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SIXTH DAY
Senate Chamber, Columbus, Ohio
Wednesday, January 22, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Pursuant to Senate Rule No. 3, the Clerk called the Senate to order.

Senator DeMora was selected to preside according to the rule.

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

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced and considered for the first time:

S. B. No. 1 - Senator Cirino.

Cosponsors: Senators Brenner, Chavez, Cutrona, Johnson, Koehler, Lang, Manchester, O'Brien, Reineke, Roegner, Romanchuk, Schaffer, Wilkin.

To amend sections 3335.02, 3335.09, 3337.01, 3339.01, 3341.02, 3343.02, 3344.01, 3345.45, 3350.10, 3352.01, 3356.01, 3359.01, 3361.01, 3362.01, 3364.01, 4117.14, and 4117.15; to enact new section 3333.045 and sections 3345.029, 3345.0216, 3345.0217, 3345.0218, 3345.0219, 3345.382, 3345.451, 3345.452, 3345.453, 3345.454, 3345.455, 3345.456, 3345.591, 3345.80, and 3345.88; and to repeal section 3333.045 of the Revised Code to enact the Advance Ohio Higher Education Act regarding the operation of state institutions of higher education.

S. B. No. 2 - Senator Reineke.

It is the intent of the General Assembly to provide increased power generation and improved affordability and reliability for Ohio's electric grid.

S. B. No. 3 - Senators Lang, Huffman.

Cosponsors: Senators Roegner, Romanchuk, Brenner, O'Brien, Wilson, Schaffer, Wilkin.

To amend section 5747.02 of the Revised Code to phase-down the state income tax to a flat rate of 2.75% over two years.

S. B. No. 4 - Senator Gavarone.

To amend sections 109.95 and 3501.05 and to enact section 3501.055 of the Revised Code to establish the Election Integrity Unit in the Office of the Secretary of State and to modify the law governing the prosecution of Election Law violations.

S. B. No. 5 - Senators Brenner, Huffman.

To amend section 2909.07 and to enact sections 1923.16 and 2913.53 of the Revised Code to provide for the expedited removal of unauthorized occupants from residential property and to prohibit the use and sale of fraudulent deeds.

S. B. No. 6 - Senator Roegner.

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. 7 - Senator Johnson.

To amend sections 3313.60 and 3313.6024 and to enact sections 3301.0722, 3301.165, 3313.6031, 3314.0311, 3326.092, and 3328.60 of the Revised Code regarding instruction for public and chartered nonpublic school students in the harmful effects of substance use.

S. B. No. 8 - Senator Huffman.

To enact section 4117.091 of the Revised Code to prohibit a public employer from providing paid leave or compensation for a public employee to engage in certain union activities.

S. B. No. 9 - Senator Blessing.

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.

S. B. No. 10 - Senators Wilson, Lang.

To enact sections 1357.01, 1357.011, 1357.02, 1357.03, 1357.04, 1357.05, 1357.06, 1357.07, and 1357.08 and to repeal section 1349.55 of the Revised Code to revise and supplement state regulations concerning non-recourse litigation funding agreements.

S. B. No. 11 - Senators Blessing, DeMora.

Cosponsor: Senator Smith.

To enact sections 4119.01, 4119.02, 4119.03, and 4119.04 of the Revised Code to prohibit agreements that restrain engaging in a lawful profession or business after the conclusion of an employment relationship.

S. B. No. 12 - Senators Wilson, Cirino.

To amend sections 1715.51, 3315.10, and 3315.41 and to enact sections 3314.55, 3315.43, and 3326.53 of the Revised Code to permit community foundations to create component funds of any charitable funds received by public schools and to classify some funds held by a community foundation as institutional funds.

S. B. No. 13 - Senator Reynolds.

To enact sections 3301.96 and 3333.89 of the Revised Code to establish the Foster-to-College Scholarship Program, to require the Department of Education and Workforce to hire a full-time school foster care liaison, and to make an appropriation for the Foster-to-College Scholarship Program.

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.

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

S. B. No. 15 - Senators Brenner, Wilson.

To enact section 4582.72 of the Revised Code to allow port authorities to establish a Common Bond Fund Program to finance port authority facilities.

S. B. No. 16 - Senator Wilson.

Cosponsors: Senators Brenner, Cirino, Craig, Wilkin, Smith.

To amend section 4511.213 of the Revised Code to prohibit failing to change lanes or proceed with caution around a stationary vehicle in distress.

S. B. No. 17 - Senators Reynolds, Craig.

To enact section 5.212 of the Revised Code to designate March 9th as "6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion Day."

S. B. No. 18 - Senators Reynolds, Craig.

To enact section 5.2540 of the Revised Code to designate February 14 as "Cardiovascular Health Awareness Day."

S. B. No. 19 - Senator Brenner.

To amend sections 3301.0714, 3314.03, and 3326.11 and to enact sections 3302.131, 3302.132, and 3313.6030 of the Revised Code with regard to academic intervention services at public schools and the establishment of mathematics improvement and intervention plans.

S. B. No. 20 - Senators Antonio, Manning.

Cosponsors: Senators Romanchuk, Wilson, Craig, DeMora, Weinstein.

