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ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FOURTH DAY
Hall of the House of Representatives, Columbus, Ohio
Tuesday, May 12, 2026, 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 Thomas, D. 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. 850 - Representatives Mathews, T., Bird.

Cosponsors: Representatives Ferguson, Lampton, Demetriou, White, A., Thomas, D., Stephens, Fischer, Hall, T., Salvo.

To temporarily reduce motor fuel tax rates and to declare an emergency.

H. B. No. 851 - Representatives Grim, Pizzulli.

Cosponsors: Representatives Piccolantonio, Synenberg, McNally, Bryant Bailey, Brewer, Rogers.

To enact section 4955.37 of the Revised Code to establish "Safe Zones" on railroad tracks for the safety of railroad employees and to name this act the Paul Payne Safe Zone Act.

H. B. No. 852 - Representative Miller, K.

To amend sections 109.77 and 737.15 and to enact sections 505.496 and 737.053 of the Revised Code to require an individual appointed as a chief of police to complete a peace officer basic training program.

H. B. No. 853 - Representatives Cockley, Rader.

To enact sections 4906.23, 4906.231, 4906.232, 4906.233, 4906.234, 4906.235, 4906.236, 4906.237, 4906.238, and 4906.239 of the Revised Code regarding power siting board certification and decommissioning of a natural gas fuel cell facility.

H. B. No. 854 - Representatives Abdullahi, Rader.

Cosponsors: Representatives Lett, Cockley, Piccolantonio, Synenberg.

To amend sections 319.202, 319.54, 5747.02, 5747.03, and 5747.07 and to enact section 3345.012 of the Revised Code to provide a state-subsidized, tuition-free public higher education to Ohio students and to increase and levy taxes to fund that subsidy.

H. B. No. 855 - Representatives Grim, Miller, M.

Cosponsors: Representatives Brent, Lett, Brennan, Synenberg, Mullins, Baker, Rader, Somani, Cockley, Russo, Bryant Bailey, Abdullahi, Piccolantonio, Brownlee, Sims, McNally, Miller, J., Salvo, Click.

To amend sections 3767.01, 3767.05, 4301.74, 5321.02, and 5747.98 and to enact sections 5321.172 and 5747.35 of the Revised Code to allow a tenant to terminate a rental agreement if the tenant is a victim of a specified crime, to authorize an income tax credit for landlords who rented to such tenants, and to name this act the Ohio Safe Homes Act.

H. B. No. 856 - Representatives Brownlee, Sigrist.

Cosponsors: Representatives Brennan, Brewer, Cockley, Piccolantonio, Synenberg, Upchurch.

To enact sections 3902.65 and 5164.11 of the Revised Code to require health benefit plans and the Medicaid program to cover annual mental health well checks.

H. B. No. 857 - Representatives Brownlee, Sigrist.

Cosponsors: Representatives Brennan, Lett, McNally, Piccolantonio, Rader, Synenberg, Upchurch.

To amend section 122.98 and to enact sections 122.982 and 122.983 of the Revised Code to modify the Residential Development Revolving Loan Program and to name this act the Housing Recovery Act.

H. B. No. 858 - Representative Brownlee.

Cosponsors: Representatives Brennan, Lett, Piccolantonio, Rogers.

To enact section 5.2544 of the Revised Code to designate May 15 as "Foster Youth Bill of Rights Awareness Day."

H. B. No. 859 - Representatives Mohamed, Synenberg.

Cosponsors: Representatives Brownlee, Cockley, Grim, Lett, McNally, Piccolantonio, Rogers.

To enact section 2935.40 of the Revised Code to prohibit civil immigration-related arrests in certain locations.

H. B. No. 860 - Representatives Kishman, Craig.

Cosponsor: Representative Salvo.

To enact section 5.035 of the Revised Code to adopt the Zebra Swallowtail as the state butterfly of Ohio.

H. B. No. 861 - Representatives Troy, Schmidt.

Cosponsors: Representatives Brennan, Brewer, Piccolantonio, Glassburn, Grim, McNally, Miller, J., Rader, Russo, Sims, Somani, Synenberg, Upchurch, White, E.

To enact sections 3902.65 and 5164.18 of the Revised Code to prohibit a

health benefit plan and the Medicaid program from denying a claim for dental services on the basis of the age of the patient.

