



Rules and Reference Committee

Speaker Jason Stephens, Chair

Referral Report

May 21, 2024

Representative Russo reported for the Rules and Reference committee recommending that the following House Bills, House Joint Resolution, and Senate Bills be considered for the second time and referred to the following committees for consideration:

H. B. No. 516 – Representative Miller, J.

To annually require the Director of Budget and Management to transfer funds to the State Board of Education licensure fund.

To the committee on Finance

H. B. No. 517 – Representatives Santucci, Lampton

To make active duty members of the uniformed services eligible to participate in the homeownership savings linked deposit program.

To the committee on Economic and Workforce Development

H. B. No. 518 – Representative Cross

To authorize a civil penalty system related to drivers who illegally pass a school bus but cannot be identified, to designate the month of October as "School Bus Safety Awareness Month," and to designate this act as the School Bus Safety Act.

To the committee on Transportation

H. B. No. 519 – Representatives Hall, Sweeney

To restore the Clean Ohio Fund to be administered by the Department of Development and the Clean Ohio Council.

To the committee on Finance

H. B. No. 520 – Representatives Young, T., Miller, M.

To permit students to use club sports or other athletic activity to fulfill the high school physical education requirement.

To the committee on Primary and Secondary Education

H. B. No. 521 – Representatives McNally, Grim

To address minors working as performers in the entertainment industry.

To the committee on Commerce and Labor



H. B. No. 522 – Representatives Willis, Williams

To enact the Repeat Offender Act to create a repeat offender classification, to create certain specifications, to increase the penalties for certain firearm offenses and specifications, to broaden the scope of relief from firearms disability, and to allow automatic sealing for fourth and fifth degree felonies.

To the committee on Criminal Justice

H. B. No. 523 – Representatives McNally, Holmes

Regarding the creation and display of a poster containing information on benefits and services for veterans.

To the committee on Commerce and Labor

H. B. No. 524 – Representative Skindell

To enact the Ohio Fairness Act to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression, to add mediation as an informal method that the Ohio Civil Rights Commission may use, and to uphold existing religious exemptions under Ohio's Civil Rights Law.

To the committee on Civil Justice

H. B. No. 525 – Representatives Brennan, Pizzulli

Regarding the penalty for assault when the victim is a school employee or volunteer.

To the committee on Criminal Justice

H. B. No. 526 – Representatives Liston, McClain

Regarding the pass-through of support payments under the Ohio Works First program.

To the committee on Government Oversight

H. B. No. 527 – Representatives Patton, Sweeney

To create the "NASA Glenn Research Center" license plate.

To the committee on Homeland Security

H. B. No. 528 – Representative Troy

To increase the criminal penalty for intimidating an election officer.

To the committee on Criminal Justice

H. B. No. 529 – Representative Young, T.

To prohibit a person from engaging in solar radiation modification and to name the act the Atmosphere Protection Act.

To the committee on Energy and Natural Resources



H. B. No. 530 – Representatives Dell'Aquila, Mathews

To provide an exemption from the smoking ban for cigar bars.

To the committee on Civil Justice

H. B. No. 531 – Representatives Lear, Lorenz

To enact Braden's Law to prohibit sexual extortion and aggravated sexual extortion and to allow family of certain victims of aggravated sexual extortion to receive compensation from the crime victims compensation fund.

To the committee on Criminal Justice

H. B. No. 532 – Representative Lorenz

To expand the definition of "peace officer" to include bailiffs of a municipal court and probation officers, and to increase the penalty for assault when the victim is a bailiff, probation officer, or another court official or employee.

To the committee on Government Oversight

H. B. No. 533 – Representative Jarrells

To create the "Iota Phi Theta" license plate.

To the committee on Homeland Security

H. B. No. 534 – Representative Jarrells

To establish a program regarding lead service line replacement and to name this act the Lead Line Replacement Act.

To the committee on Energy and Natural Resources

H. B. No. 535 – Representatives Mohamed, Brewer

To create an interim limited term driver's license for pending visa applicants.

To the committee on Homeland Security

H. B. No. 536 – Representatives Cross, Miller, K.

To make failure to wear a seat belt and failure to properly secure a child in the appropriate booster seat or seat belt a primary offense, rather than a secondary offense, and to make other specified changes regarding those offenses.

