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## **Strickland adviser says energy bill promotes efficiency**

*Strickland aide: Rates could cover utility upgrades*

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Under Gov. Ted Strickland's proposed energy reforms, upgrades to make a power plant more efficient and profitable could show up in your electric bill - as a rate increase.

So could other efficiency upgrades, including programs that utilities launch to help you use less power.

"This bill would make investments in efficiency equivalent to any other production cost a utility would make," Strickland's energy adviser, Mark Shanahan, said Thursday in a 90-minute discussion with about 100 policy makers at Cleveland State University.

"It's never been treated like that in Ohio law before."

In fact, the bill, now before lawmakers, makes energy efficiency a "fifth fuel," said Shanahan, borrowing a phrase from Duke Energy in Cincinnati, which advocates such programs financed by ratepayers.

The 58-page bill - which Strickland dubbed Energy, Jobs & Progress when he unveiled its broad outline in August - would create an energy efficiency standard and require that, by 2025, the equivalent of 10 percent of the projected growth in electricity production come through efficiency upgrades rather than new power plants.

It's complicated legislation, Shanahan told the crowd, but it creates the foundation for a comprehensive energy policy that goes well beyond rate regulation in order "to move Ohio out of the status quo," Shanahan said.

And that includes creating "tens of thousands of jobs" by requiring that 25 percent of the power that each utility delivers in 2025 come from "advanced energy" power plants.

That includes electricity generation with wind, solar power, fuel cells, hydro-electric plants, clean coal, advanced nuclear and combustion of wood wastes, or methane-generated power in manure digesters or from landfills.

Such a requirement would encourage the manufacturing of wind turbines, solar panels and other energy technologies in the state, creating jobs as well as electricity.

What's in it for the consumer?

The bill would require utilities to make the latest high-tech metering and conservation equipment available not only to industrial users, as it does today, but also to residential consumers upon request.

Such equipment would include "smart meters" that could show you the cost of electricity at any time of the day -- and then automatically limit your power draw when rates were at their highest, typically between 4 and 7 p.m.

Still, facing a series of tough questions from the audience about rates here, which are the highest in the state, Shanahan would not promise a rate reduction as an outcome of the broad changes the administration is trying to engineer.

"Could rates go down? It could happen," he said. "But it's not what I would predict."

The bill's first objective, Shanahan said, is to block retail rate spikes in 2009 by preventing the state's utilities from basing rates on volatile wholesale market prices. When other states allowed this, consumer rates soared.

Ohio started down this road to deregulation in 2000 on the assumption that it would lead to lower rates by forcing Ohio's utilities to fend off competition from outside power companies in a competitive market.

That has never happened, and if the law is not reversed, the administration believes Ohio will end up with unregulated monopolies and out-of-control prices.

Strickland wants to return Ohio to something like traditional rate making based on what the utility spent to generate and deliver the power.

It will be tricky as it involves constitutional issues that prevent the state from simply rolling back today's rates and ordering the utilities to accept regulated rates, Shanahan said.

He predicted this part of the bill alone will be contentious and hard fought by the utilities that have already retained armies of lobbyists and public-relations firms. Hearings in a Senate committee began this week.

### **Mecklenborg Selected to Fill Seitz's House Seat**

September 27, 2007, Hannah News Service

House Speaker Jon Husted (R-Kettering) announced Thursday that attorney Robert Mecklenborg, a solicitor and prosecutor for the village of Cleves, has been chosen by the House Republican Caucus to fill the 30th House District seat that will be vacated by Rep. Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati) when he is appointed to the Senate.

Mecklenborg beat out political consultant Dick Hammersmith for the appointment, although Hammersmith has previously said that he will run in the 2008 primary if he was not selected.

Husted said that Mecklenborg will be appointed to the seat after Seitz officially resigns, which is expected to be on Oct. 10. Seitz was selected by Senate Republicans to replace Sen. Patricia Clancy (R-Cincinnati).

"Bob Mecklenborg's vast legal experience and dedication to public service are tremendous," Husted said. "I have no doubt he will be an asset to the Legislature and to the people of the 30<sup>th</sup> House district. I'm looking forward to having him on the team."

Mecklenborg is a former law director for the City of Chevoit and former assistant Hamilton County prosecutor. He is a founding partner of Hyle & Mecklenborg.

"I'm both honored and humbled to have the opportunity to serve my community as a member of the Ohio House of Representatives," Mecklenborg said in a statement announcing the appointment. "I am grateful to have been selected by the screening committee today and I am looking forward to the future and getting to work on behalf of the people of the 30<sup>th</sup> District."

He said he prides himself on his dedication to traditional conservative values – lowering taxes and improving the economy, supporting the Second Amendment and protecting the rights of the unborn, as well as advancing educational opportunities and bettering our communities.

Mecklenborg has been married for 25 years to wife Jan and has three children – Jill, Rob and Laura.

**OCTOBER SESSION SCHEDULE**

Wednesday, October 3 – Session  
Thursday, October 4 – Committee hearings  
Monday, October 8 – COLUMBUS DAY (State Offices closed)  
Tuesday, October 9 – Session  
Wednesday, October 10 – Session  
Thursday, October 11 – Committee hearings  
Tuesday, October 16 – Session  
Wednesday, October 17 – Session  
Thursday, October 18 – Committee hearings  
Tuesday, October 23 – Session  
Wednesday, October 24 – Session  
Thursday, October 25 – Committee hearings  
Tuesday, October 30 - Session  
Wednesday, October 31 - Session  
Thursday, November 1 - Session

**CAMPAIGN FUNDRAISER EVENTS**

The following is a compilation of current campaign fundraising events. All locations are in Columbus, unless otherwise noted. If you have any questions please contact [Dee Smith](#) in our office.

Date	Type	Who	Time	Location	Amount
10/2	FDR	David Daniels	5-7pm	Plank's	\$500
10/2	FDR	Matt Dolan	5:30-7:30pm	Capital Club	\$500
10/2	FDR	Mayor Coleman	6-8pm	155 E. Broad, 12th FL	\$250
10/2	Breakfast	Rep. Harwood	7:30-9am	Einstein Bros.	\$250
10/2	FDR	Rep. Hottinger	5-7pm	San Francisco Oven	\$300
10/2	FDR	Rep. S. Williams	5:30-7:30pm	Club 185	\$200
10/2	FDR	Sen. Amstutz	5-7pm	Athletic Club	\$300
10/2	FDR	Sen. Cafaro	5:30-7:30pm	161 N. High St.	\$300
10/2	FDR	Sen. Coughlin	5-7pm	Athletic Club	\$300
10/2	Breakfast	Sen. R. Miller	8-9am	17 S. High St., Ste. 500	\$300
10/2	FDR	Sen. Schuler	5-7pm	Athletic Club	\$300
10/3	FDR	Eric Kearney	5-6pm	Athletic Club	\$300
10/3	FDR	Rep. Foley	5:30-7:30pm	Club 185	\$200
10/3	Breakfast	Sen. Harris	7:30-9am	Capital Club	\$500
10/3	Breakfast	Sen. Mason	8-9am	Au Bon Pain	\$300
10/3	FDR	Thom Collier	5:30-7:30pm	San Francisco Oven	\$250
10/3	FDR	Todd Book	5-7pm	Tony's Restaurant	\$350

# Current Legislation of the 127<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

If you would like an electronic copy of a specific bill please visit the website of the [127<sup>th</sup> General Assembly](#) or contact [Dee Smith](#) in our office.

