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Strong support being shown for amendment increasing reimbursement for indigent defense to 50%

We are pleased to report that as of today there are 38 members of the House of Representatives who have signed on as co-sponsors of an amendment to appropriate an additional \$12 million in each year of the biennium to increase the reimbursement to counties for indigent defense from 40 percent, as proposed in HB 64 - the budget bill, to 50 percent. Rep. Terry **Boose** is the lead sponsor and is currently joined by the following House members as co-sponsors:

House Leadership:

Speaker Pro Tempore Ron **Amstutz**; Assistant Majority Floor Leader Jim **Buchy**; Majority Whip Mike **Dovilla**; Assistant Majority Whip Dorothy **Pelanda**; and Assistant Minority Leader Nick **Celebrezze**

Members of the House Finance Committee:

Kirk **Schuring**, Vice Chair; Denise **Driehaus**, Ranking Minority Member; Marlene **Anielski**; Tony **Burkley**; Jack **Cera**; Robert **Cupp**; Doug **Green**; Dave **Hall**; Ron **Maag**; Jeff **McClain**; Michael **O'Brien**; Rick **Perales**; Dan **Ramos**; and, Gary **Scherer**

Other Members of the House:

Bill **Blessing**, Tim **Brown**, Margaret **Conditt**, Mike **Curtin**, Jonathan **Dever**, Ron **Gerberry**, Tim **Ginter**, Steve **Hambley**, Brian **Hill**, Bob **Hackett**; Ron **Hood**, Steven **Kraus**, Sarah **LaTourette**, Sean **O'Brien**, Dan **Ramos**, John **Rogers**, Margaret Ann **Ruhl** and Mike **Sheehy**

We are most grateful for these members' commitment to this amendment and this important issue for CCAO. If your member is already a co-sponsor please, call them this week to thank them for their support.

Rep. Boose must turn in the amendment to the House Finance Committee Chair's office by next Friday, March 27. That means that for those of you whose House member(s) do not yet appear on this list, you have one more week to contact your House members and encourage them to join on as a co-sponsor of this amendment. If they agree to be a co-sponsor, please have them contact Rep. Boose to have their name added to his amendment. We also ask you to contact John Leutz by texting him at (614) 299-2800 so that he can follow up to confirm their co-sponsorship.

We would like to see a majority of the House members sign on as co-sponsors – “50 Members for 50% Reimbursement.”

For more information, please see the following: CCAO President Mike Halleck's [letter](#) to our membership; CCAO 50 percent [fact sheet](#); [sample](#) resolution and letter to legislators; and a state vs. counties [chart](#) as well as a [timeline](#) of the state's reimbursement rate.

Again, after talking to your House member, please let us know what they said about this important issue by emailing John Leutz at jleutz@ccao.org or texting him a message at (614) 299-2800.

CCAO testifies on Adult Protective Services budget provisions; TPP

CCAO provided testimony before a House panel Wednesday asking the committee to reconsider aspects of proposals in the as-introduced budget that would impact county adult protective services as well as funding for many county health and human services agencies.

Laura Abu-Absi, CCAO senior policy analyst, addressed the Ohio House Finance Health and Human Services Subcommittee in testimony highlighting the impact the proposed phase out of Tangible Personal Property Tax and Public Utility Property Tax reimbursements would have on many levy funded county health and human services agencies that are still receiving such reimbursements.

House Finance
HHS
Subcommittee
members:
Robert Sprague
Emilia Sykes
Mark Romanchuk
Barbara Sears
Nicki Antonio

Primarily, however, Abu-Absi focused on highlighting for committee members CCAO's support for adult protection, with the request that the legislature not mandate more than what counties can accomplish. To view a copy of the testimony, click [here](#).

