



Ohio State Radiological Society

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HB144 NURSE EMPLOYMENT-MANDATORY OVERTIME (MANNING D) To prohibit a hospital from requiring a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse to work overtime as a condition of continued employment.

Current Status: 12/11/2019 - **PASSED BY HOUSE**; Vote 80-13

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-144>

HB177 STANDARD CARE ARRANGEMENTS (BRINKMAN T) Regarding standard care arrangements entered into by advanced practice registered nurses and collaborating physicians or podiatrists; physician prescribing of schedule II controlled substances from convenience care clinics; and clearances by licensed health professionals of concussed student athletes.

Current Status: 11/19/2019 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED**, House Health, (Fifth Hearing)

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-177>

HB224 NURSE ANESTHETISTS (CROSS J, WILKIN S) Regarding the practice of certified registered nurse anesthetists.

Current Status: 12/10/2019 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED**, House Health, (Fifth Hearing)

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-224>

HB385 ATTORNEY GENERAL - INSULIN PRICING (LISTON B) To require the Attorney General to investigate insulin pricing and prepare and submit a report.

Current Status: 11/6/2019 - Referred to Committee House Health

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-385>

HB388 REGARDING OUT-OF-NETWORK CARE (HOLMES A) Regarding out-of-network care.

Current Status: 12/12/2019 - House Finance, (Fifth Hearing)

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-388> * **supported by Health Plans**

ORS Position: Oppose

HB390 REGARDING INSURANCE PREMIUMS, BENEFITS (CROSSMAN J, CLITES R) Regarding health insurance premiums and benefits.

Current Status: 12/10/2019 - House Insurance, (Second Hearing)

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-390>

- HB396** **PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGER REQUIREMENTS** (GALONSKI T) To amend section of the Revised Code to impose requirements on pharmacy benefit managers.
Current Status: 11/12/2019 - Referred to Committee House Health
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-396>
- HB407** **CLINICIAN INTEGRITY, MEDICAL ACCURACY ACT** (LISTON B, RUSSO A) To establish provisions to be known as the "Clinician Integrity and Medical Accuracy Act."
Current Status: 11/18/2019 - Referred to Committee House Health
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-407>
- HB418** **PRESCRIPTION DRUGS, MEDICATION SWITCHES** (CLITES R, CARRUTHERS S) Regarding prescription drugs and medication switching.
Current Status: 12/10/2019 - Referred to Committee House Health
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-418>
- HB420** **EMERGENCY PRESCRIPTION REFILLS** (MANNING G) To increase the frequency at which a pharmacist may refill certain prescriptions on an emergency basis and to require health benefit plans to cover drugs dispensed in those situations.
Current Status: 12/10/2019 - Referred to Committee House Health
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-420>
- HB426** **HOSPICE TRANSPORT VEHICLES** (WIGGAM S) To establish requirements for the regulation of hospice transport vehicles and to modify certain laws governing ambulances and other medical-related vehicles.
Current Status: 12/10/2019 - Referred to Committee House Health
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-426>
- HB433** **COMPETITIVE VENDOR SELECTION - MEDICAID** (LANG G) To require Medicaid managed care organizations to engage in a competitive selection process when contracting with a laboratory services provider vendor.
Current Status: 12/10/2019 - Referred to Committee House Health
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-433>
- HB455** **SURGICAL ASSISTANTS** (SMITH J, KELLY B) To regulate the practice of surgical assistants.
Current Status: 12/17/2019 - Introduced
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-455>
- SB9** **HEALTH PLAN CLAIM INFORMATION** (HUFFMAN M) To require health plan issuers to release certain claim information to group plan policyholders.
Current Status: 12/11/2019 - **PASSED BY HOUSE**; Vote 87-6

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-9>

SB97 **COST ESTIMATES FOR HEALTH CARE** (HUFFMAN S) Regarding the provision of cost estimates for scheduled health care services and health care services requiring insurer preauthorization.

Current Status: 12/10/2019 - House Health, (First Hearing)

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-97>

ORS Position: Interested Party; supported by OSMA and OHA

SB178 **PODIATRISTS** (SCHURING K) Regarding the authority of podiatrists to administer influenza vaccinations.

Current Status: 11/13/2019 - Senate Health, Human Services and Medicaid, (Second Hearing)

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-178>

SB198 **OUT-OF-NETWORK CARE** (HUFFMAN S, ANTONIO N) Regarding out-of-network care.