- HB1**        **SCHOOL FUNDING** (SETZER, A) Placeholder legislation reserved for Gov. Strickland's school funding proposal to be presented by the end of the 127th General Assembly.  
*Current Status:* 2/20/2007 - Referred to Finance and Appropriations Committee
- HB3**        **ESTATE TAXES** (LATTA, R) To eliminate the state portion of the estate tax. The new bill would gradually raise the practical threshold of liability to apply to estates of more than \$600,000 by 2010.  
*Current Status:* 4/25/2007 - House Ways and Means, (Sixth Hearing)
- HB4**        **LOCAL GOVERNMENTS** (WOLPERT, L) Gives the state's portion of the estate tax to local municipalities, and allows local governments to opt out of the estate tax.  
*Current Status:* 4/25/2007 - House Ways and Means, (Sixth Hearing)
- HB6**        **STATE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM** (STEWART, J) Increases coverage under the State Children's Health Insurance Program to 300 percent of the poverty rate.  
*Current Status:* 2/20/2007 - Referred to Finance and Appropriations Committee
- HB10**      **JUROR COMPENSATION** (WOLPERT, L) Provide that a board of county commissioners may fix the compensation of jurors in the court in an amount that differs from the compensation of jurors in the court of common pleas.  
*Current Status:* 4/19/2007 - House Judiciary, (Second Hearing)
- HB11**      **JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT LAW** (SETZER, A) To make changes in and relating to the Joint Economic Development District Law.  
*Current Status:* 5/31/2007 - House Local and Municipal Government and Urban Revitalization, (Seventh Hearing)
- HB13**      **SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS** (FESSLER, D) Prohibit Social Security numbers on motor vehicle registration renewal notices.  
*Current Status:* 5/23/2007 - REPORTED OUT
- HB14**      **TAXES** (HUGHES, J) Extend full reimbursement to school districts for phase-out of taxes on business tangible personal property.  
*Current Status:* 5/22/2007 - House Finance and Appropriations, (First Hearing)
- HB19**      **EPILEPSY AWARENESS** (CARANO, K) To designate the month of November as "Epilepsy Awareness Month."  
*Current Status:* 3/1/2007 - State Government and Elections, (First Hearing)
- HB25**      **INCOME TAX DEDUCTION-ORGAN DONATION** (WAGNER, J) To create an income tax deduction for expenses incurred by a taxpayer in making an organ donation and to create an income tax credit for deceased organ donors.  
*Current Status:* 3/21/2007 - Ways and Means, (Second Hearing)

- HB27**      **ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE RATINGS** (WOLPERT, L) To revise the law regarding school district and school building academic performance ratings.  
*Current Status:* 4/17/2007 - House Education, (Third Hearing)
- HB29**      **MOTOR FUEL TAX** (HARWOOD, S) To exempt from the motor fuel tax any sales of motor fuel sold to school districts or educational service centers for school district or service center operations.  
*Current Status:* 2/20/2007 - Referred to Finance and Appropriations Committee
- HB30**      **TRAFFIC LAW PHOTO-MONITORING** (MCGREGOR, R) To require any local authority that enforces any traffic law by means of traffic law photo-monitoring devices to erect signs on every highway or freeway that is part of the state highway system and that enters that local authority, informing inbound traffic that the local authority utilizes traffic law photo-monitoring devices to enforce traffic laws.  
*Current Status:* 6/27/2007 - PASSED BY HOUSE
- HB34**      **GRADUATE STUDENT LOANS** (WOLPERT, L) To establish the Third Frontier Pilot Forgivable Loan Program for graduate students.  
*Current Status:* 5/22/2007 - House Finance and Appropriations, (First Hearing)
- HB35**      **FOREIGN INSURERS TAX RATE** (WOLPERT, L) To decrease from 5% to 1.4% the foreign insurers tax rate.  
*Current Status:* 3/28/2007 - Ways and Means, (Third Hearing)
- HB36**      **SCHOOL ENROLLMENT** (WOLPERT, L) To create the Rapid Enrollment Growth School Facilities Assistance Program.  
*Current Status:* 5/22/2007 - House Finance and Appropriations, (First Hearing)
- HB38**      **ENGINE COOLANT/ANTIFREEZE** (SKINDELL, M) To require the inclusion of a bittering agent in engine coolant and antifreeze.  
*Current Status:* 3/21/2007 - Economic Development and Environment, (Second Hearing)
- HB39**      **DANGEROUS DRUGS** (SKINDELL, M) To require manufacturers and labelers of dangerous drugs to disclose to the Director of Health the value, nature, and purpose of certain gifts, fees, payments, subsidies, and other economic benefits they provide in connection with pharmaceutical, detailing, marketing, or promotion.  
*Current Status:* 3/7/2007 - Health, (First Hearing)
- HB41**      **SECURITY SYSTEMS** (UECKER, J) To require the licensure of persons operating security systems companies, to provide for the registration of individuals performing specified types of security systems work, to provide for the regulation of security systems companies and employees, and to establish the Security Systems Advisory Board in the Department of Commerce.  
*Current Status:* 6/19/2007 - SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED & REPORTED OUT AS AMENDED
- HB42**      **SCHOOL FUNDING** (STEWART, J) To establish a bipartisan committee to recommend to the General Assembly a system that provides thorough and efficient funding to schools.  
*Current Status:* 2/20/2007 - Referred to Finance and Appropriations Committee

- HB44 STATE PARITY AID-SCHOOLS** (GARRISON, J) To change the formula for calculating state parity aid payments to primary and secondary schools.  
*Current Status:* 2/20/2007 - Referred to Finance and Appropriations Committee
- HB45 WILD/EXOTIC ANIMALS** (DISTEL, G) To require persons who possess dangerous wild animals or exotic animals to obtain a personal possession permit and to establish requirements regarding the possession and care of dangerous wild animals and exotic animals.  
*Current Status:* 4/25/2007 - House Agriculture and Natural Resources, (Second Hearing)
- HB46 CONSUMER'S CREDIT REPORT** (STEWART, J) To require a consumer reporting agency to place a security freeze on a consumer's credit report in response to a consumer's request.  
*Current Status:* 5/23/2007 - Referred to Judiciary - Civil Justice Committee
- HB47 CONSERVANCY DISTRICT** (GIBBS, B) To revise the membership of the board of directors of a conservancy district that includes all or parts of more than sixteen counties, to require the board of directors of such a district rather than the conservancy court to perform certain functions under the Conservancy Districts Law.  
*Current Status:* 9/11/2007 - PASSED BY HOUSE
- HB50 JUNK MOTOR VEHICLES** (EVANS, C) To allow townships to remove junk motor vehicles from public and private property and to borrow money to pay for that removal of junk motor vehicles and for other debris from private property.  
*Current Status:* 6/26/2007 - 6/26/2007 - Senate State and Local Government and Veterans Affairs, (Second Hearing)
- HB51 MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATION** (EVANS, C) To permit a person who is issued a ticket for operating a motor vehicle other than a commercial motor vehicle with an expired driver's or commercial driver's license to be issued a seven-day field driving permit.  
*Current Status:* 5/16/2007 - House Infrastructure, Homeland Security and Veterans Affairs, (Second Hearing)
- HB58 MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE** (COMBS, C) To require generally any person who cancels a motor vehicle liability insurance policy to obtain a replacement policy or other proof of financial responsibility, and to require motor vehicle liability insurers to report to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles the names and addresses of persons whose policies are canceled or lapse.  
*Current Status:* 3/14/2007 - Infrastructure, Homeland Security and Veterans Affairs, (First Hearing)
- HB59 PROPERTY TAXES** (COMBS, C) To defer increases in taxes on residences owned and occupied by individuals age 65 or older.  
*Current Status:* 2/27/2007 - Referred to Finance and Appropriations Committee
- HB60 HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION MILITARY** (EVANS, C) To authorize boards of county commissioners to exempt from taxation the homesteads of qualifying members of the National Guard and reserve components of the Armed Forces who have been deployed outside the state, and to exempt estates of members of the United States Armed Services who died while serving in a combat zone from various probate filing fees.  
*Current Status:* 4/26/2007 - House Local and Municipal Government and Urban Revitalization, (Fourth Hearing)

