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## SIXTEENTH DAY

Hall of the House of Representatives, Columbus, Ohio

**Monday, February 24, 2025, 9:00 o'clock a.m.**

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Pursuant to House Rule No. 25, the Clerk called the House to order.

Representative Dovilla was selected to preside under the Rule.

The journal of the previous legislative day was read and approved.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

The following bills and joint resolution were introduced:

**H. B. No. 115** - Representatives Demetriou, Roemer.

Cosponsors: Representatives Daniels, Dovilla, Gross, Klopfenstein, Lorenz, Ray, Thomas, D., Williams, Workman.

To amend sections 3704.14, 4503.10, 4503.102, and 4503.103 of the Revised Code to create an alternative method to certify compliance with the E-Check program and to name this act the E-Check Ease Act.

**H. B. No. 116** - Representative Demetriou.

Cosponsors: Representatives Fischer, Lorenz, Mathews, T., McClain, Williams.

To amend sections 301.30, 504.04, 715.013, 718.01, 1315.01, and 5747.01 and to enact sections 101.88, 1352.01, 1352.02, 1352.03, and 1352.04 of the Revised Code to enact the Ohio Blockchain Basics Act to address mining, taxation, and regulation of digital assets and digital asset investments by the state retirement systems.

**H. B. No. 117** - Representatives Richardson, Brennan.

Cosponsors: Representatives Dean, Hall, T., Workman, Gross, Daniels, Klopfenstein, Click, Mathews, T., Stephens, Mullins, Williams, Fischer, Holmes, Troy, Miller, K., McNally, Santucci.

To amend sections 3313.602, 3314.03, 3326.11, and 3328.24 and to enact section 3313.6031 of the Revised Code to enact The Pledge of Allegiance Act to require the Pledge of Allegiance in schools.

**H. B. No. 118** - Representatives Demetriou, Thomas, J.

To amend sections 3742.01, 3742.03, 3742.39, 3742.50, 5747.08, 5747.26, 5747.50, 5747.502, 5747.51, 5747.53, and 5747.98 and to enact sections 3742.47 and 5747.504 of the Revised Code to revise the law governing lead testing, certification, and tax credits.

**H. B. No. 119** - Representatives Williams, Santucci.

Cosponsors: Representatives Daniels, Dean, Fischer, Hall, T., Humphrey, Jarrells, Johnson, Lampton, Lorenz, Synenberg, Workman.

To amend sections 3314.03, 3326.11, and 3328.24 and to enact sections 5.2322 and 3313.475 of the Revised Code to enact the Graduation Readiness and Development (GRAD) Act regarding exit orientation programs at public high schools and to designate September as "Workforce Development Month."

**H. B. No. 120** - Representatives Brewer, Gross.

Cosponsors: Representatives Young, McNally, Click, Williams, Brennan, Upchurch, Brownlee, Rogers, Sims, Russo.

To amend sections 5739.01, 5739.02, 5739.03, and 5739.17 of the Revised Code to exempt from sales and use tax sales of firearm safety devices.

**H. B. No. 121** - Representative Stewart.

To enact section 4929.181 of the Revised Code to declare certain renewable natural gas producers are not public utilities.

**H. B. No. 122** - Representatives Lampton, Hall, T.

Cosponsors: Representatives Ray, Johnson, Williams, John, Synenberg, White, A., Rader, Brennan.

To amend section 5747.98 and to enact section 5747.74 of the Revised Code to create an income tax credit for employers that provide paid leave to organ donors.

**H. B. No. 123** - Representatives Johnson, Thomas, D.

Cosponsors: Representatives Bird, Fowler Arthur, Claggett, Daniels, Hiner.

To amend sections 3.02, 302.09, 305.02, 503.24, and 733.31 of the Revised Code to modify the procedures for filling vacancies in certain local elected offices.

**H. B. No. 124** - Representatives Thomas, D., Hall, T.

Cosponsors: Representatives Bird, Daniels, Gross, Lear, Miller, K., Stephens.

To amend sections 5715.012, 5715.251, and 5715.26 of the Revised Code to modify the process for making property tax sales-assessment ratio studies.

**H. B. No. 125** - Representatives Hall, T., Creech.

Cosponsors: Representatives Mullins, Miller, K., Deeter, Williams, Johnson, King, Klopfenstein, Kishman, Workman.

To enact section 3321.043 of the Revised Code regarding excused absences from school to participate in 4-H and FFA programs.