“Protective Services” is defined in APS statute as:
“services provided by the CDJFS or its designated agency to an adult who has been determined by evaluation to require such services for the prevention, correction, or discontinuance of an act of as well as conditions resulting from abuse, neglect or exploitation. Protective services may include, but are not limited to, case work services, medical care, mental health services, legal services, fiscal management, home health care, homemaker services, housing-related services, guardianship services, and placement services as well as the provision of such commodities as food, clothing, and shelter.”

While counties appreciate the proposed additional investments in the adult protective services (APS) system (a total of \$3.5 million – \$2.64 million of which will be distributed to counties in 88 equal shares of \$30,000 per year and the remainder of which will be used by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services for administration) and many other recommendations contained in the bill to improve service delivery and coordination in and between counties, commissioners have questions and concerns around language that would hold counties liable for arranging for protective services, regardless of available funds.

Current law provides counties are to investigate reports, evaluate the need for, *and, to the extent of available funds, provide or arrange for protective services.* The bill eliminates the caveat of “to the extent of available funds,” as well as the county obligation to “provide” protective services, but maintains the requirement to investigate reports, evaluate the need for, and arrange for the provision of protective services. (ORC Sec 5101.62)

The bill also grants the ODJFS director the authority to promulgate rules for APS, including establishing requirements for intake procedures, investigations, case management, and the provision of protective services. (ORC Sec 5101.71 (B))

The CCAO Health and Human Services Committee members earlier this week raised the notion that they are unclear what the term “arrange” means in relation to protective services. For instance, does it mean a referral to available and appropriate services? Does it mean the county could be held liable to subsidize these services? And what happens when a necessary service is not available?

CCAO staff will continue to work with legislators and the Administration on these questions and concerns. Please contact Laura Abu-Absi at labu-absi@ccao.org or (614) 221-5627 to share your thoughts or for additional information.

Ohio Association of Election Officials asks for funding of electronic poll books

The House Finance: Higher Education Subcommittee received testimony this week from the Ohio Association of Election Officials (OAEO) urging the legislature to include funding in the state budget bill to fund a statewide mailing of absentee ballot applications and to purchase devices that offer electronic poll book services.

Aaron Ockerman, executive director of the OAEO, in his [testimony](#) urged members to add a \$15 million appropriation to the budget to help counties acquire tablet devices that can be used as electronic poll books. He said technological advancements have made traditional paper poll books obsolete, noting that electronic devices will save a significant amount of paper while improving efficiency on Election Day and in the days following elections. The newest technologies can take a photo of a voter's driver's license and validate an address almost immediately and can also be used to determine if voters are at the correct precinct, both of which will speed up voter processing time. The devices also allow an immediate upload of poll book data, helping to all but eliminate a time- and labor-intensive process that can take weeks to complete after an election. The devices have great benefit, but many counties can't afford the cost. A statewide purchase is warranted given the state's interest in voting uniformity.

[Rep. Mike Duffey](#) (R-Worthington), the subcommittee chair, asked why the state should set aside money up front when counties would accrue savings after the purchases are made and suggested a loan program may be more appropriate. Mr. Ockerman responded by indicating that the state role is important given lawmakers' interest in having the same voting process in all counties. He added that counties would also face some ongoing software and maintenance costs after the tablets are purchased.

Ockerman also expressed support for Secretary of State Husted's request to add \$1.2 million in funding to support the absentee mailing before the 2016 presidential election. He said lawmakers added language in a previous bill specifying that the mailings can't be done unless the General Assembly appropriates funds to cover the cost. Ockerman said Ohio voters are accustomed to receiving absentee voting applications in the mail, and suggested that the state not sending the forms could cause some confusion among voters. On this matter, Rep. Duffey wondered whether the state could save some money on the mailings if it allowed Ohioans to voluntarily join an email list advising them of their ability to receive an absentee ballot.

