



# Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

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## TOP ADVOCACY ITEMS

<i>Priority</i>	<i>Status</i>
<b>Promote Energy Efficiency and an Abundant Supply of Safe, Reliable, and Affordable Sources of Energy for our Growing Region.</b>	<p>Consistent with MORPC’s position on energy efficiency, MORPC is supporting the continuation of the energy efficiency programs through the Public Utility Commission of Ohio (PUCO) regulatory process along with advocating for improvements that may increase the participation of residential and business customers. Further, MORPC is working with the utilities to establish and advance a local government energy partnership program that involves energy benchmarking, energy audits, community education, and challenge programs and competitions. The intent is to deliver energy services to local governments that help communities meet sustainable energy goals, achieve energy savings and increase participation by community members.</p> <p>In response to a report of the state’s Energy Mandates Study Committee, MORPC has taken the following positions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» MORPC opposes the indefinite freeze of the Ohio energy mandates.</li> <li>» MORPC supports a combination of incentives and mandates to help achieve the goals of increased energy efficiency and renewable energy for diversity in our energy mix, along with determining the best approach for maximizing the credit of advanced energy projects.</li> </ul> <p>These positions are being communicated to the Ohio General Assembly as applied to Senate Bill 320, Ohio Republican Senator Bill Seitz’s response to the Energy Mandate Study Committee and the recently introduced House Bill 554. MORPC has been included in interested parties meetings on this subject. It has become increasingly doubtful that legislation will be adopted in this area.</p>
<b>Seek Federal Funding for Regional Projects</b>	MORPC continues to work with its Columbus region partners and receive feedback on the Competitive Advantage Process, a long-term, strategic approach recommended by the Columbus Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy to prioritize projects for funding opportunities. Deliverables for projects identified in the process would include additional advocacy, new branded information and mapping tools, and ongoing technical support from MORPC to monitor and seek funding opportunities.
<b>Establish MORPC as Top MPO Resource on Transportation Issues</b>	A National Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) was issued by USDOT, to which MORPC submitted comments, that would establish a set of performance measures for state DOTs and MPOs to use as required by MAP-21. The measures proposed in this NPRM would be used to assess the performance of the Interstate System and the National Highway System (NHS), assess freight movement on the Interstate System, and assess congestion and on-road mobile source emissions for the purpose of carrying out the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program.
<b>Work with Regional Partners to Identify Significant Projects and Grant Opportunities to Benefit the Region</b>	HB 390, a recently passed bill, created an Alternative Fuel Vehicle Conversion Grant Program. A total of \$5 million will be available for the program in FY 2017. MORPC continues to work with the Ohio EPA and Clean Fuels Ohio to ensure that local governments are eligible to apply for funding.



## TOP NEWS

### ***Addiction/Substance Abuse***

The Ohio Board of Pharmacy announced that medication used to reverse an opioid overdose can now be purchased without a prescription at 1,000 pharmacies across the state. Naloxone, whose brand name is Narcan, is now available in 79 counties.

New grant money announced will be distributed to 44 states, four tribes and the District of Columbia in order to combat the surge of opioid abuse nationwide, but the White House is also asking Congress for \$1.1 billion in new funding. The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) announced that Ohio will receive almost \$2 million of the nation's grant share. The Ohio Department of Health will take in \$1 million for drug monitoring programs, and nearly \$630,000 for morbidity and mortality tracking, while OhioMHAS will receive more than \$370,000 for prevention efforts.

Democratic lawmakers called on Gov. John Kasich's administration to "call it what it is" and designate the heroin and opioid epidemic an emergency for the state.

U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH) asked for support for first responders during a press conference by providing them emergency funding for naloxone, a drug used to reverse narcotic overdoses. Brown said U.S. Sen. Rob Portman's (R-OH) championed Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA), signed into law in July, is "a good first step but doesn't go nearly far enough" without accompanying funding to combat the drug epidemic.

### ***Aging***

As Ohio's senior population is expected to grow rapidly over the next quarter century, supporters are hoping to give seniors a voice in finding ways to address their own needs in the form of a new group. The Ohio Aging Advocacy Coalition introduced its goals during a Statehouse press conference, where Barbara Riley, former director of the Ohio Department of Aging and point person leading the coalition, said the group's purpose is "to share a senior voice" for input into public policy.

