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CCAO publishes County Advisory Bulletin on state post traumatic stress fund program changes

Earlier today, CCAO published [County Advisory Bulletin 2026-03 Post Traumatic Stress Fund Program](#).

The CAB provides a brief legislative history of the State Post-Traumatic Stress (PTS) Fund. It was created in 2021 but no funding was provided and it was statutorily prohibited from making any payments.

Earlier this year, the state transferred \$40 million to the fund but the money was not appropriated and the statutory prohibition on making payments from the PTS Fund remained.

Last month, through [House Bill 479](#) (Representative Jean Schmidt), the PTS Fund became functional once the bill takes effect on September 23, 2026.

The PTS Fund is placed under the administration of the Department of Behavioral Health and will be overseen by a PTS Fund Commission. The commission does not include any employer representation, an absence that CCAO intends to advocate against.

The bill, nor existing Revised Code sections, does not provide the state a mechanism to assess public employers premiums to contribute to the fund. Instead, the bill limits the funding available for out-of-pocket reimbursement to peace officers to the \$40 million appropriation; once the appropriation is exhausted, reimbursements will not be made until more funding is appropriated.

A more detailed overview is available in the [CAB itself](#). CCAO will keep membership informed of any developments regarding the PTS Fund.

SNAP payment error rate webinar materials available

Last week, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services held a webinar for CCAO members regarding the release of the first [county-level SNAP payment error rate report](#).

The Department has shared the slide deck from the webinar and an FAQ concerning the process, based off questions that were asked during the webinar. These are linked to below.

[Webinar Slide Deck](#)

[SNAP Payment Error Rate FAQ](#)

CCAO appreciates the work of our county JFS agency staff in driving the state's error rate down. We continue to advocate for policies and practices with our state partners to help Ohio continue that work.

If you have questions concerning SNAP payment error rates, please contact [Rachel Reedy](#).

CCAO Legislative Platform Survey is open

The CCAO Policy Team requests [your input](#) on items for inclusion in the Association's legislative platform for the upcoming 137th General Assembly. The platform guides CCAO's advocacy.

Please identify policy issues, legislative proposals, or emerging challenges that you believe should be added to or more prominently addressed in the platform.

Before responding, you may wish to review the current CCAO Legislative Platform which [is available here](#).

Please note the current platform has not been updated to account for any legislative changes that have occurred during this General Assembly (since January 2025). If there are current platform positions you would like for the Association to consider changing, please note those in the survey.

The survey provides three slots to list issues and proposed solutions you feel are important to your county and counties in general. If you have more than three issues to suggest, simply submit your responses and complete the survey again.

[Take the legislative platform survey here.](#)

The survey will remain open through Monday, August 3, 2026.

If you have questions regarding the survey, please contact policy@ccao.org.

Legislative Activity

Introduction of Bills

The following bill(s) that may be of interest to counties were introduced this week:

- [House Bill 979](#) (Representative Roy Klopfenstein): Regarding broadband internet access service infrastructure located in a public right-of-way.