Current Status: 12/11/2019 - Senate Insurance and Financial Institutions, (Third Hearing)

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-198>

ORS Position: Support

SB231 **INVESTIGATE INSULIN PRICING** (CRAIG H, ANTONIO N) To require the Attorney General to investigate insulin pricing and prepare and submit a report.

Current Status: 11/13/2019 - Referred to Committee Senate Finance Health and Medicaid Subcommittee

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-231>

SB232 **CAP COST SHARING-INSULIN DRUGS** (CRAIG H, ANTONIO N) To cap cost-sharing for prescription insulin drugs.

Current Status: 11/13/2019 - Referred to Committee Senate Finance Health and Medicaid Subcommittee

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-232>

SB236 **RADIATION CONTROL PROGRAM** (HUFFMAN S) Regarding the Ohio Department of Health's Radiation Control Program and the regulation of radiation technology professionals.

Current Status: 12/11/2019 - Senate Health, Human Services and Medicaid, (First Hearing)

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-236>

ORS Position: SUPPORT; initiated by ORS

SB250 **PHYSICIANS-RADIATION EQUIPMENT (WILLIAMS S)** Regarding the authority of a physician to operate certain radiation-generating equipment.

Current Status: 12/17/2019 - Referred to Committee Senate Health, Human Services and Medicaid

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-250> *initiated by a company that provides superficial radiation technology and sells to dermatologists - Sensus

ORS Position: OPPOSE

SB252 **PROHIBIT 'FAIL FIRST' COVERAGE-CANCER DRUGS (HACKETT R, CRAIG H)** To prohibit "fail first" coverage of drugs used to treat stage four advanced metastatic cancer.

Current Status: 12/17/2019 - Referred to Committee Senate Health, Human Services and Medicaid

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-252>

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ABORTION

Eleven of Ohio's congressional Republicans, including U.S. Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH), have signed an amicus brief urging the U.S. Supreme Court to reconsider and possibly overrule its decisions in abortion rights cases *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*. Others signing the brief, filed in the Louisiana abortion case of *June Medical Services LLC v. Gee*, were GOP U.S. Reps. Troy Balderson (Worthington), Steve Chabot (Cincinnati), Warren Davidson (Troy), Bob Gibbs (Lakeville), Anthony Gonzalez (Westlake), Bill Johnson (Marietta), Jim Jordan (Urbana), Bob Latta (Bowling Green), Mike Turner (Dayton) and Brad Wenstrup (Cincinnati).

ADDICTION/SUBSTANCE ABUSE

A new study out of the University of Toledo (UT) estimates that fatal overdoses related to opioids cost the metropolitan Toledo economy \$1.6 billion and more than 2,000 jobs in 2017. According to study authors, at \$1.6 billion, the total economic toll of the opioid epidemic is equivalent to approximately 4.5 percent of the region's gross domestic product -- or roughly the same amount of economic activity generated annually by the entire private construction industry.

BALLOT ISSUES

State and federal courts will now weigh whether the Ohio Constitution guarantees referendum organizers the full 90 days between a bill's signing and effective date to collect signatures for a ballot issue to overturn state law -- Ohioans Against Corporate Bailouts' (OACB) argument

against HB6 (Callender-Wilkin) energy subsidies. The Ohio Supreme Court has agreed to hold oral argument on five certified questions advanced by Secretary of State Frank LaRose and referred by U.S. District Court Judge Edmund Sargus, who did not rule on the substance of OACB's position last October but said the argument is a question of state law to be answered in state court.

FY21-22 CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS

County governments have tallied almost \$1.4 billion in construction and upgrade costs for outdated jails and are hoping the DeWine administration will pledge \$200 million in the upcoming capital budget toward an eventual \$1 billion over 10 years for jail facilities. Jail facilities lack capacity for current demand and need improvements because of their "inappropriate role of de facto mental health and addiction facilities" and the growing female population in jails, according to materials submitted to the administration jointly by the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) and Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association (BSSA).

DEATH PENALTY

Gov. Mike DeWine late Friday, Dec. 20 issued a reprieve of execution for Melvin Bonnell, who was scheduled to be executed on Thursday, Feb. 20, 2020. The new date of execution has been moved to Thursday, March 18, 2021. The release from the governor's office explained that DeWine is issuing this reprieve due to ongoing problems involving the willingness of pharmaceutical suppliers to provide drugs to the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (DRC), pursuant to DRC protocol, without endangering other Ohioans' ability to get the drugs.