### ***Agriculture***

Two agricultural groups are encouraging farmers to show how they are #ProtectingWater. The Ohio Corn and Wheat Growers Association (OCWGA) and Ohio Soybean Council (OSC) said their new social media project will call attention to the work that Ohio farmers are doing to protect water quality.

### ***Employment/Unemployment***

The nation added 255,000 jobs in July, according to new figures released by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), but the unemployment rate was unchanged as more people headed back into the labor force.

Ohio's unemployment rate dropped to 4.8 percent in July from 5 percent in June, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services said. Ohio added 11,400 jobs over the month, going from a revised 5,494,900 in June to 5,506,300 in July 2016.



## TOP NEWS

### ***Energy***

The Columbus Metropolitan Club hosted a conversation centered on “Fueling Ohio’s Future: Alternative Energy Update,” with panelists from the energy landscape agreeing Ohio is entering a new age where traditional industry leaders must be part of renewable energy talks.

Rep. Mike Duffey (R-Worthington) picked up support from the Ohio Consumers’ Counsel (OCC) Tuesday when he reintroduced legislation to halt the unregulated practice of utility sub-metering in the coming lame duck session.

Ohio will pull down more than \$2 million and part of another \$400,000 in regional funding from the Obama administration’s Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization (POWER) Initiative, which seeks to bolster communities and workers hit with job losses in coal mining, coal power plants, and coal-related supply chain industries.

### ***Environment***

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) is encouraging owners of heavy duty diesel vehicle fleets in eligible Ohio counties to apply for Diesel Emission Reduction Grants (DERG). Projects funded by the grants will help improve air quality through vehicle replacement, repowering engines, retrofitting emission controls or installing anti-idle equipment.

### ***Ethics***

Each year, the Ohio Ethics Commission releases an annual online e-course that offers a general overview of the Ohio Ethics Law. These hour-long courses challenge learners to apply knowledge regarding the Ohio Ethics Law in the following areas: conflicts of interest, public contracts, nepotism, post-employment and representation. The 2016 course can be [found online](#).

### ***Local Government***

The Ohio Development Services Agency (DSA) announced \$1,625,854 in grants and loans awarded by the Local Government Innovation Council. According to the administration, the 12 grants from the Local Government Efficiency Program (LGEP) and three loans from the Local Government Innovation Program (LGIP) will help communities increase efficiencies, cut costs and provide improved public services. Local recipients include Westerville City Schools and Dublin City Schools.

### ***Marijuana***

The Ohio Department of Commerce (DOC) has launched the [Ohio Medical Marijuana Control Program \(MMCP\) website](#). The agency was also seeking a consultant on the economics and cultivation of marijuana.

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) announced it has denied petitions to reschedule marijuana, meaning it will remain illegal for all purposes under federal law. But state lawmakers said they do not expect it to have an effect on Ohio’s new medical marijuana program.



## TOP NEWS

### *People*

Ohio United Way President and CEO Barbara Sykes took over Monday, Aug. 29, as state director of AARP Ohio, the organization announced.

The Development Services Agency (DSA) announced two changes in its leadership team recently. DSA Director David Goodman announced Michael Hiler as chief of the Community Services Division, overseeing the Office of Community Development and Office of Community Assistance. In addition, Rachel Near has been promoted from legislative liaison to legislative director and will manage the agency’s legislative initiatives and outreach.

### *Public Safety*

Attorney General Mike DeWine’s police chase panel issued draft recommendations that find high-speed pursuits may “create too great a danger to the public” when weighed against the risks of an at-large offender. For that and other reasons, the Advisory Group on Law Enforcement Vehicular Pursuits is vetting a proposal for Ohio’s 800-plus police departments, sheriff’s offices and state enforcement agencies to reexamine their pursuit policies in light of four tentative recommendations to date.

### *State Government*

The Ohio Development Services Agency (DSA) announced that the second competitive round of the Abandoned Gas Station Cleanup Grant opened Monday, Aug. 8. The state will make at least \$3.5 million available, and for the first time county land banks are eligible to apply.

### *Local Government*

A Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court judge has temporarily blocked a new law banning local governments from requiring a certain amount of contractor hires on public projects to be local residents, saying the law violates home rule provisions of the Ohio Constitution.