H. B. No. 862 - Representatives Mathews, A., Peterson.

To amend sections 4164.11, 4906.01, 4906.03, 4928.01, and 4928.041 and to enact sections 4164.20, 4928.76, 4928.761, 4928.762, 4928.763, 4928.764, 4928.765, 4928.766, 4928.767, 4928.768, and 4928.769 of the Revised Code to authorize electric distribution utilities to construct, own, and operate nuclear generating facilities in limited circumstances and to require the Ohio Nuclear Development Authority to appoint a State Nuclear Coordinator.

H. B. No. 863 - Representative Mathews, A.

To enact section 3701.95 of the Revised Code regarding health care facilities and infection prevention textiles.

H. B. No. 864 - Representatives Synenberg, Lett.

Cosponsors: Representatives Brennan, Brewer, Piccolantonio, Rader, Troy, Rogers.

To amend sections 4506.07, 4506.11, 4507.06, 4507.13, 4507.51, and 4507.52 of the Revised Code to require the Registrar to include an identifying symbol on a driver's license, commercial driver's license, or state identification card for individuals with certain disabilities, if requested.

H. B. No. 865 - Representatives Mathews, T., White, A.

To amend section 5103.17 and to enact sections 3107.018, 3107.019, 5103.171, and 5180.23 of the Revised Code regarding availability of information on and advertisement of adoptable children.

H. B. No. 866 - Representatives Grim, Sims.

To enact section 5.2541 of the Revised Code to designate the eighteenth day of April as "Devo Day."

H. B. No. 867 - Representatives Sims, Bryant Bailey.

Cosponsors: Representatives Rader, White, E., Grim, Brownlee, Brewer.

To amend sections 5120.05 and 5120.10 and to enact sections 5120.052 and 5120.101 of the Revised Code to establish minimum standards for jails and state correctional institutions.

H. B. No. 868 - Representative Jarrells.

To amend sections 3314.03, 3326.11, and 3328.24 and to enact section 3313.6034 of the Revised Code regarding high school instruction on proper in-person interactions with peace officers.

H. B. No. 869 - Representatives Russo, Brennan.

To amend section 5747.01 and to enact sections 4143.01, 4143.02, 4143.03,

4143.04, 4143.05, 4143.06, 4143.07, 4143.08, 4143.09, 4143.10, 4143.11, 4143.12, 4143.13, 4143.14, 4143.15, 4143.16, 4143.17, and 4143.18 of the Revised Code to establish family and medical leave insurance benefits.

H. B. No. 870 - Representatives Brewer, Sims.

Cosponsors: Representatives Brennan, Lett, Cockley, Upchurch.

To enact the Ohio Mental Health Systems Coordination and Crisis Prevention Commission Act.

H. B. No. 871 - Representatives Brewer, Jarrells.

Cosponsors: Representatives Grim, Brent, Upchurch, White, E., Piccolantonio, Troy, Brennan, Lett, Synenberg, McNally.

To enact section 5.22101 of the Revised Code to designate June as "Gun Violence Awareness Month."

H. B. No. 872 - Representatives Brownlee, Brewer.

Cosponsors: Representatives Brennan, Grim, Lett, McNally, Piccolantonio, Rader, Synenberg.

To establish the Ohio Economic Task Force on Gun Violence and Violent Crimes to study the impact of gun violence and other violent crimes on Ohio businesses.

H. B. No. 873 - Representative Thomas, D.

Cosponsors: Representatives Williams, Brennan.

To amend sections 3713.01 and 3713.02 of the Revised Code regarding health and safety requirements for stuffed toys.

H. B. No. 874 - Representatives Brennan, Baker.

To amend sections 3314.012, 3314.016, 3314.021, and 3314.031 and to enact section 3314.0111 of the Revised Code to enact the Charter School Sponsor and Operator Rating Act regarding report cards for community school sponsors and operators.

H. B. No. 875 - Representatives Brennan, Sims.

To amend sections 3314.01, 3314.02, and 3314.032 and to enact section 3314.0111 of the Revised Code to prohibit for-profit operators of community schools.

H. B. No. 876 - Representative Craig.

To amend sections 173.39 and 173.391 and to enact section 173.394 of the Revised Code regarding shared bathrooms under the assisted living program.

H. B. No. 877 - Representative Glassburn.

Cosponsors: Representatives Brennan, Piccolantonio, Thomas, D., McNally, Upchurch.

