey, L	
HB29	DRIVER'S LICENSE SUSPENSION - CHILD SUPPORT To make changes to the law governing driver's license suspensions for failure to pay child support. Referred to Homeland Security Committee	Humphrey, L	Brewer, D
HB30	PROVIDE INMATES WITH FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS To require municipal and county correctional facilities and state correctional institutions to provide inmates experiencing a menstrual cycle with an adequate supply of feminine hygiene products. Referred to State and Local Government Committee	Humphrey, L	
HB31	WORKERS' COMPENSATION BUDGET To amend Section 5 of S.B. 331 of the 133rd General Assembly to rename the Bureau of Workers' Compensation the Department of Workforce Insurance and Safety, to rename other entities who carry out workers' compensation functions in this state, to amend the version of section 3781.10 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect on December 29, 2023, to continue the change on and after that date, and to make appropriations for the Department for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025, to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of the Department's programs. Referred to Finance Committee	Edwards, J	
HB32	INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION BUDGET To make appropriations for the Industrial Commission for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of Commission programs. Referred to Finance Committee	Edwards, J	
HB33	FY24-25 OPERATING BUDGET To make operating appropriations for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025, to levy taxes, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs. Referred to Finance Committee	Edwards, J	

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HB34	JURY DUTY - BREAST-FEEDING EXCEPTION To permit a prospective juror who is a mother who is breast-feeding to be excused from jury service. Referred to Civil Justice Committee	Klopfenstein, R	King, A
HB35	ELIMINATE LIMITATIONS PERIOD - CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE To eliminate the limitations period for a civil action based on a claim of childhood sexual abuse only for purposes of filing claims against a bankruptcy estate of an organization chartered under federal law, and to subsequently amend section 2305.111 of the Revised Code five years after the effective date of that section to remove that elimination of the limitations period. Referred to Civil Justice Committee	Seitz, B	Miranda, J
HB36	MEDICAL IDENTIFYING DEVICES To revise the law governing medical identifying devices and to name this act Paige's Law. Referred to Health Provider Services Committee	Miranda, J	
HB37	INCREASE OVI FINANCIAL PENALTIES To increase the financial penalties for OVI and to increase the financial penalties and prison term for aggravated vehicular homicide under specified circumstances. Referred to Criminal Justice Committee	Johnson, M	Miller, K
HB38	SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH DAYS To allow school districts to permit students to take up to three mental health days away from school each school year. Referred to Primary and Secondary Education Committee	Blackshear, W	Miranda, J
HB39	REFUNDABLE INCOME TAX CREDIT To make the earned income tax credit partially refundable. Referred to Ways and Means Committee	Skindell, M	Isaacsohn,
HB40	PERMANENT ABSENT VOTER LIST To create a permanent absent voter list. Referred to Government Oversight Committee	Skindell, M	
HB41	UTILITY BILLING TRANSPARENCY To enact "The Consumer Utility Billing Transparency Act" requiring the itemization of all riders, taxes, and other costs on certain utility bills. Referred to Public Utilities Committee	Skindell, M	
HB42	FORMULA RETAIL, FOOD SERVICES To regulate employment practices of formula retail and food services establishment employers and contractors and to require the purchaser of a formula retail or food services establishment to retain certain employees. Referred to Commerce and Labor Committee	Skindell, M	

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HB43 LAKE ERIE NATURAL GAS To ban the taking or removal of oil or natural gas from and under the bed of Lake Erie. Referred to Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Skindell, M	
HB44 RECORD PAROLE BOARD HEARINGS To require electronic recordings to be made of all parole board hearings, excluding certain personal identifying information, and to make those electronic recordings "public records" under the Public Records Law. Referred to Criminal Justice Committee	Humphrey, L	Stewart, B
HB45 DRIVER'S LICENSE SUSPENSION - CHILD SUPPORT To make changes to the law governing driver's license suspensions for failure to pay child support. Referred to Homeland Security Committee	Humphrey, L	
HB47 REQUIRE AEDS IN SCHOOLS To require the placement of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) in each public and chartered nonpublic school and each public recreational facility and to require the Ohio Department of Health to develop a model emergency action plan for the use of AEDs. Referred to Health Provider Services Committee	Brown, R	Bird, A
HB49 HOSPITAL PRICE INFORMATION Regarding the availability of hospital price information; and to amend the version of section 3701.83 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect on September 30, 2024, to continue the change on and after that date. Referred to Insurance Committee	Ferguson, R	Barhorst, T
HB50 HOUSING QUALIFICATION To create a mechanism by which an individual who is subject to a collateral sanction for housing may obtain a certificate of qualification for housing that may provide relief from certain bars on housing. Referred to Criminal Justice Committee	Humphrey, L	Seitz, B
HB51 SECOND AMENDMENT PRESERVATION To enact the Second Amendment Preservation Act to add additional protections to the right to bear arms, to remove federal firearms law references from the state firearms control law, and to declare an emergency. Referred to Government Oversight Committee	Loychik, M	Schmidt, J
HB52 MEDICAL SERVICES TRAINING, CONTINUING EDUCATION To declare the General Assembly's intent to reverse the changes made in H.B. 509 of the 134th General Assembly related to emergency medical services training and continuing education programs. Referred to State and Local Government Committee	Fowler, S	John, M