To the committee on Criminal Justice



H. B. No. 537 – Representatives Grim, Abdullahi

To prohibit a supplier from advertising, displaying, or offering a price for a good or service that does not include all mandatory fees and charges.

To the committee on Commerce and Labor

H. B. No. 538 – Representatives Brown, Upchurch

To designate May as "Lupus Awareness Month."

To the committee on Public Health Policy

H. B. No. 539 – Representatives Brown, Weinstein

To revise the law governing high volume dog breeders.

To the committee on Agriculture

H. B. No. 540 – Representative McNally

To enact the Consumer Protection Call Center Act regarding the eligibility of employers that relocate a call center to a foreign country to receive state grants, loans, and other benefits.

To the committee on Commerce and Labor

H. B. No. 541 – Representatives McNally, Dell'Aquila

To require school employees to report certain minor labor law violations, to increase penalties for certain minor labor law violations, to create the Minor Labor Law Enforcement Fund, and to make an appropriation.

To the committee on Commerce and Labor

H. B. No. 542 – Representatives Dean, Lipps

To create the "Blanchester Wildcats" license plate.

To the committee on Homeland Security

H. B. No. 543 – Representatives Blackshear, Willis

To require payment of property taxes and assessments when a lot is split or transferred and to generally prohibit tax-delinquent property owners from purchasing tax-foreclosed property.

To the committee on Ways and Means

H. B. No. 544 – Representative Carruthers

To prohibit unauthorized displays of symbols on bridges or highways and unauthorized projections of images onto buildings and to expand the offenses of aggravated trespass and ethnic intimidation.

To the committee on Government Oversight



H. B. No. 545 – Representatives McClain, Miller, M.

To regulate the practice of certified nurse-midwives, certified midwives, and licensed midwives.
To the committee on Health Provider Services

H. B. No. 546 – Representative Gross

To require all ballots in Ohio elections to have an identifying watermark.
To the committee on Government Oversight

H. B. No. 547 – Representatives Wiggam, Gross

To limit state low-income housing tax credits to projects that verify tenant immigration status.
To the committee on Economic and Workforce Development

H. B. No. 548 – Representative Lear

To prohibit private selling officers and online auctions in real property foreclosure sales.
To the committee on Civil Justice

H. B. No. 549 – Representatives Thomas, C., Blackshear

To authorize a county to implement a motor fuel quality testing program.
To the committee on Agriculture

H. B. No. 550 – Representatives Jarrells, Johnson

To require health insurers to cover preventive screenings for certain men at high-risk for developing prostate cancer.
To the committee on Insurance

H. B. No. 551 – Representative Wiggam

To prohibit persons who are unlawfully present in the United States from possessing firearms.
To the committee on Government Oversight

H. B. No. 552 – Representatives Wiggam, Lear

To enact the Voter Verification Act to require election officials to verify certain information in voter registration records and to require electors to provide corrected information.
To the committee on Government Oversight

H. B. No. 553 – Representatives Williams, Upchurch

To regulate the provision of earned wage access services.
To the committee on Commerce and Labor



H. B. No. 554 – Representatives Dean, Peterson

To establish a process by which an abandoned or derelict aircraft may be sold.

To the committee on Civil Justice

H. B. No. 555 – Representative Mathews

To prohibit certain public nuisance actions.

To the committee on Civil Justice

H. B. No. 556 – Representative Mathews

To create criminal liability for certain teachers and librarians for the offense of pandering obscenity.

To the committee on Criminal Justice

H. B. No. 557 – Representative Mathews

To permit schools to withhold directory information and to remove directory information from the public record definition.

To the committee on Civil Justice

H. B. No. 558 – Representatives Abdullahi, Young, T.

To require food service operations to denote certain allergens on their menu.

To the committee on Commerce and Labor

H. B. No. 559 – Representative Abdullahi

Concerning workers' compensation coverage for peace officers, firefighters, and emergency medical workers diagnosed with psychiatric conditions arising from employment without an accompanying physical injury.

To the committee on Insurance

H. B. No. 560 – Representatives Miller, J., Brewer

Regarding implicit bias training for licensed educators, to amend the version of section 3314.03 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect January 1, 2025, to continue the changes on and after that effective date, and to make an appropriation.