To amend sections 145.293, 742.251, 3307.74, and 3309.31 of the Revised Code regarding limits on the purchase of retirement service credit based on employment with the United States Government, a state, or a political subdivision.

H. B. No. 878 - Representative Glassburn.

Cosponsors: Representatives Brennan, Click, Synenberg.

To amend section 6111.09 of the Revised Code to impose increased civil penalties for repeat violations of certain rules pertaining to using, placing, or managing dredged material.

H. B. No. 879 - Representative Glassburn.

Cosponsors: Representatives Brennan, Upchurch.

To amend section 2909.05 of the Revised Code to prohibit the unlawful removal of any item or adornment from any tomb, monument, gravestone, or other similar structure that is used as a memorial for the dead.

H. B. No. 880 - Representative Glassburn.

To make an appropriation to fully reimburse the stipends paid to teachers to complete science of reading professional development.

H. B. No. 881 - Representative Glassburn.

Cosponsors: Representatives Synenberg, Brennan, Brewer, Piccolantonio, McNally, Upchurch.

To amend sections 319.302, 323.152, 323.153, 323.156, 323.158, 5747.85, and 5747.98 and to enact section 5747.25 of the Revised Code to modify property tax reductions for nonbusiness and owner-occupied property, to authorize a refundable income tax credit for renters, and to name this act the Ohio Homeowner Relief Act

H. B. No. 882 - Representative Glassburn.

Cosponsors: Representatives Brennan, Piccolantonio, Brewer, Upchurch.

To enact section 5721.51 of the Revised Code to allow local governments to request unclaimed funds to temporarily cover the revenue lost from delinquent property taxes and to make an appropriation.

H. B. No. 883 - Representative Glassburn.

Cosponsors: Representatives Brennan, Rader, Thomas, D., McNally, Piccolantonio, Brewer, Upchurch.

To enact section 5164.97 of the Revised Code regarding Medicaid coverage for treatment in place services provided by EMS organizations, and to make an appropriation.

H. B. No. 884 - Representative Glassburn.

Cosponsors: Representatives Piccolantonio, Brennan, Synenberg, Somani,

McNally, Lett, Upchurch.

To amend sections 3317.011, 3317.012, 3317.018, 3317.0110, and 3317.022 and to enact section 3317.41 of the Revised Code and to amend Sections 265.10, as subsequently amended, 265.150, 265.190, and 265.450 of H.B. 96 of the 136th General Assembly regarding base cost calculation and use in the public school financing system, to express the General Assembly's intent to secure a thorough and efficient system of common schools, and to make an appropriation.

H. B. No. 885 - Representatives Brennan, Humphrey.

Cosponsors: Representatives Synenberg, Piccolantonio, Upchurch.

To enact section 5180.23 of the Revised Code to require the Children and Youth Advisory Council to develop a plan to establish a universal home visiting program for parents and caregivers of children and to name this act the Family Home Visits Act.

H. B. No. 886 - Representatives Troy, Brennan.

Cosponsors: Representatives Upchurch, McNally.

To enact section 5901.10 of the Revised Code to govern the practice of providing veterans claim assistance for compensation and to name this act the Veterans Empowerment Through Ethical Representation and Navigation Act (V.E.T.E.R.A.N. Benefits Protection Act).

H. B. No. 887 - Representative Brennan.

Cosponsors: Representatives Synenberg, McNally, White, E.

To amend sections 102.01, 102.06, and 102.99 and to enact section 102.032 of the Revised Code to prohibit public officials and employees from using prediction markets.

H. B. No. 888 - Representatives White, E., Bryant Bailey.

Cosponsors: Representatives McNally, Piccolantonio.

To amend section 1751.01 and to enact sections 3902.65 and 5164.11 of the Revised Code concerning insurance and Medicaid coverage for specified infertility services.

H. B. No. 889 - Representative White, E.

Cosponsors: Representatives Brennan, Piccolantonio, Upchurch.

To amend sections 5747.08 and 5747.98 and to enact section 5747.87 of the Revised Code to authorize a nonrefundable income tax credit for fertility treatment expenses.

H. B. No. 890 - Representative Hall, D.

Cosponsors: Representatives Piccolantonio, Brennan, White, E., Upchurch, McNally.