ELECTIONS 2020

The following endorsements were made over the week:

- The Ohio Senate campaign of Bill Reineke announced the endorsements of Attorney General Dave Yost, Auditor of State Keith Faber, and Treasurer Robert Sprague.

EMPLOYMENT/UNEMPLOYMENT

According to new data released by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) Friday, Dec. 20, Ohio's unemployment rate was 4.2 percent in November 2019, unchanged from October, as the state added 6,700 jobs over the month. Ohio's nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased 6,700 over the month, from a revised 5,591,300 in October to 5,598,000 in November 2019. The number of workers unemployed in Ohio in November was 247,000, up 1,000 from 246,000 in October, ODJFS said. The number of unemployed has decreased by 20,000 in the past 12 months from 267,000.

FEDERAL

In a series of press releases, U.S. Sens. Sherrod Brown (D-OH) and Rob Portman (R-OH) applauded Ohio provisions in the FFY20 Funding Bill passed Thursday, Dec. 19 by the U.S. Senate and expected to be signed into law by President Donald Trump. This legislation comes after the Senate's passage of the FFY20 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) conference report, earlier in the week.

Following the U.S. House's vote to ratify the amended U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA), Ohio elected officials from both sides of the aisle declared victory. The vote was 385-41, with most of the opposition coming from Democrats.

U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH) Thursday announced that Trudy Perkins will serve as his communications director in his Washington, D.C. office, beginning this week. Perkins most recently served as deputy chief of staff and communications director for the late U.S. Rep. Elijah E. Cummings (D-MD). She has served as a congressional staffer since 2002.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY/STATEHOUSE

According to an announcement in Thursday's Senate Journal, Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina) has appointed Sen. Theresa Gavarone (R-Bowling Green) as the chair of the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR). She succeeds Rep. Jamie Callender (R-Concord), who held the position in the first year of the 133rd General Assembly.

Rep. Cindy Abrams (R-Harrison) came to the Ohio House in October, replacing former Rep. Louis Blessing (R-Cincinnati), after having been an officer in the Cincinnati Police Department and a member of the Harrison City Council. She told *Hannah News* that the Legislature was always on her radar, noting that "public service is what I know."

GOVERNOR

Appointments made during the week include the following:

- Michael J. Snee of Dublin (Delaware County) as the state of Ohio representative to the Midwest Interstate Low-level Radioactive Waste Commission for a term beginning Dec. 20, 2019 and continuing at the pleasure of the governor.

GUNS

A split Supreme Court of Ohio has agreed to hear the gun lobby's appeal of Columbus' "bump stock" ban over the objections of Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor. Ohioans For Concealed Carry and Buckeye Firearms Foundation say the capital-area ordinance outlawing the rapid-fire device -- federally banned this year after the Las Vegas massacre -- violates 2nd Amendment protections for firearm "components" in R.C. 9.68, due for even tougher gun rights in 132-HB228 (Johnson) language effective Saturday, Dec. 28.

HUMAN SERVICES

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) will offer grants totaling \$7 million meant to grow the number of publicly funded child care providers and improve the quality of existing providers, the agency announced Friday, Dec. 20. Nonprofit and public entities are eligible for the funds, and \$3 million in incentives will also be offered to current publicly funded child care providers to help them become rated or improve their Step Up To Quality (SUTQ) rating.

Ohio child care professionals are taking advantage of the Powering Optimal Wages and Encouraging Retention (POWER) Ohio, which provides them scholarships and helps them earn advanced credentials while they work, according to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS).

IMMIGRATION

Gov. Mike DeWine recently approved the resettlement of refugees in the state of Ohio, responding to a deadline set by an executive order signed by President Donald Trump requiring states to consent to receiving refugees. Trump signed the executive order in September, saying refugees will be resettled in jurisdictions where both state and local governments consent to receive them. The executive order required states to give their consent in writing, which must now be done by Tuesday, Jan. 21. Trump also reduced the number of refugees that will be allowed into the U.S. to 18,000, down from 30,000 in the previous fiscal year.

JUDICIAL

Effective Jan. 1, all Ohio courts that use mediation must now adopt the state's Uniform Mediation Act by local rule, identify eligible cases, and "address confidentiality," though new rules do not define that further. The Ohio Supreme Court said that 77 percent of common pleas courts and 63 percent of all state courts refer cases to mediation. Of those using mediation, 84 percent do so by local rule.