To the committee on Primary and Secondary Education

H. B. No. 561 – Representatives Brennan, Sims

To prohibit for-profit operators of community schools.

To the committee on Primary and Secondary Education



H. B. No. 562 – Representative Brennan

To require horizontal oil and gas well owners that drill in state parks to disclose the chemical components of the materials used in the drilling operation.

To the committee on Energy and Natural Resources

H. B. No. 563 – Representative Brennan

To enact the Future Educators Support Act regarding financial support for student teachers, teaching as an in-demand job, and school district staffing surveys.

To the committee on Primary and Secondary Education

H. B. No. 564 – Representatives Lear, Plummer

To modify the law regarding individuals who are unlawfully present in the United States, to require state and local authorities to cooperate with the federal government in the enforcement of immigration laws, and to sanction those who fail to do so.

To the committee on Criminal Justice

H. B. No. 565 – Representatives Somani, Grim

, and to amend Section 307.135 of H.B. 33 of the 135th General Assembly regarding funding provided through the Ohio pregnancy and parenting program and to amend the versions of sections 5101.35, 5101.80, 5101.801, 5101.804, and 5153.16 and to amend, for the purpose of adopting a new section number as indicated in parentheses, the version of section 5101.804 (5101.91) of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect on January 1, 2025, to continue the changes on and after that date.

To the committee on Finance

H. B. No. 566 – Representatives Mohamed, Daniels

To shorten the time that points remain on a person's commercial driver's license or permit and to allow such drivers to take the remedial driving course more frequently.

To the committee on Commerce and Labor

H. B. No. 567 – Representatives Robinson, Brennan

, and to repeal Sections 265.275, 265.277, and 265.571 of H.B. 33 of the 135th General Assembly to enact the EdChoice Fair Fiscal Responsibility Act to revise the operations of the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program.

To the committee on Primary and Secondary Education

H. B. No. 568 – Representatives Brent, Dean

To create the Healthy Soils Task Force.

To the committee on Agriculture



H. B. No. 569 – Representatives Robinson, Miller, J.

And to repeal Section 733.40 of H.B. 166 of the 133rd General Assembly to reinstate the Joint Education Oversight Committee and to make an appropriation.

To the committee on Finance

H. B. No. 570 – Representatives Isaacsohn, Sweeney

To provide publicly funded child care benefits to child care staff members, to amend the versions of sections 5104.30 and 5104.34 of the Revised Code that are scheduled to take effect on January 1, 2025, to continue the changes on and after that date, and to make an appropriation.

To the committee on Finance

H. B. No. 571 – Representative White

To require schools and higher education institutions to include the national suicide and crisis lifeline telephone number on student identification cards, student planners, and electronic portals, and to amend the version of section 3314.03 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect on January 1, 2025, to continue the change on and after that date.

To the committee on Behavioral Health

H. B. No. 572 – Representative White

To require the Chancellor of Higher Education to conduct an audit of educator preparation programs to determine what instruction they are providing to students on mental and behavioral health, behavior management, and classroom management, and to make recommendations.

To the committee on Higher Education

H. B. No. 573 – Representatives Robinson, Brent

To increase the proportion of state tax revenue allocated to the Local Government Fund from 1.7% to 3.68% beginning July 1, 2026.

To the committee on Finance

H. B. No. 574 – Representatives Robinson, Brent

To allow board of education employees to use accrued sick leave for a parental leave of absence.

To the committee on Primary and Secondary Education

H. B. No. 575 – Representatives Isaacsohn, Robinson

To enact the Private School Accountability and Transparency Act regarding financial, reporting, and other requirements applicable to chartered nonpublic schools.

To the committee on Primary and Secondary Education



H. B. No. 576 – Representatives White, Abrams

To authorize nonrefundable tax credits for certain employer-provided child care expenditures.

To the committee on Ways and Means

H. B. No. 577 – Representative White

To authorize a refundable income tax credit for certain child care expenses.

To the committee on Ways and Means

H. B. No. 578 – Representative White

To authorize a nonrefundable income tax credit for contributions to certain child care programs.