To enact sections 3901.85, 3901.851, 3901.852, 3901.853, 3901.854, 3901.855, 3901.856, 3901.857, and 3901.858 and to repeal section 125.95 of the Revised Code to establish the Prescription Drug Affordability Board and Prescription Drug Affordability Stakeholder Council, to authorize the establishment of upper payment limits on certain prescription drug products, to repeal the law establishing the Prescription Drug Transparency and Affordability Advisory Council, and to name this act the Prescription Relief and Inflation Cost Elimination or P.R.I.C.E. Act.

H. B. No. 891 - Representative Hall, D.

Cosponsors: Representatives Piccolantonio, Brennan, White, E., Upchurch.

To amend sections 3901.22 and 3922.07 and to enact sections 3901.216, 3901.97, and 3922.171 of the Revised Code to establish a medical claims consumer assistance program, to prohibit health insurers from improperly denying health claims, and to name this act the Fair Health Claims Act.

H. B. No. 892 - Representatives Russo, Abdullahi.

Cosponsors: Representatives Cockley, Brennan, Piccolantonio, Synenberg.

To enact section 125.62 of the Revised Code to establish the Ohio-Made Medicine Manufacturing Program and to name this act the Ohio-Made Prescription Drug Act.

H. B. No. 893 - Representatives Glassburn, Gross.

Cosponsors: Representatives Brennan, Piccolantonio, Synenberg, McNally, Upchurch.

To amend sections 3501.11 and 3501.29 of the Revised Code to require the boards of elections to minimize the standing time while waiting to vote for voters who experience difficulty standing for a prolonged period.

H. B. No. 894 - Representative Brewer.

Cosponsor: Representative Upchurch.

To amend sections 4509.06, 4509.11, 4509.12, 4509.13, 4509.14, 4509.15, 4509.17, 4509.19, 4509.37, 4509.40, 4509.42, and 4509.45 of the Revised Code to make changes to the laws governing proof of financial responsibility and the associated debt-related driver's license suspensions.

H. B. No. 895 - Representative Brewer.

Cosponsors: Representatives Lett, Synenberg.

To amend sections 3109.052 and 3109.055 of the Revised Code to enact the Ohio Custody Mediation and Orientation Act.

H. B. No. 896 - Representative Brewer.

Cosponsor: Representative Lett.

To amend sections 2151.314, 2151.419, 2151.4116, and 2151.421 and to

enact sections 2151.317, 2151.318, and 2151.4123 of the Revised Code regarding parents' rights in child welfare cases.

H. B. No. 897 - Representative Brewer.

Cosponsors: Representatives Synenberg, Brennan, Lett.

To enact section 2151.282 of the Revised Code to require trauma-informed care training for guardians ad litem and court-appointed special advocates in child welfare proceedings.

H. B. No. 898 - Representative Brewer.

To amend sections 2151.011, 2151.28, 2151.35, 2151.412, 2151.414, 2151.415, 2151.416, 2151.417, and 3107.062 and to enact sections 2151.47, 2151.471, 3109.121, and 3109.122 of the Revised Code to enact the Putative Fathers Matter Act to require notice to putative fathers regarding child welfare hearings and companionship or visitation proceedings and to require notice to grandparents regarding child welfare hearings.

H. B. No. 899 - Representative Brewer.

Cosponsors: Representatives Brent, Piccolantonio, Brownlee, Brennan, Grim.

To amend section 149.43 and to enact section 5103.164 of the Revised Code to require foster caregivers to securely store firearms.

H. B. No. 900 - Representative Brewer.

Cosponsors: Representatives Lett, Upchurch, Grim, McNally.

To enact sections 3701.147 and 3701.148 of the Revised Code to create the Office of Violence Prevention within the Department of Health and to make an appropriation.

H. B. No. 901 - Representative Brewer.

Cosponsors: Representatives Piccolantonio, Brennan, Brownlee, Synenberg, Sigrist, McNally, Grim.

To amend sections 2923.11, 5739.01, 5739.02, 5739.03, 5739.17, 5747.08, and 5747.98 and to enact sections 2923.26, 2923.27, 3701.982, and 5747.74 of the Revised Code to enact Amya's Law for Child Access Prevention to provide for the safe storage of firearms, to authorize a nonrefundable income tax credit for the purchase of secure storage and safety devices, and to exempt such devices from sales and use tax.

H. B. No. 902 - Representatives Jarrells, McClain.

Cosponsors: Representatives Williams, Miller, M., Troy, Piccolantonio, Brennan, Upchurch, Brewer, Rader.

