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Advocacy Call to Action: Contact the Senate to express support for jail funding in the Capital Budget

Key Points:

- Contact the Ohio Senate to express your support for the inclusion of \$250 million dollars for county jail funding in the Senate's version of the Capital Budget by **April 8**.
- CCAO recently released a [one-page advocacy document](#) to assist with your advocacy efforts.

In February, the Ohio House of Representatives passed HB 2, which contained many of the Ohio House's capital budget items. CCAO was pleased to see HB 2 contain a \$250 million dollar appropriation for county jail funding, which would be the largest single investment in county jails in the state's history. HB 2 also contained a formula for distributing the funding allocated in the bill and the formula treats "large county jails" differently from all other jails. CCAO is also in the process of working with the Ohio General Assembly to examine the jail funding formula and see how it would effect projects at the county level. Once we have additional information on that topic, we will share that with the membership. If you are interested in seeing your county's current ranking on the list, [please click here](#). As it currently stands, if your county is within the ranks of 1-40, or a large county jail, it is possible that you could eligible for the \$250 million proposed in HB 2 under the current formula.

The Ohio Senate is in the process of collecting capital budget requests to form their version of the capital budget. They have asked their members to submit capital budget requests to offices by April 8th. It is important that you contact your Senate member and express your support for the inclusion of \$250 million in jail funding in the capital budget. To assist with your advocacy efforts, CCAO and BSSA have recently updated the county jail survey, [which can be found here](#) (hyperlink document). Additionally, CCAO recently released a one page advocacy document for jail funding and jail operations, [which can be found here](#).

If you have questions about jail funding or a jail construction, please contact CCAO Managing Director of Policy Kyle Petty at kpetty@ccao.org or 740-503-6088.

Legislative Activity

Introduction of Bills

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

- [House Bill 457](#) (Representative Gary Click): To modify the voter registration forms and procedures for electors who have previously registered in another state or county.
- [House Bill 467](#) (Representative Beryl Piccolantonio and Representative Michele Grim): To create an exemption to the requirement that candidates must provide all names used in the past five years.
- [Senate Bill 238](#) (Senator George Lang): To prioritize designating a clerk of a court of common pleas as a deputy registrar in certain counties.

Upcoming Committee Hearings

The following committees are currently scheduled to meet and discuss bills that may be of interest to counties. Other committees will likely meet as well but as of press time for *Statehouse Report* they have not released agendas. Please note that these schedules are subject to change.

If you would like to offer testimony on any bill, please visit the committee page and contact the committee chair's office for instructions on how to submit testimony.

Tuesday, April 2

[House Civil Justice](#) (1:00 p.m.)

- [House Bill 265](#) (Representative Scott Wiggam and Representative Thomas Hall): To exempt redaction request forms, affidavits, and the records of the work schedules of designated public service workers from disclosure under public records law.
 - Fourth hearing, all testimony.
 - CCAO is planning to provide proponent testimony.
 - POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS
 - POSSIBLE VOTE
- [House Bill 338](#) (Representative Andrea White and Representative Bride Rose Sweeney): To allow child support orders to be issued, modified, or extended for children over 18 with a disability.
 - Third hearing, all testimony

[House Health Provider Services](#) (1:30 p.m.)

- [House Bill 236](#) (Representative Beth Lear and Representative Melanie Miller): To prohibit a congregate care setting from denying a patient or resident access to an advocate and to name this act the Never Alone Act.
 - Fifth hearing, opponent and interested party testimony

Wednesday, April 3

[House Civil Justice](#) (11:00 a.m.)

- [House Bill 196](#) (Representative Josh Williams and Representative Bill Seitz): To change the maximum periods of community control sanctions authorized for felonies and misdemeanors and to modify the confinement sanctions authorized for a technical violation of community control sanction conditions.
 - Second hearing, proponent testimony
 - **POSSIBLE SUBSTITUTE BILL**