**H. B. No. 126** - Representatives Mathews, A., Craig.

To amend sections 715.44 and 2307.71 and to enact section 2307.801 of the

Revised Code to prohibit certain public nuisance actions.

**H. B. No. 127** - Representatives Mathews, A., Odioso.

To amend sections 149.381, 149.43, and 3319.321 of the Revised Code to permit schools to withhold directory information and to remove directory information from the public record definition.

**H. B. No. 128** - Representatives Tims, Somani.

Cosponsors: Representatives Upchurch, Denson, Grim, Baker, Brownlee, Rader, Jarrells, Sweeney.

To amend sections 109.572, 2305.11, 2317.02, 2919.10, 2919.12, 2953.25, 3701.341, 3701.792, 3702.30, 4112.01, 4112.02, 4729.291, 4731.22, 4731.223, 4731.281, 4731.293, and 4743.09; to enact sections 2305.2312, 3732.01, 3732.02, 3732.03, 3732.04, 3732.05, 3732.06, 3732.07, 3732.08, 3732.09, and 3732.11; and to repeal sections 2307.54, 2317.56, 2317.561, 2919.101, 2919.124, 2919.171, 2919.19, 2919.191, 2919.192, 2919.193, 2919.194, 2919.195, 2919.196, 2919.197, 2919.198, 2919.199, 2919.1910, 2919.1912, 2919.1913, 2919.20, 2919.201, 2919.202, 2919.203, 2919.204, 2919.205, 3701.79, 3701.791, 3702.302, 3702.303, 3702.304, 3702.305, 3702.306, 3702.307, 3702.308, 3702.309, 3702.3010, 3702.3011, 3726.01, 3726.02, 3726.03, 3726.04, 3726.041, 3726.042, 3726.05, 3726.09, 3726.10, 3726.11, 3726.12, 3726.13, 3726.14, 3726.15, 3726.16, 3726.95, 3726.99, 3727.60, 4717.271, 5101.57, and 5103.11 of the Revised Code to enact the Reproductive Care Act regarding abortion, abortion-related laws, and reproductive health protections.

**H. B. No. 129** - Representative Thomas, D.

Cosponsors: Representatives Dean, Fischer, Gross, Hall, T., Johnson, Peterson, Williams, Workman.

To amend sections 319.301 and 5705.314 of the Revised Code to limit the ability of school districts to reallocate unvoted property tax millage and to include certain property and school district income taxes in the calculation of a school district's effective millage floor.

**H. B. No. 130** - Representatives LaRe, Brennan.

Cosponsors: Representatives Gross, Mohamed, White, E., Brewer, Isaacsohn, Baker, Synenberg, Williams, Richardson.

To enact section 5162.213 of the Revised Code regarding notification requirements for the Medicaid Estate Recovery Program.

**H. B. No. 131** - Representatives Miller, K., Sweeney.

To enact section 109.70 of the Revised Code to prohibit law enforcement agencies from using quotas for arrests and citations.

**H. B. No. 132** - Representatives Craig, Miller, M.

Cosponsors: Representatives Deeter, Thomas, D., Santucci, Williams, Plummer.

To amend sections 2903.06, 2903.08, 4508.02, and 4511.213 and to enact section 5501.28 of the Revised Code to increase penalties for failing to slow down or change lanes when approaching specified stationary vehicles, to increase penalties for vehicular homicide and vehicular assault resulting from that offense, and to name this act Philip Wigal's Law.

**H. B. No. 133** - Representative Craig.

Cosponsors: Representatives Brennan, Daniels, Deeter, Fischer, Hiner, King, Thomas, D., White, A., Williams.

To amend section 5747.98 and to enact section 5747.87 of the Revised Code to authorize a nonrefundable income tax credit for small employers that cover their employees with an individual coverage health reimbursement arrangement.

**H. J. R. No. 3** - Representative Workman.

Cosponsors: Representatives Creech, Daniels, Deeter, Ferguson, Fischer, Hall, T., McClain, Salvo, Williams.

Applying to the Congress of the United States for a limited national convention for the exclusive purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to establish term limits for members of Congress.

Said bills and joint resolution were considered the first time.

Message from the Senate

Mr. Speaker:

I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has passed the following bills in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

**S. B. No. 6** - Senator Roegner

Cosponsors: Senators Brenner, Antonio, Chavez, Cirino, Craig, Gavarone, Hicks-Hudson, Lang, O'Brien, Patton, Reineke, Reynolds, Romanchuk, Schaffer

To amend sections 3781.19 and 3781.20 and to enact section 3781.21 of the Revised Code to make changes to the law relating to building inspections.