- HB72 BROADBAND AND WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS** (EVANS, C) To create the Broadband and Wireless Telecommunications Task Force.  
*Current Status:* 5/23/2007 - SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED
- HB73 PHARMACISTS** (ADAMS, J) To modify the authority of pharmacists to administer immunizations and to make changes in certain voting procedures of the State Board of Pharmacy.  
*Current Status:* 3/28/2007 - House Health, (Second Hearing)
- HB75 EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE** (HAGAN, R) To require certain employers in this state who do not provide a specified amount of health care coverage to their employees to make contributions to a fund to be used to supplement this state's share of Medicaid costs.  
*Current Status:* 3/6/2007 - Referred to Insurance Committee
- HB76 RENEWABLE ENERGY** (HAGAN, R) To establish an annual renewable energy requirement for electric utilities and electric services companies that provide retail electric generation service in Ohio and to authorize the Public Utilities Commission to establish a system of renewable energy credits.  
*Current Status:* 6/20/2007 - 6/20/2007 - House Public Utilities, (First Hearing)
- HB79 WORKERS' COMPENSATION INVESTMENTS** (BATCHELDER, W) To specify the classes of investments in which the Administrator of Workers' Compensation may invest the funds specified in the Workers' Compensation Law and to prohibit the Administrator from contracting with outside investment managers for the investment of those funds.  
*Current Status:* 6/26/2007 - 6/26/2007 - House Commerce and Labor, (Third Hearing)
- HB80 MOTOR FUEL QUALITY TESTING** (HEALY, II, W) To require the Department of Agriculture to establish a motor fuel quality testing program under which county auditors may conduct such testing.  
*Current Status:* 3/14/2007 - Infrastructure, Homeland Security and Veterans Affairs, (First Hearing)
- HB81 HPV VACCINATION** (BROWN, E) To require that girls entering the sixth grade be vaccinated against the human papillomavirus (HPV) and to create the HPV Immunization Advisory Committee.  
*Current Status:* 3/21/2007 - Health, (First Hearing)
- HB82 SCHOOL BUS SEAT BELTS** (CHANDLER, K) To require all school buses purchased, leased, or rented after January 1, 2010, to transport students to and from school to be equipped with a seat belt assembly for all passengers.  
*Current Status:* 3/21/2007 - Infrastructure, Homeland Security and Veterans Affairs, (First Hearing)
- HB85 BOARD OF REGENTS** (WEBSTER, S) To expand the authority of the Ohio Board of Regents to regulate the programs and tuition of state institutions of higher education, to require the Governor's approval of the Board of Regent's selection for Chancellor, to restructure the terms of members of the Board of Regents, and to establish the Ohio Higher Education Purchasing Commission.  
*Current Status:* 3/27/2007 - Education, (Fourth Hearing)

- HB88**      **CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS** (DOMENICK, J) To direct the Board of Building Standards to adopt rules requiring a carbon monoxide detector be installed in each residential dwelling unit in a multifamily building.  
*Current Status:* 3/27/2007 - Commerce and Labor, (First Hearing)
- HB92**      **MOTOR VEHICLES--DRUG MANUFACTURING** (DYER, S) To require law enforcement agencies to report to the Director of Public Safety the location of any real property on which and the vehicle identification number of any motor vehicle in which an illegal methamphetamine manufacturing laboratory has been discovered, to require the Director of Public Safety to maintain on the Department of Public Safety web site a database of properties on which and motor vehicles in which illegal methamphetamine manufacturing laboratories have been discovered, to authorize a county recorder to record an instrument identifying any property that has been included in that database may receive certification from the Director of Environmental Protection that the property or motor vehicle has been cleared of methamphetamine residue and have the property or motor vehicle removed from the database.  
*Current Status:* 3/21/2007 - Infrastructure, Homeland Security and Veterans Affairs, (First Hearing)
- HB95**      **UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS** (KOZIURA, J) To specify conditions under which a claimant's unemployment compensation benefits are not reduced by the amount the claimant concurrently receives in social security retirement benefits.  
*Current Status:* 3/13/2007 - Referred to Commerce and Labor Committee
- HB98**      **DIABETES HEALTH CARE COVERAGE** (SCHNEIDER, M) To require certain health care policies, contracts, agreements, and plans to provide benefits for equipment, supplies, and medication for the diagnosis, treatment, and management of diabetes and for diabetes self-management education.  
*Current Status:* 3/21/2007 - Health, (First Hearing)
- HB99**      **EPILEPSY TREATMENT** (SCHNEIDER, M) Regarding substitution of drugs intended to treat epilepsy.  
*Current Status:* 6/6/2007 - House Health, (Third Hearing)
- HB101**     **INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION BUDGET** (BRINKMAN, T) To make appropriations for the Industrial Commission.  
*Current Status:* 5/22/2007 - House Insurance, (First Hearing)
- HB106**     **MEDICAID BUY-IN** (PETERSON, J) To establish the Medicaid Buy-In for Workers with Disabilities Program and a Medicaid program for individuals who exhaust benefits under a qualified long-term care insurance policy.  
*Current Status:* 3/13/2007 - Referred to Finance and Appropriations Committee
- HB107**     **PRIMARY RESIDENCE TAXES** (PATTON, T) To authorize persons 65 years of age or older with limited income to have the taxes on their primary residences "frozen."  
*Current Status:* 3/20/2007 - Referred to Finance and Appropriations Committee

- HB109**     **MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION/LICENSE** (LUCKIE, C) To require proof of financial responsibility to be submitted as a condition of registering a motor vehicle and of being issued or renewing a driver's license.  
*Current Status:* 4/18/2007 - House Infrastructure, Homeland Security and Veterans Affairs, (First Hearing)
- HB110**     **SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS** (DISTEL, G) To require the Public Health Council to rescind rules related to sewage treatment systems and reinstate the rules related to those systems that were in effect prior to January 1, 2007, to require the Council subsequently to adopt statutorily required rules related to those systems, to revise the requirements governing sewage treatment systems rules that the Council must adopt, to require the Director of Health to develop rules with the Sewage Treatment System Advisory Committee that establish standards for approving a sewage treatment system or components of a system, to revise the membership of the Committee, and to declare an emergency.  
*Current Status:* 3/28/2007 - Economic Development and Environment, (First Hearing)
- HB114**     **PREVAILING WAGE - SCHOOLS** (WACHTMANN, L) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to reduce the state funds for a school district's classroom facilities project by twenty per cent if the district requires contractors to pay the prevailing rate of wages.  
*Current Status:* 3/21/2007 - Referred to Finance and Appropriations Committee
- HB116**     **HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS** (BLESSING, L) To require public employers to make health savings accounts available to public employees.  
*Current Status:* 5/10/2007 - House State Government and Elections, (Second Hearing)
- HB118**     **RACE TRACK TELECAST WAGERING** (SEITZ, B) To authorize wagering at a track on horse races that are telecast via an instant racing system and to levy a tax on amounts wagered in this manner.  
*Current Status:* 5/24/2007 - House State Government and Elections, (Second Hearing)
- HB122**     **MEDICAL RECORDS** (UJVAGI, P) To allow an authorized person to obtain one copy of a patient's medical record without charge.  
*Current Status:* 4/18/2007 - House Health, (First Hearing)
- HB123**     **CHURCH OWNED LAND** (COLLIER, T) To prohibit the levying of an assessment by the board of directors of a conservancy district on land that is owned by a church within the district unless the governing authority of the church requests that the church's land be subject to the assessment.  
*Current Status:* 5/16/2007 - REPORTED OUT
- HB124**     **LICENSE PLATES** (EVANS, C) To establish "Ohio's Horse" license plates and to provide that money from the contributions for the license plates be paid to the Ohio Coalition for Animals Incorporated.  
*Current Status:* 4/18/2007 - House Infrastructure, Homeland Security and Veterans Affairs, (First Hearing)