To the committee on Ways and Means

H. B. No. 579 – Representatives Brennan, Abrams

To allow a township to levy a tax to pay for school district resource officers.

To the committee on Ways and Means

H. B. No. 580 – Representatives White, Ray

To make foster caregivers and kinship caregivers eligible for publicly funded child care and to amend the version of section 5104.30 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect on January 1, 2025, to continue the changes on and after that date.

To the committee on Finance

H. B. No. 581 – Representatives Piccolantonio, Isaacsohn

To enact the Charter School Oversight Act.

To the committee on Primary and Secondary Education

H. B. No. 582 – Representatives Robinson, Piccolantonio

To enact the School Busing Improvement Act regarding transportation of students and to make an appropriation.

To the committee on Primary and Secondary Education

H. B. No. 583 – Representatives White, Plummer

To express the General Assembly's intent to increase the requirements, compliance, and accountability for group homes for children.

To the committee on Families and Aging



H. B. No. 584 – Representatives Mohamed, Miller, A.

To establish the Minority Law Student Encouragement Scholarship Pilot Program and to make an appropriation.

To the committee on Finance

H. B. No. 585 – Representative Mohamed

To make an appropriation to promote food options for students with religious dietary restrictions.

To the committee on Finance

H. B. No. 586 – Representatives Robinson, Grim

To create the "Weirdo Cat Lovers of Cleveland" license plate.

To the committee on Homeland Security

H. B. No. 587 – Representatives Dean, Klopfenstein

To prohibit the Superintendent of Insurance from prohibiting certain forms of solicitation of Medicare supplement policies.

To the committee on Insurance

H. B. No. 588 – Representatives Holmes, John

To prohibit drug manufacturers and wholesalers from taking certain actions regarding reimbursements made to 340B covered entities.

To the committee on Public Health Policy

H. B. No. 589 – Representatives Abdullahi, Miller, A.

To prohibit the state from executing a death sentence by administration of nitrogen gas.

To the committee on Government Oversight

H. B. No. 590 – Representatives Brennan, Dobos

To enact the Hunger-Free Campus Act to establish the Hunger-Free Campus Grant Program and designation and to make an appropriation.

To the committee on Finance

H. B. No. 591 – Representatives Brennan, Baker

To enact the Charter School Sponsor and Operator Rating Act regarding report cards for community school sponsors and operators.

To the committee on Primary and Secondary Education



H. B. No. 592 – Representatives Piccolantonio, Brewer

To enact the School Rating Enhancement Act to establish state report cards for chartered nonpublic schools that enroll state scholarship students and to establish the State Report Card Review Committee.

To the committee on Primary and Secondary Education

H. B. No. 593 – Representatives Dell'Aquila, Williams

To require that a person act with a sexual motivation or an unlawful purpose to commit the offense of criminal child enticement.

To the committee on Criminal Justice

H. B. No. 594 – Representatives Jarrells, Williams

To allow a person to file a motion for a new trial or a petition for postconviction relief if the person produces new evidence that would establish a strong probability of a different result at trial.

To the committee on Criminal Justice

H. B. No. 595 – Representative Robinson

To increase the rate of the sports gaming tax on certain operators, to require all-day kindergarten, to establish universal preschool programs, and to name this act the Universal Preschool Act.

To the committee on Finance

H. B. No. 596 – Representative Robinson

To require school board approval of municipal tax increment financing incentive district arrangements.

To the committee on Economic and Workforce Development

H. B. No. 597 – Representative Robinson

To require health benefit plans and the Medicaid Program to cover epinephrine and glucagon for individuals eighteen years of age and younger and to cap cost sharing for epinephrine and glucagon in any form.

To the committee on Insurance

H. B. No. 598 – Representative Robinson

To exempt retirement income of public safety personnel from state income tax and to reimburse the Local Government Fund and Public Library Fund for resulting revenue losses.

To the committee on Ways and Means

H. B. No. 599 – Representatives Brennan, Swearingen

To designate the walleye as the official fish of the state.

To the committee on State and Local Government



H. B. No. 600 – Representative Troy

To require a party filing a complaint against a municipal officer to pay the officer's legal expenses if the officer is acquitted.

To the committee on Government Oversight

H. B. No. 601 – Representative Brewer

To designate March 22nd as "World Doula Day."