## 2016 CENTRAL OHIO CANDIDATE LIST

<b>OHIO HOUSE</b>			
<i>District</i>	<i>Incumbent</i>	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Republican</i>
17	M. Curtin	Adam Miller	John Rush
18	K. Boggs	Kristin Boggs	David Todd
19	A. Gonzales	Michael Johnston	Anne Gonzales
20	H. Bishoff	Heather Bishoff	Lisa Schact
21	M. Duffey	Ryan Koch	Mike Duffey
22	D. Leland	David Leland	Linda L. Jarrett
23	C. Grossman	Lee Schreiner	Laura Lanese
24	S. Kunze	Kristopher Keller	Jim Hughes



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<b>OHIO HOUSE</b>			
<i>District</i>	<i>Incumbent</i>	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Republican</i>
25	K. Boyce	Bernadine K. Kent	Seth Golding
26	H. Craig	Hearcel F. Craig	Kenneth H. Collins
27	T. Brinkman	Joe Otis	Tom Brinkman Jr.
67	A. Brenner	Janet Breneman	Andrew O. Brenner
68	M. Ruhl	John Russell	Rick Carfagna
71	S. Ryan	Joseph Begeny	Scott Ryan
72	B. Hayes	John R. Carlisle	Larry Householder
74	B. Dean	Barbara Niemeyer	Bill Dean
77	T. Schaffer	Brad Nicodemus	Tim Schaffer
78	R. Hood		Ron Hood
83	R. Sprague	Mary Harshfield	Robert Sprague
85	N. Vitale		Nino Vitale
86	D. Pelanda	Scott Crider	Dorothy Pelanda
87	J. McClain		Wes Goodman
91	C. Rosenberger		Cliff Rosenberger
92	G. Scherer		Gary Scherer
<b>OHIO SENATE</b>			
<i>District</i>	<i>Incumbent</i>	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Republican</i>
10	B. Hackett	Matthew Kirk	Robert Hackett
16	J. Hughes	Cathy Johnson	Stephanie Kunze
20	T. Balderson		Troy Balderson
26	D. Burke		Dave Burke
<b>CONGRESS</b>			
<i>District</i>	<i>Incumbent</i>	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Republican</i>
2	B. Wenstrup	William R. Smith	Brad Wenstrup
3	J. Beatty	Joyce Beatty	John Adams
4	J. Jordan	Janet Garrett	Jim Jordan
7	B. Gibbs	Roy Rich	Bob Gibbs
12	P. Tiberi	Edward Albertson	Pat Tiberi
15	S. Stivers	Scott Wharton	Steve Stivers



## MORPC LEGISLATIVE TRACKING

- HB5** PUBLIC OFFICE-STATE AGENCY EFFICIENCY STUDIES (KUNZE S, KOEHLER K) To allow the Auditor of State to conduct business case studies regarding the efficiency of local public offices and state agencies, to authorize the Auditor of State to establish a shared equipment service agreement program among political subdivisions, and to specify that a political subdivision that uses the loaned equipment has potential liability for its use under the Political Subdivision Tort Liability Law.  
*Current Status:* 6/14/2016 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; eff. in 90 days  
*Recent Status:* 6/8/2016 Sent to Governor for Signature; 5/24/2016 - Consideration of Senate Amendments; House Does Concur, Vote 94-3  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-5>
- HB12** TIF-INCENTIVE DISTRICTS (BUTLER, JR. J, BURKLEY T) To establish a procedure by which political subdivisions proposing a tax increment financing (TIF) incentive district are required to provide notice to the record owner of each parcel within the proposed incentive district before creating the district, and to permit such owners, under specific conditions, to exclude their parcels from the incentive district by submitting a written response.  
*Current Status:* 5/25/2016 - PASSED BY HOUSE; Vote 71-26  
*Recent Status:* 5/25/2016 - Bills for Third Consideration; 5/24/2016 - REPORTED OUT AS AMENDED, House Ways and Means, (Fourth Hearing)  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-12>
- HB13** POLICE-FIRE LEVY REVENUE (BUTLER, JR. J, BURKLEY T) To require reimbursement of police and fire levy revenue foregone because of the creation of a tax increment financing incentive district.  
*Current Status:* 3/17/2015 - House Ways and Means, (First Hearing)  
*Recent Status:* 1/28/2015 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means; 1/28/2015 - Introduced  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-13>
- HB32** AIRCRAFT-MOTOR FUEL EXCISE TAX (PERALES R) To subject the receipt of motor fuel used to operate aircraft to the motor fuel excise taxes rather than the sales and use taxes and to require a percentage of motor fuel excise tax revenue to be used for airport improvements.  
*Current Status:* 2/10/2015 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means  
*Recent Status:* 2/3/2015 - Introduced  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-32>
- HB42** LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND (GERBERRY R, CERA J) To require that, for fiscal year 2016 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Local Government Fund must receive the same proportion of state tax revenue that the Fund received in fiscal year 2005.  
*Current Status:* 2/11/2015 - Referred to Committee House Finance  
*Recent Status:* 2/10/2015 - Introduced  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-42>
- HB46** GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE DATABASE (DOVILLA M, DEVER J) To require the Treasurer of State to establish the Ohio State Government Expenditure Database.  
*Current Status:* 10/13/2015 - Senate Finance, (First Hearing)  
*Recent Status:* 4/22/2015 - Referred to Committee Senate Finance; 4/15/2015 - PASSED BY HOUSE; Vote 95-0  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-46>