- HB125 HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS** (HUFFMAN, M) To establish certain uniform contract provisions between health care providers and third-party payers, to establish standardized credentialing and to require third-party payers to provide to health care providers specified information concerning enrollees.  
*Current Status:* 9/12/2007 - SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED
- HB126 LOW BIDDERS** (DYER, S) To require the Department of Administrative Services to maintain a web site database including apparent low bidders who failed to be awarded a contract because they were found not to be "responsible," and to require public entities to conduct investigations when apparent low bidders are suspected of failing or fail to meet the "responsible" prong of the "responsive and responsible" competitive bidding threshold.  
*Current Status:* 5/24/2007 - House State Government and Elections, (Second Hearing)
- HB128 AUTISM DIAGNOSIS** (BACON, K) To create the Autism Diagnosis Education Pilot Program and to provide funding for the Pilot Program by making an appropriation for the biennium beginning on July 1, 2007.  
*Current Status:* 3/28/2007 - Referred to Finance and Appropriations Committee
- HB130 DYS OPERATIONS** (WHITE, J) To modify sentencing procedures with respect to post-release control and related releases from prison, to conform the Revised Code to the decision of the Ohio Supreme Court in *State ex rel. Bray v. Russell* (2000) 89 Ohio St. 3d 132 by removing provisions related to bad time, to authorize courts to participate in the supervision of released prisoners, to provide released prisoners with identification cards and additional procedures for access to social services, to make other changes relative to opportunities for prisoner training and employment, to modify procedures for the judicial or medical release of prisoners and intervention in lieu of conviction, to grant the Adult Parole Authority more flexibility in determining periods of post-release control, to adopt other cost-control measures, to create the Ex-offender Reentry Coalition, to modify the grounds for disciplinary action by occupational licensing boards against licensees charged with criminal offenses, to provide for the indemnification of the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction for legal costs incurred in certain cases, to provide for legal representation of Department employees charged with offenses in certain cases until a grand jury has acted, to create a fund for the deposit of money received in certain federal law enforcement cases, to authorize the Department to enter into contracts to provide water and sewage treatment services, to make other changes related to the operations of the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, to clarify the duties of juvenile parole officers, to establish reimbursement rates paid by the Department of Youth Services for outside medical providers, to authorize the Director of Youth Services to designate a deputy director, to modify the formula for expending appropriations for the care and custody of felony delinquents and the purposes for which money in the Felony Delinquent Care and Custody Fund may be used, to allow for unlimited reappointments of members of the Release Authority, and to make other changes related to the operations of the Department of Youth Services.  
*Current Status:* 5/31/2007 - House Criminal Justice, (Fourth Hearing)
- HB132 UNLAWFUL PROPERTY BURNING** (HUGHES, J) To create the offense of unlawful property burning.  
*Current Status:* 5/17/2007 - House Criminal Justice, (Third Hearing)

- HB135**     **TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS** (DEWINE, K) To transfer the Office of Information Technology from the Department of Administrative Services to the Office of Budget and Management and to make the State Chief Information Officer rather than the Director of Administrative Services responsible for purchasing technology solutions.  
*Current Status:* 5/24/2007 - House State Government and Elections, (Third Hearing)
- HB138**     **JUDICIAL SALE-PROPERTY** (FOLEY, M) To require purchasers of real property at a judicial sale to provide certain identifying information and to make other changes in judicial sales of real property.  
*Current Status:* 6/13/2007 - REPORTED OUT AS AMENDED
- HB140**     **VEHICLE TOWING** (WIDENER, C) To provide that the owner of a motor vehicle that is removed from a public road may be prevented from registering any vehicle until the towing and storage fees on the vehicle removed are paid.  
*Current Status:* 4/3/2007 - Introduced
- HB143**     **BOARDS OF EDUCATION** (WAGNER, J) To eliminate certain requirements and prohibitions applying to school district boards of education, including the centralized procurement of employee health benefits contingently mandated by Am. Sub. H.B. 66 of the 126th General Assembly.  
*Current Status:* 5/22/2007 - House Education, (Second Hearing)
- HB144**     **NURSES MONTH** (BEATTY, J) To designate the month of May as "Nurses Month."  
*Current Status:* 5/30/2007 - Referred to Health, Human Services and Aging Committee
- HB148**     **HEALTH CARE SERVICES** (WACHTMANN, L) Regarding the provision of complementary or alternative health care services.  
*Current Status:* 4/25/2007 - Referred to Commerce and Labor Committee
- HB149**     **OPTOMETRY** (DANIELS, D) To modify the laws governing the State Board of Optometry and the practice of optometry, including the laws authorizing optometrists to administer and prescribe drugs.  
*Current Status:* 6/27/2007 - Referred to Health, Human Services and Aging Committee
- HB151**     **FOREIGN COMPANY INVESTMENTS** (MANDEL, J) To prohibit any public investor or any asset manager investing on behalf of any public investor from investing in a foreign company with active business ties or operations in or with the Islamic Republic of Iran or the Sudan and to require that any existing investments in such companies be divested in order to protect the public investments of the State of Ohio from global security risk-related losses.  
*Current Status:* 6/13/2007 - Re-Referred to Committee
- HB155**     **SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS SCHOOL** (SETZER, A) To direct the General Assembly's deliberations to establish a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics School System.  
*Current Status:* 6/5/2007 - House Education, (Fourth Hearing)
- HB158**     **TAX CREDIT-ENERGY EFFICIENT DEVICES** (HUGHES, J) To allow a nonrefundable credit against the personal income tax for the installation of energy-efficient devices in homes.  
*Current Status:* 5/30/2007 - House Ways and Means, (Third Hearing)

- HB162** **BIG EIGHT SCHOOL DISTRICT TEACHERS** (LUCKIE, C) To allow a refundable credit against the personal income tax for taxpayers who teach in and reside in a big eight school district and to allow an additional credit for such teachers who teach math, science, or technology.  
*Current Status:* 5/22/2007 - House Finance and Appropriations, (First Hearing)
- HB164** **FEDERAL HEALTH CENTERS** (MCGREGOR, R) To require the Ohio Department of Health to promote the establishment of federal health centers, to include federally qualified health center look-alikes in the medical malpractice premium assistance program, to create a pilot program to place federally qualified health centers in two hospital emergency departments, and to make an appropriation.  
*Current Status:* 6/20/2007 - REPORTED OUT
- HB165** **ORIGIN/DESTINATION BASED SITUSING** (GIBBS, B) To require vendors using origin-based situsing rules to determine the appropriate sales tax jurisdiction in which a sale is taxable to continue to do so, to authorize vendors using destination-based sourcing to convert to origin-based situsing at their convenience, to repeal Ohio's multiple points of use provisions for services and computer-related sales, and to authorize the Tax Commissioner to develop a plan for in-state and out-of-state vendors to elect to collect and remit Ohio use taxes at a uniform rate.  
*Current Status:* 6/13/2007 - SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED & REPORTED OUT
- HB166** **OFFICE OF INTERNAL AUDITING** (SCHINDEL, C) To create an Office of Internal Auditing within the Office of Budget and Management, to establish the State Audit Committee, and to prescribe their respective and interrelated functions.  
*Current Status:* 6/21/2007 - REPORTED OUT AS AMENDED
- HB169** **USED LEAD-ACID BATTERIES** (WAGNER, J) To establish requirements governing the disposal and collection of used lead-acid batteries.  
*Current Status:* 6/19/2007 - Referred to Environment and Natural Resources Committee
- HB171** **ISSUANCE OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSES** (WILLIAMS, S) To revise the laws governing issuance of certain professional licenses.  
*Current Status:* 6/19/2007 - 6/19/2007 - House Commerce and Labor, (First Hearing)
- HB172** **SEALING OFFICIAL COURT RECORDS** (WILLIAMS, S) To require the sealing of the official records of a person who is found not guilty of an offense, to modify the procedure by which a person who is the defendant named in a dismissed complaint, indictment, or information or against whom a no bill is entered by a grand jury may apply for the sealing of the official records in the case, and to allow access to sealed records by parties to civil actions that are based on the conduct that gave rise to the criminal case the records of which were sealed.  
*Current Status:* 4/25/2007 - Referred to Criminal Justice Committee