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HB53	VETERAN HIRING TAX CREDITS To authorize refundable tax credits for hiring certain veterans, service members, and their spouses. Introduced	Schmidt, J	Miller, A
HB54	INTERCHANGE DESIGNATION-KEITH EARLEY To designate the interchange of I-475 and Dorr Street in Lucas County as the "Keith Earley Memorial Interchange." Introduced	Grim, M	
HB55	MEMORIAL HIGHWAY-CHARLES SWANK To designate a portion of State Route 97 in Richland County as the "Firefighter Charles D. Swank Memorial Highway." Introduced	John, M	Lear, B
HB56	POLICE PURSUIT, FLEEING PENALTIES To increase penalties for fleeing from law enforcement, to require law enforcement entities to have a policy governing the pursuit of a motor vehicle, and to prohibit hooning and being a spectator at a hooning event. Introduced	Plummer, P	White, A
HB57	HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION-INFLATION INDEX To index the homestead exemption amounts to inflation. Introduced	Hall, T	Demetriou, J
HB58	BOUTIQUE SERVICES PROVIDER OPPORTUNITY To enact the Provider of Boutique Services Opportunity Act regarding natural hair stylists and boutique salon registrants and to amend the versions of sections 4713.10, 4713.30, and 4713.31 and to repeal the version of section 4713.69 of the Revised Code that are scheduled to take effect on December 29, 2023, to continue the changes on and after that date. Introduced	Gross, J	
HB59	EVICITION COUNSEL-DESTITUTE DEFENDANTS To provide counsel to destitute defendants facing eviction and to make an appropriation. Introduced	Galonski, T	Miller, J
HJR1	REQUIRE 60 PERCENT VOTE-CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT Proposing to amend Sections 1b, 1e, and 1g of Article II and Sections 1 and 3 of Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to require a vote of at least 60% of the electors to approve any constitutional amendment and to modify the procedures for an initiative petition proposing a constitutional amendment. Referred to Constitutional Resolutions Committee	Stewart, B	
SB59	SUN LAMP TANNING PROHIBITION-MINORS To prohibit the provision of sun lamp tanning services to individuals under age 18. Introduced	Johnson, T	

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SB60	MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANT LICENSURE To license certified mental health assistants and to amend the version of section 4755.48 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect December 29, 2023, to continue the change on and after that date. Introduced	Gavarone, T	
SB61	INSULIN COST SHARING CAP To cap cost sharing for prescription insulin drugs. Introduced	Craig, H	Manning, N
HB46	EDUCATOR DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS Regarding notation of an educator's district or school of employment on license applications and notice of educator disciplinary actions and consent agreements. Introduced	Dobos, D	Bird, A
HB48	PROFESSIONAL DUTY EXPECTATIONS To require each public school to adopt a policy regarding certain expectations related to the performance of staff member professional duties. Introduced	Bird, A	
HR14	HONORING JAVAAN YARBROUGH Honoring Javaan Yarbrough on placing first at the 2022 Beast of the East National Wrestling Invitational. Introduced	Roemer, B	
HR15	HONORING RIDGID Honoring RIDGID on its Centennial. Introduced	Manning, G	
HR16	HONORING CHRIS BAIRD Honoring Chris Baird as the 2021-2022 Girls Wrestling State Coach of the Year. Introduced	Abrams, C	
HR17	HONORING CITY OF DEFIANCE Honoring the City of Defiance on its Bicentennial. Introduced	Klopfenstein, R	Hoops, J
HR18	HONORING DREW GAYDOSH Honoring Drew Gaydosh as a 2022 All-American in soccer. Introduced	Young, T	

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HR32	OHIO WORLD HIJAB DAY To recognize February 1 as Ohio World Hijab Day. Referred to State and Local Government Committee	Abdullahi, M	
SB54	ESTABLISH NEW AFRICAN IMMIGRANTS GRANT To establish the New African Immigrants Grant and Gift Fund in the state treasury. Introduced	Reynolds, M	Sykes, V
SB55	PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY DATE REQUIREMENT To require a presidential primary election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May. Introduced	DeMora, B	
SB56	ENTER INTERSTATE MASSAGE COMPACT To enter into the Interstate Massage Compact (IMPact). Introduced	Roegner, K	
SB57	MONTH DESIGNATION-STROKE AWARENESS To designate May as "Ohio Stroke Awareness Month." Introduced	Antonio, N	Manning, N
SB58	FEE PROHIBITION-FIREARMS, KNIVES To prohibit requiring fees or firearms liability insurance for the possession of firearms, or fees for the possession of knives. Introduced	Johnson, T	Gavarone, T
SR28	HONORING COLUMBUS METROPOLITAN LIBRARY Honoring the Columbus Metropolitan Library on its One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary. Introduced	Kunze, S	
SR29	HONORING LINDEN YOUNG-MLK ORATORICAL CONTEST Honoring Linden M. Young as the senior division winner of the 21st Annual Ohio MLK Oratorical Contest. Introduced	Reynolds, M	
SR30	HONORING JASMINE DAVIS-MLK ORATORICAL CONTEST Honoring Jasmine Davis as the intermediate division winner of the 21st Annual Ohio MLK Oratorical Contest. Introduced	Reynolds, M	