To enact section 5.2540 of the Revised Code to designate the first week of May as "Ohio Stroke Awareness Week."

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

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

S. B. No. 22 - Senators Blessing, Craig.

Cosponsors: Senators Antonio, Liston, Smith, Weinstein.

To amend sections 5747.08 and 5747.98 and to enact section 5747.87 of the Revised Code to authorize a refundable income tax credit or rebate for homeowners and renters whose property taxes or a portion of their rent exceed five per cent of their income.

S. B. No. 23 - Senator Brenner.

To amend section 1333.82 of the Revised Code to revise the Alcohol Franchise Law.

S. B. No. 24 - Senators Johnson, Huffman.

To enact section 5.022 of the Revised Code to adopt the 1905 Wright Flyer III as the state airplane.

S. B. No. 25 - Senator Johnson.

To amend sections 4713.50, 4713.51, and 4713.64 of the Revised Code to prohibit the provision of sun lamp tanning services to individuals under age 16.

S. B. No. 26 - Senator Johnson.

To enact sections 103.52 and 103.53 of the Revised Code to create the Joint Law Enforcement Oversight Committee and to make an appropriation.

S. B. No. 27 - Senator Johnson.

To enact section 5.2540 of the Revised Code to designate March 20th as "Ameloblastoma Awareness Day."

S. B. No. 28 - Senators Blessing, Antonio.

Cosponsors: Senators Craig, Hicks-Hudson, Weinstein.

To amend sections 131.02, 319.202, 715.013, 4303.26, 5703.052, 5703.053, 5703.19, 5703.263, 5703.50, 5703.70, 5703.77, 5703.90, 5725.26, and 5751.051 and to enact sections 5747.081, 5755.01, 5755.011, 5755.02, 5755.03, 5755.04, 5755.05, 5755.051, 5755.052, 5755.06, 5755.07, and 5755.99 of the Revised Code to levy a tax on certain high-volume landlords.

S. B. No. 29 - Senators Blessing, Ingram.

Cosponsor: Senator Craig, Wilson.

To amend section 715.72 of the Revised Code to allow two or more municipalities to create a joint economic development district without involving a township.

S. B. No. 30 - Senators Blessing, Ingram.

Cosponsors: Senators Chavez, Craig, Smith, Wilkin, Cutrona.

To enact section 1333.97 of the Revised Code to require retail merchants to give customers the option to pay by cash.

S. B. No. 31 - Senator Romanchuk.

To repeal section 5501.60 of the Revised Code to replace the requirement that the Department of Transportation construct certain interstate interchanges with a traffic congestion study.

S. B. No. 32 - Senators Reynolds, Schaffer.

To enact section 5180.41 of the Revised Code to establish the Child Care Cred Program and to make an appropriation.

OFFERING OF RESOLUTIONS

Senator Johnson offered the following concurrent resolution:

S. C. R. No. 1-Senator Johnson.

To urge the 119th Congress to introduce and pass legislation similar to the Stop Our Scourge Act of 2023, directing the Secretary of Homeland Security to designate illicit fentanyl as a weapon of mass destruction.

The question being, "Shall the concurrent resolution, **S. C. R. No. 1**, be adopted?"

On the motion of Senator Wilkin, **S. C. R. No. 1**, was referred to the Committee on Rules and Reference.

Pursuant to Senate Rule No. 55, the following resolutions were offered:

S. R. No. 8 - Senator Reineke.

Honoring Tiffin-Seneca Izaak Walton League of America Chapter 37-107 on its Centennial.

S. R. No. 9 - Senator Landis.

Honoring the Indian Valley High School football team on securing the 2024 Division IV State Championship.

The question being, "Shall the resolutions listed under the President's prerogative be adopted?"

So the resolutions were adopted.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Pursuant to Section 103.71 of the Ohio Revised Code, the President of the Senate appoints the following senators to serve on the Correctional Institution Inspection Committee for the 136th General Assembly:

Senator Al Landis
Senator Al Cutrona
Senator Paula Hicks-Hudson
Senator Kent Smith

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Pursuant to Section 101.34 of the Ohio Revised Code, the President of the

Senate appoints the following senators to serve on the Joint Legislative Ethics Committee:

Senator Rob McColley, as Vice Chair
Senator Bill Reineke
Senator Nathan H. Manning
Senator Nickie J. Antonio
Senator Hearcel F. Craig
Senator Kent Smith

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Pursuant to Section 101.84(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, the President of the Senate appoints the following senator to serve as members of the Sunset Review Committee for the 136th General Assembly:

Senator Kyle Koehler, Vice Chair
Senator Al Landis
Senator William P. DeMora

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Pursuant to Section 103.51 (A) of the Ohio Revised Code, the President of the Senate appoints the following Senators and public members to the Legislative Task Force on Redistricting, Reapportionment and Demographic Research:

Senator Rob McColley, as Co-Chair
Senator Nickie J. Antonio
John Barron, as Public Member

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Pursuant to Article XI, Section 1(A)(6) of the Ohio Constitution, the President of the Senate appoints the following individual to serve on the Ohio Redistricting Commission:

Senator Robert McColley

On the motion of Senator Wilkin, the Senate adjourned until Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

Attest:

VINCENT L. KEERAN,
Clerk.