- HB173** **JUDGES** (SEITZ, B) To increase the compensation of justices and judges of the courts, to change the qualifications of all judges, to require the Supreme Court to establish a qualification program for candidates for judicial office, to create the Judicial Allotment Review Commission to study and review the allotment of judgeships in the courts for the purpose of recommending legislation to ensure the efficient and prompt administration of justice in Ohio, to create the Judicial Appointment Review Commission to make recommendations of persons to fill judicial vacancies, to specify that a portion of certain court costs currently deposited to the credit of the Reparations Fund be deposited in the fund for court security, and to make appropriations for court-related purposes.  
*Current Status:* 6/25/2007 - 6/25/2007 - House Judiciary, (Fifth Hearing)
- HB177** **HORSE RACING PERMITS** (BLESSING, L) To allow the same person, association, trust, or corporation to be issued not more than two horse racing permits for race tracks in Ohio.  
*Current Status:* 9/11/2007 - PASSED BY HOUSE
- HB178** **HEALTH INSURANCE/CHILD SUPPORT** (BLESSING, L) To define the reasonable cost of health insurance coverage in child support orders.  
*Current Status:* 5/9/2007 - House Juvenile and Family Law, (First Hearing)
- HB179** **WORKPLACE INJURY EXPENSES** (BLESSING, L) To require a health insurer and allow an employee, during the time an employee's workers' compensation claim is pending approval, to pay for services provided to care for an employee's workplace injury or occupational disease and to require the Administrator of Workers' Compensation or a self-insuring employer, as appropriate, to reimburse that health insurer or employee for expenses they paid for a claim once it is compensable.  
*Current Status:* 5/15/2007 - House Commerce and Labor, (First Hearing)
- HB182** **FITNESS FACILITY DEFIBRILLATOR** (SETZER, A) To require a physical fitness facility to place within the facility an automated external defibrillator and to ensure its proper maintenance and testing, to generally require the facility to have at least one employee trained in use of a defibrillator and to ensure a trained employee's presence at the facility during appropriate hours, and to provide civil liability for injury caused by failure to comply with the specified requirements.  
*Current Status:* 5/9/2007 - SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED
- HB183** **ASSAULT OF HEALTHCARE WORKER** (SETZER, A) To increase the penalty for assault to a felony of the fourth degree when the victim is a listed healthcare worker and to make assault against any school employee a felony of the fifth degree.  
*Current Status:* 5/10/2007 - House Criminal Justice, (First Hearing)
- HB184** **ELECTED OFFICIALS REVIEW COMMISSION** (DODD, D) To establish the Elected Officials Review Commission to study the adequacy of the salaries of elected officials relative to the duties these officials are required to perform and to require the Commission to report its findings to the Governor, General Assembly, and Supreme Court.  
*Current Status:* 5/30/2007 - House State Government and Elections, (Second Hearing)
- HB185** **NURSES** (BEATTY, J) Regarding tuition reimbursement, tax credits, and mandatory overtime for nurses and nurses aides.  
*Current Status:* 6/20/2007 - 6/20/2007 - House Ways and Means, (Second Hearing)

- HB186** **OHIO HEALTH CARE PLAN** (SKINDELL, M) To establish and operate the Ohio Health Care Plan to provide universal health care coverage to all Ohio residents.  
*Current Status:* 5/17/2007 - House Healthcare Access and Affordability, (First Hearing)
- HB187** **TOWING COMPANY REGULATIONS** (REINHARD, S) To require the Public Utilities Commission to regulate towing companies.  
*Current Status:* 5/23/2007 - House Public Utilities, (First Hearing)
- HB195** **DRUG POSSESSION OFFENSES** (CORE, A) To provide that the prescription-related exemption from the drug possession offenses applies only when the controlled substance is obtained pursuant to a lawful prescription and to modify the penalty for "deception to obtain a dangerous drug" under specified circumstances.  
*Current Status:* 6/20/2007 - Referred to Judiciary - Criminal Justice Committee
- HB206** **SCRAP COPPER/ALUMINUM DEALERS** (DOMENICK, J) To establish new record-keeping requirements for dealers in scrap copper, scrap aluminum siding, or scrap catalytic converters.  
*Current Status:* 6/19/2007 - 6/19/2007 - House Commerce and Labor, (First Hearing)
- HB222** **LAND SALE PUBLIC NOTICES** (ZEHRINGER, J) To permit instead of require that public notices and advertisements of the sale of lands and tenements taken in execution contain a description of the lands and tenements and to permit those advertisements to be made on the sheriff's web site.  
*Current Status:* 5/31/2007 - 5/31/2007 - House Local and Municipal Government and Urban Revitalization, (First Hearing)
- HB231** **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE/CIGARETTE TAX** (COMBS, C) To authorize electors of a county to levy a tax on alcoholic beverages and cigarettes to provide funding for expenses relating to alcohol and drug abuse and addiction services.  
*Current Status:* 5/24/2007 - Referred to State Government and Elections Committee
- HB234** **SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX RATE** (FESSLER, D) To include revenue from all operating levies, including school district emergency levies, in the calculation determining whether a school district's effective tax rate is below the 20-mill floor, or, for joint vocational school districts, the 2-mill floor.  
*Current Status:* 5/31/2007 - Referred to Finance and Appropriations Committee
- HB253** **NURSES** (OELSLAGER, S) To modify the authority of certain advanced practice nurses to prescribe schedule II controlled substances.  
*Current Status:* 6/12/2007 - Referred to Health Committee
- HB254** **STUDENT NUTRITION** (PETERSON, J) To establish the Ohio Child Wellness Advisory Council, to establish nutritional standards for certain foods and beverages sold in public and chartered nonpublic schools, to require public and chartered nonpublic schools to implement local wellness policies, and to make other changes regarding student nutrition and physical activity.  
*Current Status:* 6/19/2007 - 6/19/2007 - House Education, (First Hearing)