## MORPC LEGISLATIVE TRACKING

- HB72** ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS (CONDITT M) To authorize port authorities to create energy special improvement districts for the purpose of developing and implementing plans for special energy improvement projects and to alter the law governing such districts that are governed by a nonprofit corporation.  
*Current Status:* 5/6/2015 - BILL AMENDED, House Public Utilities, (Fourth Hearing)  
*Recent Status:* 3/18/2015 - House Public Utilities, (Third Hearing); 3/11/2015 - House Public Utilities, (Second Hearing)  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-72>
- HB82** RIGHT-OF-WAY PENALTIES INCREASE (BEAGLE B) To increase the penalties for failing to yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian who is crossing a roadway within a crosswalk when the crosswalk is located within a school zone.  
*Current Status:* 5/13/2015 - House State Government, (Third Hearing)  
*Recent Status:* 4/29/2015 - House State Government, (Second Hearing); 3/18/2015 - House State Government, (First Hearing)  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-82>
- HB84** MUNICIPAL TAX-CIVIL ACTIONS (SPRAGUE R, SWEENEY M) To require civil actions by taxpayers related to municipal income taxes be brought against the municipal corporation imposing the tax rather than the municipal corporation's tax administrator.  
*Current Status:* 3/24/2015 - House Ways and Means, (First Hearing)  
*Recent Status:* 3/3/2015 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means; 2/25/2015 - Introduced  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-84>
- HB86** DISTRACTED DRIVING (GROSSMAN C) To create the offense of "distracted driving" and to limit its application and prosecution to persons who also commit a moving violation or a vehicular homicide offense at the same time as the distracted driving offense.  
*Current Status:* 6/10/2015 - House Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Public Safety, (Second Hearing)  
*Recent Status:* 3/26/2015 - SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED, House Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Public Safety, (First Hearing); 3/3/2015 - Referred to Committee House Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Public Safety  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-86>
- HB88** ELECTRONIC DEVICES-DRIVING (SHEEHY M) To prohibit the use of an electronic wireless communications device while operating a vehicle in a school zone during hours when children are present outside or in a construction zone during hours of actual work, to specify that the offenses related to the use of a handheld electronic wireless communications device while driving apply to the operation of all vehicles rather than all motor vehicles as under current law, and to make driving a vehicle while using a handheld electronic wireless communications device to write, send, or read a text-based communication a primary rather than secondary traffic offense.  
*Current Status:* 3/26/2015 - House Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Public Safety, (First Hearing)  
*Recent Status:* 3/3/2015 - Referred to Committee House Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Public Safety; 2/25/2015 - Introduced  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-88>