To the committee on Public Health Policy

H. B. No. 602 – Representatives Fowler Arthur, McClain

To exempt home education groups from child care regulations, county and township zoning regulations, and to amend the versions of sections 5104.01, 5104.02, and 5104.38 of the Revised Code that are scheduled to take effect on January 1, 2025, to continue the change on and after that date.

To the committee on Public Health Policy

H. B. No. 603 – Representative Pavliga

To allow a sheriff or deputy sheriff to report violations of community control.

To the committee on Homeland Security

H. B. No. 604 – Representatives Upchurch, Abdullahi

To allow a General Assembly member to determine the member's legislative aide's work-from-home hours.

To the committee on Government Oversight

H. B. No. 605 – Representatives Upchurch, Creech

To require that the playing surface of a professional sporting stadium be comprised of not less than 90% natural grass.

To the committee on Economic and Workforce Development

H. B. No. 606 – Representatives Pizzulli, Jarrells

To enact the Campus Accountability and Modernization to Protect University Students "CAMPUS" Act regarding the prevention of racial, religious, and ethnic bias, harassment, and intimidation at institutions of higher education, regarding antisemitism prevention policies at state agencies, to establish different campus safety and community programs, and to make appropriations.

To the committee on Finance



H. B. No. 607 – Representatives McClain, Willis

To establish procedures for appointing delegates to a convention of the states under Article V of the United States Constitution.

To the committee on Government Oversight

H. B. No. 608 – Representative Williams

To reduce the requirements for sealing or expungement of records in a case where the defendant was acquitted or found not guilty.

To the committee on Criminal Justice

H. B. No. 609 – Representatives Hillyer, Holmes

To modify the Campaign Finance Law regarding foreign nationals and statewide initiatives and referenda and to declare an emergency.

To the committee on Government Oversight

H. J. R. No. 6 – Representatives Lear, Wiggam

Proposing to enact Section 23 of Article I of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to limit property tax increases for a property owner to not more than four per cent per year.

To the committee on Ways and Means

S. B. No. 45 – Senator O'Brien

To designate a bridge spanning the Mahoning River in Trumbull County as the "Veterans Memorial Bridge."

To the committee on Transportation

Sub. S. B. No. 89 – Senator Roegner

To enter into the Cosmetology Licensure Compact.

To the committee on Commerce and Labor

Sub. S. B. No. 94 – Senators Brenner, Landis

And to amend Section 413.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th General Assembly to make various changes regarding recorded instruments, powers of attorney, judgment liens, mortgage subrogation, law enforcement towing laws, and state stock banks, and to make an appropriation.

To the committee on Finance

Sub. S. B. No. 104 – Senators Cirino, Brenner

Regarding the College Credit Plus Program.

To the committee on Higher Education



Sub. S. B. No. 109 – Senator Hackett

Regarding sex offenses and individuals regulated by the State Medical Board and to amend the version of section 2305.111 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect October 12, 2028, to continue the change on and after that date.

To the committee on Criminal Justice

S. B. No. 145 – Senator Schaffer

To designate a portion of Refugee Road in Fairfield County as the "Cpl. David A. Johnston Memorial Highway."

To the committee on Transportation

Sub. S. B. No. 148 – Senator Johnson

Relating to payment card transactions involving firearms and ammunition retailers and to name this act the Second Amendment Financial Privacy Act.

To the committee on Financial Institutions

Sub. S. B. No. 154 – Senator Roegner

To include Space Force in the definition of the armed forces, armed services, and uniformed services of the United States.

To the committee on Armed Services and Veterans Affairs

S. B. No. 163 – Senator Kunze

To create the "Dublin City Schools" license plate.

To the committee on Homeland Security

Sub. S. B. No. 175 – Senator Lang

Regarding insurance regulations and taxes.

To the committee on Insurance

S. B. No. 179 – Senator Kunze

To create the "Hilliard Davidson Wildcats" license plate.

To the committee on Homeland Security

S. B. No. 195 – Senator Manning

To establish the Ohio Ireland Trade Commission.

To the committee on Government Oversight



S. B. No. 214 – Senator Kunze

To allow a victim of human trafficking to expunge certain criminal records.

To the committee on Criminal Justice