Proposed Ohio sales tax rate compared with other states

In [testimony](#) before the House Ways and Means Committee, CCAO Executive Director Suzanne Dulaney noted that Ohio's proposed sales tax rate should be carefully evaluated and compared "with our neighboring states and the impact it has on consumers and merchants alike." Dulaney said in testimony that the "increase in the sales tax rate included in [HB 64](#) does begin to raise concerns about both the state and counties becoming more reliant on the same source and its impact on influencing purchasing decisions in border counties." (Please see attached testimony).

CCAO included as part of its testimony a copy of a table prepared by the Ohio Department of Taxation and published as part of the Department's "Brief Summary of State and Local Taxes in Ohio." The



Suzanne Dulaney
Executive Director

information was accurate as of September, 2013. The portion of the table reprinted below includes only states that border Ohio.

State	State Sales Tax Rate	Max. Local Rate	Max. Total Rate
Indiana	7.0 %	---	7.0%
Kentucky	6.0	---	6.0
Michigan	6.0	---	6.0
Ohio	5.75	2.25	8.0
Pennsylvania	6.0	2.0	8.0
West Virginia	6.0	1.0	7.0

The Executive version of the biennial appropriations bill (HB 64 please include link) would raise Ohio's state sales tax from 5 ¾ percent to 6 ¼ percent, which when combined with county and transit authority rates would be the highest total rate among states bordering Ohio, according to Department of Taxation data.

For additional information on this issue, please contact Brad Cole of the CCAO staff at bcole@ccao.org

Ohio Senate passes Transportation Budget, Conference Committee to iron out differences

A unanimous Ohio Senate passed a two-year, \$7.06 billion transportation funding [bill](#) following the removal of a provision that would have banned local residency requirements in construction contracts.

The Ohio House refused to concur on Senate amendments citing the need for time to digest some 41 Senate amendments added to the House passed bill in the Senate Transportation, Commerce and Labor Committee. House non-concurrence sets the stage for the appointment of a six member joint conference committee, where differences between the House and Senate versions of the legislation may be resolved.



Director Jerry Wray

The Senate Transportation, Commerce and Labor Committee adopted a provision that would have prohibited local governments from receiving any federal or state funding on any public improvement project in which a “public authority” (local government) required any contractor to meet percentage residency requirements for laborers residing within the political subdivision. Similar provisions prohibiting residency requirements had been offered and then withdrawn by the House Finance Committee during hearings in the House. Following objections from local governments, the residency requirement prohibitions were removed by the Senate Committee.

A provision benefitting local governments was added by the Senate Committee which increases the percentage of grants available through the State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP) from 80 percent to 85 percent and correspondingly reduces loans from 20 percent to 15 percent. This

amendment frees up additional funding for grants, which are in greater demand among public works districts and local governments than loans.

Other amendments adopted by the Ohio Senate which are of interest include:

- Increases the speed limit on rural interstates and the Ohio Turnpike from 70 to 75 mph. An amendment limiting the increase to vehicles weighing less than 8000 pounds was removed at the urging of the trucking industry, meaning 80,000 pound trucks could also travel at 75 miles per hour in rural zones.
- Codifies the Ohio Bridge Partnership Program which will now end on July 1, 2019. Establishes general eligibility criteria including a possible local match for state resources. Requires the director of ODOT to identify at least \$10 million that can be dedicated for this purpose during the FY 16-17 biennium that are in addition to the \$120 million previously announced by ODOT for the Ohio Bridge Partnership Program in SFY 2014 – 2015.
- Removes provisions associated with the Eastern Corridor highway construction project.
- Applies new nighttime and passenger restrictions to probationary driver's licenses, changing the focus from driver age to experience.
- Give judges discretion in dealing with a probationary license holder's moving violations, rather than the current six-month mandatory driving suspension. Adult applicants for an initial driver's license who fail a component of the driving test would have to complete an advanced driver training course before retaking the exam.