- HB255 PROBATE/GUARDIANSHIP REQUIREMENTS** (LATTA, R) To allow appointment of a nonprofit corporation or public agency as guardian of a person, allow an executor or administrator to accept the county auditor's valuation of real estate, provide that the testimonial privilege between a physician or dentist and a patient does not apply in certain guardianship, adult protective services, commitment, or institutionalization proceedings, eliminate the requirement that a probate court act as a board of education, or governing board of an educational service center that fails to perform its duties, and require a probate court to promptly fill a school board vacancy not filled within 30 days.  
*Current Status:* 6/25/2007 - 6/25/2007 - House Judiciary, (Third Hearing)
- HB256 PUBLIC ACCESS COUNSELOR** (WAGONER, M) To establish the office of Public Access Counselor in the Court of Claims to receive complaints and issue advisory opinions concerning the Public Records Law and Open Meetings Law.  
*Current Status:* 6/12/2007 - Referred to Judiciary Committee
- HB257 HOME INSPECTORS** (SCHNEIDER, M) To require certification of home inspectors and to regulate the certification and performance of home inspectors.  
*Current Status:* 6/26/2007 - 6/26/2007 - House Commerce and Labor, (First Hearing)
- HB258 FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY PROOF** (STEBELTON, G) To increase the minimum amounts required for valid proof of financial responsibility.  
*Current Status:* 9/10/2007 - Referred to Insurance Committee
- HB268 CANCER CLINICAL TRIAL** (BEATTY, J) To prohibit insurers, public employee benefit plans, and multiple employer welfare arrangements from excluding coverage for routine patient care administered as part of a cancer clinical trial.  
*Current Status:* 6/21/2007 - Referred to Insurance Committee
- HB283 PHARMACY SCHOOLS** (WEBSTER, S) To permit pharmacy schools to accept for instructional purposes donations of certain dangerous drugs, including expired drugs.  
*Current Status:* 9/10/2007 - Referred to Health Committee
- HB289 AGRICULTURAL SECURITY AREAS** (CORE, A) To make changes to the law governing agricultural security areas.  
*Current Status:* 9/10/2007 - Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee
- HB291 PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE** (PATTON, T) Relative to coverage for prescription drug services provided by "any willing pharmacies" under policies of sickness and accident insurers and health insuring corporations.  
*Current Status:* 9/10/2007 - Referred to Insurance Committee
- HB299 ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT** (PATTON, T) Regarding assisted outpatient treatment,  
*Current Status:* 9/10/2007 - Referred to Health Committee
- HB305 ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION** (BLESSING, L) To continue an electric distribution utility's current rate stabilization plan until the Public Utilities Commission determines there is effective competition in retail generation service within the utility's distribution territory and to require the Commission to ensure adequate generating capacity in Ohio through specified means.  
*Current Status:* 9/6/2007 - Introduced

- HCR12 STATE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM** (STEBELTON, G) To memorialize the Congress of the United States to reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) in timely fashion and to provide federal funds for Ohio's Children Health Insurance Program.  
*Current Status:* 3/21/2007 - Referred to Finance and Appropriations Committee
- HCR15 MITOCHONDRIAL DISEASE AWARENESS** (FENDE, L) To designate the week of September 15 through September 22, 2007, as Mitochondrial Disease Week in Ohio.  
*Current Status:* 4/25/2007 - 4/25/2007 - Referred to Committee House State Government and Elections
- SB1 SCHOOL FUNDING** (PADGETT, J) Reserve bill number for Governor's school funding reform plan.  
*Current Status:* 2/27/2007 - Referred to Education Committee
- SB2 CHANCELLOR OF BOARD OF REGENTS** (CATES, G) To transfer appointment of the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents to the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.  
*Current Status:* 3/27/2007 - Education, (Third Hearing)
- SB3 OFFICE HOLDERS** (FABER, K) To provide that the privilege of holding a position of honor, trust, or profit that is forfeited by reason of conviction of certain felonies is not restored on completion of a prison term, period of community control sanctions or pardon or release by the Adult Parole Authority; to impose as part of the sentence of a person convicted of certain felonies committed while serving in such a position the forfeiture of the portion of any public retirement benefit that is based on employer contributions; to provide for the notification of the appropriate public retirement system if a member is charged with one of the felonies that could result in such a forfeiture and to impose a lifetime ban against serving as, and the termination of any current registration of, a legislative agent, retirement system lobbyist, or executive agency lobbyist upon a person convicted of certain felonies.  
*Current Status:* 6/14/2007 - 6/14/2007 - House State Government and Elections, (Second Hearing)
- SB4 MEDICAID BUY-IN** (STIVERS, S) To establish the Medicaid Buy-In for Workers with Disabilities Program, and a Medicaid program for individuals who exhaust benefits under a qualified long-term care insurance policy.  
*Current Status:* 3/20/2007 - Referred to Finance and Appropriations Committee
- SB5 PASSPORT PROGRAM** (CAREY, JR., J) To revise the law governing the PASSPORT, Assisted Living Medicaid waiver, and Residential State Supplement programs and to allow for the transfer of funds for the operation of the programs.  
*Current Status:* 3/20/2007 - Referred to Finance and Appropriations Committee
- SB6 CONSUMER'S CREDIT REPORT** (NIEHAUS, T) To allow a consumer to place a security freeze on the consumer's credit report, to specify that Social Security numbers are confidential, to specify that certain personal information is not a public record, to require a public office to redact from a document that is otherwise a public record certain personal information.  
*Current Status:* 5/22/2007 - Senate Judiciary - Civil Justice, (Fourth Hearing)

- SB8 COLLEGE TUITION TAX DEDUCTION** (COUGHLIN, K) To restore the income tax deduction for college tuition and fees.  
*Current Status:* 3/7/2007 - Ways and Means and Economic Development, (First Hearing)
- SB13 HEALTH CARE SERVICES** (SMITH, S) To formally state the intention of the General Assembly to deliberate on how to improve the provisions of, and payment for, health care services in Ohio in a manner that promotes Ohio's economic development.  
*Current Status:* 2/27/2007 - Referred to Health, Human Services and Aging Committee
- SB17 REPEAT OVI OFFENDERS** (GRENDALL, T) To increase certain penalties for repeat OVI offenders.  
*Current Status:* 6/14/2007 - 6/14/2007 - House Criminal Justice, (Fourth Hearing)
- SB27 BOOSTER SEATS** (KEARNEY, E) To require certain children between four and eight years of age to be secured in a booster seat.  
*Current Status:* 6/26/2007 - 6/26/2007 - Senate Highways and Transportation, (Second Hearing)
- SB37 LICENSE PLATES** (SCHULER, R) Establish "Ohio's Horse" license plates.  
*Current Status:* 9/10/2007 - 9/10/2007 - Referred to Committee House Infrastructure, Homeland Security and Veterans Affairs
- SB41 OUTDATED TERMS** (SPADA, R) To replace certain outdated terms.  
*Current Status:* 3/28/2007 - Referred to Health Committee
- SB43 AMBULANCE STAFFING** (CAREY, JR., J) Modify the ambulance staffing and personnel certification requirements for emergency medical service organizations that are volunteers.  
*Current Status:* 2/27/2007 - Referred to Health, Human Services and Aging Committee
- SB45 LODGING TAX** (MUMPER, L) Certain counties increase their lodging tax by one per cent for the purpose of acquiring real estate to house the offices of a convention and visitors bureau.  
*Current Status:* 3/14/2007 - Ways and Means and Economic Development, (First Hearing)
- SB51 TEACHING INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS** (SCHAFFER, T) Allow a tax credit for amounts spent by teachers for instructional materials.  
*Current Status:* 2/27/2007 - Referred to Ways and Means and Economic Development Committee
- SB53 CLINICAL COUNSELORS** (CLANCY, P) Permit licensed professional counselors to take persons into custody and transport them to a hospital.  
*Current Status:* 6/6/2007 - House Health, (Third Hearing)
- SB54 INSURANCE COVERAGE** (CLANCY, P) Prohibit certain insurers from limiting coverage for injuries occurring as a consequence of an insured's use of alcohol.  
*Current Status:* 2/27/2007 - Referred to Committee Insurance, Commerce and Labor
- SB57 SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM** (COUGHLIN, K) Establish the Special

Education Scholarship Program.