## MORPC LEGISLATIVE TRACKING

- HB100** (SLABY M, PATMON B) To require that a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating or an actual gross vehicle weight of more than 10,000 pounds be driven only in either of the two right-hand lanes of a freeway with three lanes of travel in the same direction, except in limited circumstances.  
**Current Status:** 3/24/2015 - House Transportation and Infrastructure, (Second Hearing)  
**Recent Status:** 3/17/2015 - House Transportation and Infrastructure, (First Hearing); 3/10/2015 - Referred to Committee House Transportation and Infrastructure  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-100>
- HB107** SPEED-LIMIT REDUCTION REQUEST (STINZIANO M, RETHERFORD W) To permit a person or neighborhood association or organization to request the Director of Transportation to reduce the speed limit on the street or highway of the person's residence or a street or highway located within the area of representation of the association or organization if the street or highway has a speed limit of not more than 35 miles per hour, and to permit a person or neighborhood association or organization to request the Director or a local authority to erect a stop sign at an intersection where currently no stop sign is present.  
**Current Status:** 5/19/2015 - House Transportation and Infrastructure, (Third Hearing)  
**Recent Status:** 5/12/2015 - House Transportation and Infrastructure, (Second Hearing); 4/21/2015 - House Transportation and Infrastructure, (First Hearing)  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-107>
- HB130** PUBLIC RECORDS-DATA BOARD (HAGAN C, DUFFEY M) To create the DataOhio Board, to specify requirements for posting public records online, to require the Auditor of State to adopt rules regarding a uniform accounting system for public offices, to establish an online catalog of public data at data.Ohio.gov, to establish the Local Government Information Exchange Grant Program, and to make an appropriation.  
**Current Status:** 5/18/2016 - PASSED BY HOUSE; Vote 96-0  
**Recent Status:** 5/18/2016 - Bills for Third Consideration; 4/20/2016 - REPORTED OUT, House Finance, (Third Hearing)  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-130>
- HB150** (GROSSMAN C, SCHERER G) To require hotel intermediaries to collect and remit applicable sales and use tax on the full amount paid for hotel lodging, to require hotel intermediaries to supply customers with itemized invoices, to specify that a hotel intermediary is presumed to have "substantial nexus" with Ohio if the intermediary arranges lodging at Ohio hotels, and to specify that hotels are not liable for the failure of a hotel intermediary to properly collect or remit applicable taxes.  
**Current Status:** 4/12/2016 - House Ways and Means, (Third Hearing)  
**Recent Status:** 6/9/2015 - House Ways and Means, (Second Hearing); 5/19/2015 - House Ways and Means, (First Hearing)  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-150>
- HB154** BICYCLE PASSING-TRAFFIC LIGHTS (HENNE M, SHEEHY M) To provide that when a motor vehicle passes a bicycle the safe passing distance to the left is three feet, and to alter the protocol for proceeding into an intersection that has malfunctioning traffic lights.  
**Current Status:** 5/24/2016 - PASSED BY HOUSE; Vote 81-16  
**Recent Status:** 5/24/2016 - Bills for Third Consideration; 6/24/2015 - REPORTED OUT, House Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Public Safety, (Third Hearing)  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-154>



## MORPC LEGISLATIVE TRACKING

- HB182** JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS (SCHURING K) To revise the law governing the creation and operation of joint economic development districts (JEDDs) and enterprise zones.  
*Current Status:* 6/13/2016 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; eff. in 90 days  
*Recent Status:* 6/8/2016 - Sent to Governor for Signature; 5/25/2016 - Consideration of Senate Amendments; House Does Concur, Vote 95-0  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-182>
- HB190** WIND FARM SETBACKS-COUNTY (BURKLEY T, BROWN T) To permit counties to adopt resolutions establishing an alternative setback for wind farms and to extend by five years the deadlines for obtaining the qualified energy project tax exemption.  
*Current Status:* 5/18/2016 - SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED, House Public Utilities, (Third Hearing)  
*Recent Status:* 11/18/2015 - SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED, House Public Utilities, (Second Hearing); 5/27/2015 - House Public Utilities, (First Hearing)  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-190>
- HB222** PUBLIC TRANSIT EMPLOYEE-ASSAULT (DRIEHAUS D, PERALES R) To increase the penalty for assault when the victim is an employee of an Ohio transit system whom the offender knows or has reasonable cause to know is such an employee engaged in the performance of the victim's duties; to permit the court to impose a fine of up to \$5000 and a six-month or lifetime prohibition from riding an Ohio transit system for assault committed in such specified circumstances; to authorize Ohio transit systems to post a warning sign indicating that abuse or assault of staff will not be tolerated and might result in a felony conviction; and to increase the penalty for evading payment of the known fares of a public transportation system.  
*Current Status:* 2/23/2016 - House Judiciary, (Second Hearing)  
*Recent Status:* 6/9/2015 - House Judiciary, (First Hearing); 5/26/2015 - Referred to Committee House Judiciary  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-222>
- HB233** REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS (SCHURING K) To authorize municipal corporations to create downtown redevelopment districts and innovation districts for the purposes of promoting the rehabilitation of historic buildings, creating jobs, encouraging economic development in commercial and mixed-use areas, and supporting grants and loans to technology-oriented and other businesses.  
*Current Status:* 5/6/2016 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; eff. in 90 days  
*Recent Status:* 5/5/2016 - Sent to Governor for Signature; 4/20/2016 - Consideration of Senate Amendments; House Does Concur, Vote 96-0  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-233>
- HB302** ANNEXED TERRITORY-LEVY (HENNE M) To provide that, beginning five years after a type-II annexation is approved, the annexed territory is subject to a fire, police, or EMS tax levy only if the levy is imposed by the subdivision that provides the fire, police, or EMS service to the territory.  
*Current Status:* 4/12/2016 - House Local Government, (Third Hearing)  
*Recent Status:* 12/1/2015 - House Local Government, (Second Hearing); 11/17/2015 - House Local Government, (First Hearing)  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-302>