**S. B. No. 14** - Senator Reynolds

Cosponsors: Senators Blessing, Brenner, Chavez, Gavarone, Huffman, Johnson, Lang, Manchester, Manning, Patton, Reineke, Roegner, Romanchuk, Schaffer, Wilson, Wilkin, Cirino, Antonio, Blackshear, Craig, DeMora, Hicks-Hudson, Ingram, Smith, Weinstein, Liston, Landis, Timken

To enact section 5.57 of the Revised Code to designate September 28 as "Speaker Jo Ann Davidson Day."

**S. B. No. 21** - Senators Brenner, Reineke

Cosponsors: Senators Johnson, Antonio, Blessing, Chavez, Cirino, Craig, DeMora, Gavarone, Hicks-Hudson, Ingram, Landis, Lang, Patton, Reynolds, Roegner, Romanchuk, Schaffer, Smith, Timken, Weinstein, Wilkin, Wilson

To enact section 5.2322 of the Revised Code to designate October 4 as "Rutherford B. Hayes Day."

Attest:

Vincent L. Keeran,  
Clerk.

Said bills were considered the first time.

Message from the Senate

Mr. Speaker:

I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has concurred in the passage of the following bill:

**Am. H. B. No. 14** - Representatives Roemer, Workman

Cosponsors: Representatives Thomas, D., Troy, Richardson, Barhorst, Brennan, Brewer, Claggett, Cockley, Daniels, Deeter, Denson, Fischer, Fowler Arthur, Ghanbari, Glassburn, Grim, Gross, Hall, D., Holmes, Hoops, Isaacsohn, Jarrells, Jones, Lampton, Lawson-Rowe, Lear, Lett, Mathews, A., McNally, Mohamed, Newman, Peterson, Plummer, Ray, Robb Blasdel, Rogers, Russo, Santucci, Schmidt, Sigrist, Sims, Somani, Stephens, Upchurch, White, E., Williams, Willis  
Senators Roegner, Antonio, Blackshear, Blessing, Cirino, Craig, Cutrona, DeMora, Hicks-Hudson, Ingram, Lang, Patton, Reineke, Schaffer, Smith, Timken, Weinstein

To amend section 5701.11 of the Revised Code to expressly incorporate changes in the Internal Revenue Code since March 15, 2023, into Ohio law and to declare an emergency.

Attest:

Vincent L. Keeran,  
Clerk.

## Message from the Senate

Mr. Speaker:

I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has concurred in the adoption of the following concurrent resolution:

**H. C. R. No. 5** - Speaker Huffman, Representative Russo

Authorizing a joint convention of the Ohio General Assembly for the purpose of receiving a message from the Governor and calling for a committee to wait upon the Governor in anticipation of his State of the State Address.

Attest:

Vincent L. Keeran,  
Clerk.

**MESSAGE FROM THE SPEAKER**

Pursuant to House Rules 13, 30, and 32, the Speaker hereby makes the following changes to the following standing committees:

**Finance:**

Remove Representatives Click, Creech, Dean, Deeter, Lorenz, and Mathews, T.; appoint Representatives Bird, John, Schmidt, Thomas, J., Williams, and Willis.

**Rules and Reference:**

Remove Representative Demetriou; appoint Representative Williams.

**MESSAGE FROM THE SPEAKER**

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3701.78(A), the Speaker of the House hereby appoints the following members to serve on the Commission on Minority Health:

Appoint Representatives Williams and Jarrells.

**MESSAGE FROM THE SPEAKER**

Pursuant to Section 3109.15 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Speaker of the House hereby appoints the following members to the Children's Trust Fund Board:

Appoint Representatives White, A. (Chair) and Brownlee.

**MESSAGE FROM THE SPEAKER**

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 103.65, the Speaker of the House hereby appoints the following members to serve on the Ohio Health Oversight and Advisory Committee for the 136th General Assembly:

Appoint Representatives Deeter (Vice Chair), Gross, and Russo (Ranking Member).

**MESSAGE FROM THE SPEAKER**

Pursuant to Section 3379.02 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Speaker of the House hereby appoints the following (non-voting) member to the Ohio Arts Council:

Appoint Representative Somani.

On motion of Representative Stewart, the House adjourned until Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Attest:

BRADLEY J. YOUNG,  
Clerk.