**Current Status:** 3/13/2007 - 3/13/2007 - Senate Education, (First Hearing)

- SB59 MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE** (COUGHLIN, K) Establish pilot program mandating arbitration for claims of medical negligence.  
**Current Status:** 3/28/2007 - Insurance, Commerce and Labor, (Second Hearing)
- SB61 HEALTH CARE** (MILLER, R) Establish pilot programs to provide door-to-door health checks by nurses in certain neighborhoods.  
**Current Status:** 2/27/2007 - Referred to Finance and Financial Institutions Committee
- SB65 NURSES** (MILLER, R) Regarding tuition reimbursement, tax credits and mandatory overtime for nurses/nurses aides.  
**Current Status:** 3/28/2007 - Ways and Means and Economic Development, (First Hearing)
- SB68 SURGERY** (MILLER, R) To require instruction in cultural competency to qualify to obtain certificate of registration to practice medicine.  
**Current Status:** 4/25/2007 - Senate Health, Human Services and Aging, (First Hearing)
- SB74 TANF BLOCK GRANT** (MILLER, R) To increase the TANF Block Grant for Kinship Permanency Incentive Program.  
**Current Status:** 3/6/2007 -
- SB79 LICENSE PLATES** (GRENDALL, T) To establish "Horse Power Ohio" license plates.  
**Current Status:** 3/6/2007 -
- SB83 HOUSEHOLD SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS** (GRENDALL, T) To require the Public Health Council to rescind rules related to household sewage treatment systems and reinstate the rules related to those systems that were in effect prior to January 1, 2007, to require the Council subsequently to adopt statutorily required rules related to those systems, and to declare an emergency.  
**Current Status:** 5/15/2007 - Referred to State Government and Elections Committee
- SB86 NATURAL GAS SALES** (BOCCIERI, J) To expand the sales and use tax exemption for sales of natural gas, and to extend a sales and use tax exemption to sales of propane and fuel oil used for home heating purposes.  
**Current Status:** 3/6/2007 - Referred to Ways and Means and Economic Development Committee
- SB87 EMERGENCY ALERT PROGRAM** (CAREY, JR., J) To create the statewide emergency alert program to aid in the identification and location of missing individuals who have a mental impairment or are sixty-five years of age or older and to establish activation criteria for the implementation of the program.  
**Current Status:** 4/17/2007 - Senate State and Local Government and Veterans Affairs, (Second Hearing)
- SB90 MOTOR FUEL QUALITY TESTING** (GRENDALL, T) To authorize the Director of Agriculture to establish a motor fuel quality testing program.  
**Current Status:** 3/21/2007 - Agriculture, (First Hearing)

- SB91 ROAD RAGE** (GRENDALL, T) To provide that if a person is convicted of committing a state motor vehicle moving violation immediately after initiating a road rage incident, the moving violation is at least a fourth-degree misdemeanor and the court must fine the person at least \$100 and require the person to attend a road rage abatement seminar, and to require remedial driving courses to be taken in person.  
*Current Status:* 4/25/2007 - S - Judiciary - Criminal Justice (First)
- SB98 AUTISM DIAGNOSIS** (SCHURING, K) To create the Autism Diagnosis Education Pilot Program and to provide funding for the Pilot Program by making an appropriation for the biennium beginning on July 1, 2007.  
*Current Status:* 3/20/2007 - Finance and Financial Institutions, (First Hearing)
- SB99 DIABETES HEALTH CARE COVERAGE** (GARDNER, R) To require certain health care policies, contracts, agreements, and plans to provide benefits for equipment, supplies, and medication for the diagnosis, treatment and management of diabetes and for diabetes self-management  
*Current Status:* 3/13/2007 - 3/13/2007 - Referred to Committee Senate Insurance, Commerce and Labor
- SB101 MOTOR FUEL QUALITY TESTING** (CATES, G) To require the Department of Agriculture to establish a motor fuel quality testing program under which county auditors may conduct such testing.  
*Current Status:* 3/28/2007 - Agriculture, (Second Hearing)
- SB103 PROPERTY TITLE** (MUMPER, L) To require that a person have paid all taxes and special assessments due on property while in their possession in order to use that period of possession to establish title to the property through adverse possession.  
*Current Status:* 5/15/2007 - Senate State and Local Government and Veterans Affairs, (Third Hearing)
- SB104 HEALTH INSURERS** (MUMPER, L) To require insurers and other third-party payers to accept and honor assignment-of-benefit agreements entered into between plan beneficiaries and treating health care providers.  
*Current Status:* 3/13/2007 - Referred to Insurance, Commerce and Labor Committee
- SB105 HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION** (GOODMAN, D) To extend the homestead exemption to homeowners that have annual incomes of fifty thousand dollars or less and to change the matter in which the homestead exemption tax reduction is calculated for certain eligible homeowners.  
*Current Status:* 3/14/2007 - Referred to Ways and Means and Economic Development Committee
- SB108 CRIMINAL OFFENSE-PUBLIC OFFICE HOLDER** (SCHAFFER, T) To prohibit a court from granting judicial release to any person serving a prison term for a criminal offense committed while the person held public office.  
*Current Status:* 5/24/2007 - House Criminal Justice, (First Hearing)
- SB109 CREDIT REPORT SECURITY FREEZE** (BOCCIERI, J) To allow a consumer to place a security freeze on the consumer's credit report.  
*Current Status:* 3/14/2007 - Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary - Civil Justice

- SB114**     **EPILEPSY DRUGS** (COUGHLIN, K) Regarding substitution of drugs intended to treat epilepsy.  
*Current Status:* 4/18/2007 - Senate Health, Human Services and Aging, (Second Hearing)
- SB115**     **DEPENDENT CHILDREN INSURANCE COVERAGE** (STIVERS, S) To require health insurers to provide coverage for dependent children until the age of thirty if the child meets specified conditions.  
*Current Status:* 4/18/2007 - Senate Insurance, Commerce and Labor, (Second Hearing)
- SB116**     **UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS** (PADGETT, J) To specify conditions under which a claimant's unemployment compensation benefits are not reduced by the amount the claimant concurrently receives in social security retirement benefits.  
*Current Status:* 9/11/2007 - 9/11/2007 - House Finance and Appropriations, (First Hearing)
- SB119**     **TAX-DELINQUENT LAND REUTILIZATION** (SCHULER, R) To modify the tax-delinquent land reutilization law by authorizing political subdivisions to prosecute property tax foreclosures, acquire such land through foreclosures before the land is offered at a tax sale, and sell such property at less than appraised market value; and to impose a one-year limit on property owners' option to obtain a delinquent tax installment payment contract.  
*Current Status:* 5/2/2007 - Senate Ways and Means and Economic Development, (Second Hearing)
- SB120**     **HOSPITALS** (GOODMAN, D) To require hospitals to operate emergency departments and maintain Medicaid and Medicare provider agreements, to provide exemptions to these requirements, and to permit the Director of Health to seek an injunction for violation of these requirements.  
*Current Status:* 6/20/2007 - 6/20/2007 - Senate Health, Human Services and Aging, (Fourth Hearing)
- SB121**     **MEDICAID** (STIVERS, S) To establish a Medicaid program for individuals who exhaust benefits under a qualified long-term care insurance policy.  
*Current Status:* 3/21/2007 - Referred to Finance and Financial Institutions Committee
- SB123**     **VEHICLE LIGHTS** (MILLER, D) To require that vehicles display lighted lights within construction zones during the hours of actual work within such zones.  
*Current Status:* 5/1/2007 - Senate Highways and Transportation, (First Hearing)
- SB125**     **RACE TRACK TELECAST WAGERING** (STIVERS, S) To authorize wagering at a track on horse races that are telecast via an instant racing system and to levy a tax on amounts wagered in this manner.  
*Current Status:* 6/14/2007 - 6/14/2007 - House State Government and Elections, (Second Hearing)
- SB126**     **AGENCY OVERPAYMENTS TO VENDORS** (STIVERS, S) To require the Auditor of State to contract with independent audit consultants to recover overpayments made by certain state agencies to vendors.  
*Current Status:* 5/22/2007 - 5/22/2007 - House Finance and Appropriations, (First Hearing)
- SB127**     **HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS** (COUGHLIN, K) To establish certain uniform contract provisions

between health care providers and third-party payers, to establish standardized credentialing, and to require third-party payers to provide to health care providers specified information concerning enrollees.