## MORPC LEGISLATIVE TRACKING

- HB390** NATURAL GAS-ET AL (SCHAFFER T, RETHERFORD W) To provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs and to make appropriations.  
*Current Status:* 6/28/2016 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; Eff. 90 days  
*Recent Status:* 6/28/2016 - Sent to Governor for Signature; 5/25/2016 - Consideration of Senate Amendments; House Does Concur, Vote 69-26  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-390>
- HB412** RACETRACK PAYMENTS-LOCAL GOVERNMENTS (ANIELSKI M, SCHURING K) To require certain payments made to local governments in which racetracks are located to be made proportionally.  
*Current Status:* 1/20/2016 - Referred to Committee House Finance  
*Recent Status:* 12/14/2015 - Introduced  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-412>
- HB413** TOWNSHIP LAWS (BRINKMAN T) To add to the purposes for which a board of township trustees may go into executive session, to permit a township to charge for recycling services, to reduce the population threshold for a township to adopt a limited home rule form of government, to authorize a township to purchase, lease, or provide underwater rescue and recovery equipment for fire and rescue purposes, to authorize boards of township trustees to pay for group life insurance for any employee, to make other changes to the township laws, to allow taxing units to use the proceeds of a fire, police, or emergency services tax levy to pay costs related to the service for which the tax is levied, and to expand the public infrastructure improvements townships, municipal corporations, and counties may pay for using money from their public improvement tax increment equivalent funds.  
*Current Status:* 6/28/2016 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; Eff. 90 days  
*Recent Status:* 6/28/2016 - Sent to Governor for Signature; 5/25/2016 - Consideration of Senate Amendments; House Does Concur, Vote 96-0  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-413>
- HB523** MEDICAL MARIJUANA (HUFFMAN S) To authorize the use of marijuana for medical purposes and to establish the Medical Marijuana Control Program.  
*Current Status:* 6/8/2016 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; eff. in 90 days  
*Recent Status:* 6/8/2016 - Sent to Governor for Signature; 5/25/2016 - Consideration of Senate Amendments; House Does Concur, Vote 67-29  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-523>
- HB528** MOTOR VEHICLE-LICENSE TAXES (RUHL M) To authorize additional permissive local motor vehicle license taxes up to a total of \$15.  
*Current Status:* 5/17/2016 - House Ways and Means, (First Hearing)  
*Recent Status:* 4/26/2016 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means; 4/20/2016 - Introduced  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-528>



## MORPC LEGISLATIVE TRACKING

- HCR7** TAX EXEMPT MUNICIPAL BONDS (SPRAGUE R) To urge the President and the Congress of the United States to preserve the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds.  
**Current Status:** 5/11/2016 - ADOPTED BY SENATE; Vote 33-0  
**Recent Status:** 5/11/2016 - Bills for Third Consideration; 4/20/2016 - REPORTED OUT, Senate Ways and Means, (Second Hearing)  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HCR-7>
- SCR21** SMART CITY CHALLENGE (BACON K) To urge the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) to select the city of Columbus as the award winner for the USDOT Smart City Challenge.  
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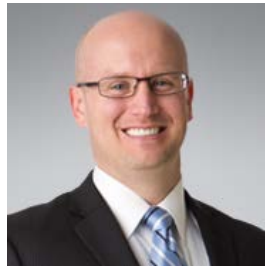
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