Senate President Keith Faber appointed Senators Gayle Manning (R-North Ridgeville), Tom Patton (R-Strongsville), and Capri Cafaro (D-Hubbard) to the transportation conference committee. House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger appointed Representatives Ryan Smith, (R-Bidwell), Cheryl Grossman (R-Grove City) and Alicia Reece (D-Cincinnati). For more information about HB 53, contact Brad Cole of the CCAO staff at bcole@ccao.org.

Algae bill expected to pass next week

The House and Senate leaders have been working on a compromise of the two competing algae bills: [Senate Bill 1](#) and [House Bill 61](#). The Chairman of the House Agriculture & Rural Development Committee, Rep. Brian Hill (R-Zanesville), indicated that the two chambers and the administration are very close finalizing a bill that would stem the flow of manure and fertilizer feeding toxic algal blooms in Lake Erie.

Chairman Hill said he anticipates voting on a substitute version of Senate Bill 1 on Tuesday and a floor vote Wednesday.

Outline of a compromise measure that would:

- Replace a sunset provision in the Senate's bill with the House's proposed three-year review.
- Remove the emergency clause.
- Adopt House language regarding incorporating manure within 24 hours after rainfall.
- Retain the Senate's restrictions on dumping dredging material in open Lake Erie.
- Remove a provision restricting the lead content in plumbing fixtures.
- Eliminate a provision requiring the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) study point and non-point sources of nutrient loading.
- Adopt the House's revisions to the Senate's OEPA coordinator position by removing references to agriculture and rural areas.



**Chairman
Brian Hill**

Retain the Senate's proposed changes to the Healthy Lake Erie Fund. However, Chairman Hill said the two chambers and the administration have still not worked out a compromise relating to the details of how the proposed manure spreading ban would be enforced. He said he wanted to make sure farmers have enough time to work with local agents to create a manure storage plan, while ensuring that the administration has the authority to crack down on farmers who blatantly disregard the restrictions.

For additional information on water quality issues, please contact CCAO staffer Brian Mead at bmead@ccao.org or 614-220-7982.

County Agricultural Use Value (CAUV) formula changes proposed by Ohio Department of Taxation

The Ohio Department of Taxation has announced changes to the County Agricultural Use Value (CAUV) formula that will reduce 2015 valuations for taxes to be paid in 2016 to better reflect crop yields and prices, resulting in a 4.3 percent decrease in taxes per acre compared with last year's valuations, according to Shelley Wilson, executive director of the Division of Tax Equalization.

Prior to the proposed CAUV formula changes, farmland was expected to be taxed at an average of \$1,685 an acre in 2015, but the adjustments drop that average to \$1,596. For a summary of formula changes, click [here](#).



**Joe Testa
Tax Commissioner**

Among the changes proposed by the Department of Taxation are replacing two year lag times for crop rotation and crop prices with one year lag time and splitting loan-debt equity 80/20 instead of the current 60/40 split. These changes are being made amidst criticism that the lag time in evaluating prices and yields has farmers paying taxes based on years of bumper crops during years when production and income is much lower.

In addition to changes in the formula components related to crop yield and crop prices and the capitalization rate on the debt equity split and loan terms, the Department of Taxation has made changes to woodland value calculations. Woodland calculations have been reworked by increasing deductions for clearing and drainage. According to Shelley Wilson, the average per acre tax will be \$751 in 2015 compared with \$1,171 per acre in 2014.

The CAUV formula changes also include changes to the schedule for revising agricultural values. The schedule of public events includes changes to the timing of the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting from September prior to the tax year to February or March of the tax year, holding the public meeting in May of the tax year instead of February of the tax year, and issuing the tax commissioner's journal entry and table of values for counties undergoing revaluation to June of the tax year instead of March or April of the tax year.

In 2015, the public hearing is expected to be held in May with the tax commissioner's journal entry and table of values published one or two weeks following the public hearing.

For additional information from the Ohio Department of Taxation on the proposed changes to CAUV, please contact Gloria Gardner at Gloria.gardner@tax.state.oh.us. For more information about this story in the Statehouse Report, please contact Brad Cole or Brian Mead of the CCAO staff at bcole@ccao.org or bmead@ccao.org respectively.