**Current Status:** 3/27/2007 - Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary - Civil Justice

**SB129 ROADWAY REMOVAL OF DAMAGED VEHICLES** (SCHAFER, T) To permit local law enforcement agencies and fire departments to remove motor vehicles from the roadway after a motor vehicle accident and to provide immunity to local law enforcement agencies and fire personnel for the removal of damaged or inoperable vehicles from roadways.

**Current Status:** 4/24/2007 - Senate Judiciary - Civil Justice, (Second Hearing)

**SB144 SHAKEN BABY SYNDROME** (STIVERS, S) To require the Director of Health to establish the Shaken Baby Syndrome Education Program and to require the Department of Job and Family Services to record in the statewide automated child welfare information system whether a reported case of child abuse involved shaken baby syndrome.

**Current Status:** 6/20/2007 - 6/20/2007 - House Health, (First Hearing)

**SB146 OFFICE OF INTERNAL AUDITING** (SPADA, R) To create an Office of Internal Auditing within the Office of Budget and Management, to establish the State Audit Committee, and to prescribe their respective and interrelated functions.

**Current Status:** 5/22/2007 - 5/22/2007 - Senate Finance and Financial Institutions, (Fourth Hearing)

**SB152 BICYCLE OPERATORS** (ROBERTS, T) To require bicycle operators and passengers under 18 years of age to wear protective helmets when the bicycle is operated on a roadway and to establish the Bicycle Safety Fund to be used by the Department of Public Safety to assist low-income families in the purchase of bicycle helmets.

**Current Status:** 6/26/2007 - 6/26/2007 - Senate Highways and Transportation, (First Hearing)

**SB153 ACCIDENT MINIMUM FINANCIAL LIMITS** (SCHULER, R) To increase the minimum financial limits for bodily injury for one person injured in an accident, for all bodily injuries in one accident and for the property damage maximum in one accident.

**Current Status:** 4/25/2007 - Referred to Insurance, Commerce and Labor Committee

**SB155 CHAMPAIGN COUNTY COURT** (FABER, K) To create a Domestic Relations-Juvenile-Probate Division of the Champaign County Court of Common Pleas, to designate the Champaign County Probate and Juvenile Judge as a judge of that division, and to add a judge to that division to be elected in 2008.

**Current Status:** 6/26/2007 - Referred to Judiciary Committee

**SB160 ORIGIN-BASED SITUSING** (AMSTUTZ, R) To require vendors using origin-based situsing rules to determine the appropriate sales tax jurisdiction in which a sale is taxable to continue to do so, to authorize vendors using destination-based sourcing to convert to origin-based situsing at their convenience to repeal Ohio's multiple points of use provisions for services and computer-related sales, and to authorize the Tax Commissioner to develop a plan for in-state and out-of-state vendors to elect to collect and remit Ohio use taxes at a uniform rate.

**Current Status:** 6/26/2007 - Referred to Judiciary Committee

- SB161 INVESTMENTS-SUDAN** (JACOBSON, J) To specify procedures for divesting investments a public authority holds in a company conducting specified types of business in Sudan and to prohibit public authorities from investing in such a company.  
*Current Status:* 5/8/2007 - Referred to Finance and Financial Institutions Committee
- SB167 ODJFS OVERSIGHT** (KEARNEY, E) To create the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Oversight Commission.  
*Current Status:* 5/16/2007 - Referred to Health, Human Services and Aging Committee
- SB168 OHIO HEALTH CARE PLAN** (MILLER, D) To establish and operate the Ohio Health Care Plan to provide universal health care coverage to all Ohio residents.  
*Current Status:* 5/16/2007 - Referred to Health, Human Services and Aging Committee
- SB169 FALSE MEDICAID CLAIMS** (GOODMAN, D) To prohibit and provide civil penalties for the filing of false or fraudulent claims with the state and for defrauding the state of money or property in relation to the Medicaid program, to create a procedure for the investigation by the Attorney General of suspected violations, and to authorize the Attorney General of suspected violations and to authorize the Attorney General and private persons to bring civil enforcement actions on behalf of the state.  
*Current Status:* 5/16/2007 - Referred to Judiciary - Civil Justice Committee
- SB170 CONSERVANCY DISTRICT BOARDS** (AMSTUTZ, R) To revise the membership of the board of directors of a conservancy district that includes all or parts of more than sixteen counties, to require the board of directors of such a district rather than the conservancy court to perform certain functions under the Conservancy Districts Law, to prohibit the levying of an assessment by such a conservancy district under specified circumstances, and to make other changes concerning the levying of an assessment by such a conservancy district.  
*Current Status:* 6/27/2007 - 6/27/2007 - Senate Environment and Natural Resources, (Third Hearing)
- SB172 HOUSEHOLD AND SMALL SEWAGE TREATMENT** (CAFARO, C) To delay the application of the rules adopted under the Household and Small Sewage Treatment Systems Law that are related to the rehabilitation, renovation, improvement, or replacement of an existing household sewage treatment system, to establish the Household Sewage Treatment System Revolving Loan Program and the Household Sewage Treatment System Grant Program in the Department of Health to provide loans and grants to eligible persons for repairs to or upgrades of household sewage treatment systems, to make appropriations, and to declare an emergency.  
*Current Status:* 5/22/2007 - Referred to Environment and Natural Resources Committee
- SB174 HUMAN CLONING** (BUEHRER, S) To prohibit human cloning.  
*Current Status:* 5/23/2007 - Referred to Judiciary - Civil Justice Committee
- SB178 DENTAL HYGIENISTS** (PADGETT, J) To permit dental hygienists to enter into collaboration agreements with dentists.  
*Current Status:* 5/31/2007 - Referred to Health, Human Services and Aging Committee

- SB186**     **CANCER CLINICAL TRIAL** (STIVERS, S) To prohibit insurers, public employee benefit plans, and multiple employer welfare arrangements from excluding coverage for routine patient care administered as part of a cancer clinical trial.  
      *Current Status:* 6/19/2007 - 6/19/2007 - Referred to Committee Senate Insurance, Commerce and Labor
- SB198**     **RENEWABLE ENERGY TAX CREDITS** (MASON, L) To create tax credits for investing in renewable energy property.  
      *Current Status:* 7/5/2007 - Introduced
- SB199**     **ENERGY-EFFICIENT BUILDINGS** (MASON, L) To create tax credits for constructing energy efficient and environmentally responsible buildings.  
      *Current Status:* 7/5/2007 - Introduced
- SB200**     **SOLAR AND WIND ENERGY** (MASON, L) To exempt sales of solar and wind energy devices from sales and use taxation.  
      *Current Status:* 7/5/2007 - Introduced
- SB203**     **PHARMACY TECHNICIANS** (GRENDALL, T) To require the State Board of Pharmacy to certify and regulate individuals who work as pharmacy technicians.  
      *Current Status:* 7/19/2007 - Introduced
- SJR2**      **REAL PROPERTY TAXES** (COUGHLIN, K) To limit increases in the taxable value of real property to two per cent per year.  
      *Current Status:* 2/27/2007 - Referred to Ways and Means and Economic Development Committee