To amend sections 2151.011, 2151.411, 2151.412, 2151.416, 2151.417, 2151.4122, 2151.424, and 5103.161; to enact new sections 2151.4115, 2151.4116, 2151.4117, 2151.4118, 2151.4119, and 2151.4120 and section

2151.317; and to repeal sections 2151.4115, 2151.4116, 2151.4117, 2151.4118, 2151.4119, 2151.4120, and 2151.4121 of the Revised Code to enact the "Fostering Sibling Success Act" regarding the rights of sibling youths in foster care and to provide for continuation of a child's placement and limit kinship preference in foster care.

H. J. R. No. 8 - Representatives Glassburn, Brennan.
Cosponsors: Representatives Piccolantonio, Upchurch.

Proposing to amend Section 1 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to lower the voting age to sixteen years.

Said bills and joint resolution were considered the first time.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Representative Robb Blasdel moved that the following resolutions be read by title only and brought up for immediate adoption:

H. R. No. 428 - Representatives Sims, Hall, D.

Honoring The University of Akron women's swimming and diving team as the 2026 Mid-American Conference Champion.

H. R. No. 429 - Representatives Sims, Hall, D.

Honoring The University of Akron men's basketball team on winning the 2026 Mid-American Conference Tournament Championship.

H. R. No. 430 - Representative Willis

Honoring the Springfield Fire Rescue Division as the 2026 Ohio Fire Department of the Year.

The motion was agreed to.

The question being, "Shall the resolutions be adopted?"

The resolutions were adopted.

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:

Sub. H. B. No. 393 - Representatives Click, Brewer

Cosponsors: Representatives Newman, Baker, Barhorst, Bird, Brennan, Brent, Bryant Bailey, Claggett, Daniels, Fischer, Glassburn, Hall, D., Humphrey, Isaacsohn, Lett, Mohamed, Russo, Salvo, Schmidt, Sigrist, Stephens, Synenberg, Thomas, C., Tims, White, A., White, E., Williams, Willis, Young
Senators Manning, Johnson, Antonio, Blackshear, Cirino, Craig, DeMora, Gavarone, Hicks-Hudson, Huffman, Ingram, Landis, O'Brien, Reineke,

Reynolds, Roegner, Timken, Weinstein

To amend sections 4507.01, 4507.50, 4507.51, 4507.52, and 5120.102 and to enact sections 2301.551 and 5120.106 of the Revised Code to require that community-based correctional facilities and programs and halfway house organizations assist inmates in obtaining state identification cards prior to release.

As a substitute bill, in which the concurrence of the House is requested.

Attest:

Vincent L. Keeran,
Clerk.

The Senate amendments were laid over under the Rule.

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:

Sub. H. B. No. 462 - Representative Richardson

Cosponsors: Representatives Schmidt, Deeter, Somani, Baker, Barhorst, Brownlee, Gross, King, Miller, M., Abrams, Bird, Brennan, Bryant Bailey, Cockley, Daniels, Dovilla, Ghanbari, Glassburn, Grim, Hall, D., Hall, T., Lawson-Rowe, Lear, Lett, Manning, Mathews, A., Mathews, T., Mohamed, Odioso, Oelslager, Plummer, Rader, Ray, Robb Blasdel, Robinson, Russo, Salvo, Sigrist, Sims, Stephens, Tims, Upchurch, White, A., White, E., Williams, Willis

Senators Huffman, Brenner, Ingram, Antonio, Blackshear, Chavez, Cirino, Craig, DeMora, Gavarone, Hicks-Hudson, Johnson, Koehler, Landis, Liston, Manning, Patton, Reineke, Roegner, Romanchuk, Smith, Timken, Weinstein, Wilkin

To amend sections 3301.135, 3313.718, 3313.719, 3313.7110, 3313.7111, 3314.141, 3314.143, 3326.28, 3328.24, 3328.29, 3728.01, 4723.483, 4729.01, 4729.51, 4729.513, 4729.541, 4729.88, 4730.433, 4731.96, 4731.961, and 5180.26 and to enact section 4729.262 of the Revised Code to authorize the procurement and emergency use of additional types of epinephrine delivery systems by schools, school districts, and camps.

As a substitute bill, in which the concurrence of the House is requested.

Attest:

Vincent L. Keeran,
Clerk.

The Senate amendments were laid over under the Rule.

On motion of Representative Robb Blasdel, the House adjourned until Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Attest:

BRADLEY J. YOUNG,
Clerk.