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

The top 10 most-donated-to U.S. charities for 2018 all saw at least \$1 billion in private contributions, according to a recent report by *Forbes* using data from Giving USA. In total, U.S. charities received \$427 billion in contributions last year. The United Way Worldwide was in first place, with \$3.3 billion in private donations and \$3.7 billion in total revenue, and had a 90 percent fundraising efficiency score and 85 percent charitable commitment. Other rankings in terms of private donations included second place Feeding America, \$2.8 billion; the Task Force for Global Health, \$2.6 billion; Salvation Army, \$2 billion; St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, \$1.7 billion; American National Red Cross, \$1.5 billion; Direct Relief, \$1.4 billion; Habitat for Humanity International, \$1.4 billion; YMCA of the U.S.A., \$1.1 billion; and Americares Foundation, \$1 billion.

POLLS/STUDIES

A new poll out of Pew Research Center shows Americans have a mixed assessment of the economy and their views differ significantly by income and political party. Majorities of upper-income (71 percent) and middle-income (60 percent) Americans say current economic conditions are excellent or good. But only about four in 10 lower-income adults share that view, while a majority (57 percent) say the economy is only fair or poor.

PUBLIC SAFETY

More people died on Ohio's roadways over the Christmas holiday, but fewer died over New Year's, according to the Ohio State Highway Patrol. According to the patrol, 12 people were killed in eight fatal crashes for the period running from midnight on Tuesday, Dec. 24 through 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 25. That number was higher than in 2018, when 11 people were killed during a period running from Dec. 21-25. The patrol said there were four deaths over a two-day reporting period that began at midnight on Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2019 through 11:59 p.m. on Jan. 1, 2020. The patrol said the number was lower than over a four-day reporting period last year, when 12 fatalities were reported.

The Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) announced that it will be among the first in the nation to launch a vehicle safety recall notification program using the state's vehicle registration renewal process. According to the BMV, vehicle safety recall information will be printed on registration renewal notices, which are sent through the mail. Ohio drivers will begin receiving open recall notifications beginning this month.

STATE GOVERNMENT

Ohio's minimum wage got a 15-cent bump to \$8.70 benefitting an estimated 84,000 of Ohio's lowest paid workers effective Wednesday, Jan. 1, while Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for nearly 69 million Americans increased 1.6 percent. The 1.6 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) begin with benefits payable to more than 63 million Social Security beneficiaries in January 2020. Increased payments to more than 8 million SSI beneficiaries began on Dec. 31, 2019. (Note: Some people receive both Social Security and SSI benefits.)

Over the holiday season, the Ohio Ethics Commission issued a reminder to public officials and employees of the gift-acceptance restrictions under Ohio's ethics laws. The commission said Ohio Ethics Law prohibits a public official or public employee from soliciting or accepting anything of value that could have a substantial and improper influence on the performance of public duties. "Nominal or very inexpensive gifts such as a coffee mug, tin of popcorn, or t-shirt are not considered substantial," the commission said. "These types of minor gifts are not prohibited under the ethics law, though you may still choose to decline them to avoid even the appearance of impropriety."

As the new head of Ohio's construction oversight agency, Cheryl Lyman has her eye on how data analytics can help with its mission, and she faces the challenge of increased demand for help from local schools amid strong competition for the talents of the construction workforce. In an interview with *Hannah News*, Lyman said she jumped at the chance to lead the Ohio Facilities

Construction Commission because of the potential to make a difference on a statewide level and the ability to assess the progress of two reforms she'd worked on years ago -- construction procurement reform and the establishment of the agency itself, which first complemented and later subsumed her previous employer, the Ohio School Facilities Commission.

TRANSPORTATION/INFRASTRUCTURE

Gov. Mike DeWine observed that 2019 had become the fourth deadliest year on Ohio's highways in the last decade. Blaming much of the increase on distracted driving, DeWine said he will push the Ohio Legislature to make distracted driving a primary offense. Speaking at a press conference prior to the holidays, he urged Ohio drivers to exercise caution and to not drive drunk or distracted. DeWine added that although the technology in vehicles has steadily made them safer, traffic fatalities continue to rise, and said it can only be attributed to driver error. According to the governor's office, there have been 91,135 crashes involving distracted driving since 2013, including 47,273 injuries and 305 deaths.