Statehouse Etc.

House Finance Committee phone number directory - With budget deliberations proceeding in the House, CCAO is providing you with a convenient reference for the [House Finance Committee Members](#) and their Columbus office phone numbers. Please contact members of the House Finance Committee regarding your concerns surrounding [HB 64](#), the state biennial budget bill, and urge lawmakers to increase indigent defense reimbursement to 50 percent.

Mark your calendar to attend Legislative Reception – The Ohio Council of County Officials' annual legislative reception is Tuesday, April 21st at 5 o'clock in the Statehouse Atrium. All county elected officials are invited to attend, free of charge. If you have questions, please contact CCAO Staffer Mary Jane Neiman at mjneiman@ccao.org or at (614) 220-7979.



Opting out of a TIF under consideration – [HB 12](#) would establish a procedure by which property owners in a proposed tax increment financing (TIF) incentive district could exclude their parcels from the district under certain conditions as a district is being established. [Rep. Jim Butler](#) (R-Oakwood) and [Rep. Tony Burkley](#) (R-Payne) provided sponsor testimony this week. The bill passed the Ohio House last session on an 83-11 vote but did not finish the legislative process before the session ended. "The intent of this legislative is to ensure that property rights are protected, because if a property gets included in a TIF incentive district, the owner of that property is not eligible for a parcel TIF - parcel TIFs are far more common and provide direct benefits to specific properties rather than entire districts," Mr. Butler said in prepared testimony. "My intent is to prevent property owners from unfairly being included in a TIF incentive district where the infrastructure improvement projects will not benefit their properties."

Child Welfare/Guardianship Legislation – A bill impacting child welfare and guardianship jointly sponsored by two House leaders received its third committee hearing this week. [HB 50](#), sponsored by Representatives Cheryl Grossman (R – Grove City) and Dorothy Pelanda (R - Marysville), received a third hearing in the House Community and Family Advancement Committee this week. The bill would extend the age limit for foster care services and adoption assistance payments until the age of 21, and provides ODJFS will pay for the non-Federal share of such costs. A fiscal note was released this week, estimating those costs to be between \$3.2 – 9.7 million in SFY17, \$6.1 – 9/7 million in SFY18, and about \$13.9 million in SFY19/20. This week, the Public Children Services Association of Ohio executive committee voted to support the legislation with amended language to clarify the administration, funding, and implementation responsibilities of the program.

Bills Introduced



[HB 128](#) ■ **TAX CREDITS** ([Sears, B.](#), [Amstutz, R.](#)) To authorize an income tax credit for donations to the permanent endowment fund of an eligible community foundation and to require the Director of Budget and Management to reimburse the Local Government Fund and the Public Library Fund for revenue lost because of the credit. Am. 131.51 and 5747.98 and to enact section 5747.78

Hearing Schedule



Tuesday, March 24

[House Local Government](#) ([Committee Record](#)), (Chr. [Anielski, M.](#), 644-6041), Rm. 018, 9:00 am
[HB 5](#) ■ **BUSINESS CASE 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. --5th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote

[House Finance & Appropriations](#) ([Committee Record](#)), (Chr. [Smith, R.](#), 466-1366), Rm. 313, 9:00 am
[HB 64](#) **BIENNIAL BUDGET** ([Smith, R.](#)) To make operating appropriations for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs. --5th Hearing-Public testimony

[Senate State & Local Government](#) ([Committee Record](#)), (Chr. [LaRose, F.](#), 466-4823), North Hearing Rm., 9:45 am
[SB 83](#) **ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY** ([Williams, S.](#)) To establish an address confidentiality program for individuals who reasonable believe that they are in danger of being threatened or physically harmed by another person, to exclude the residential and familial information of a federal law enforcement officer from the definition of a public record, to include federal law enforcement officers among the protected individuals who are authorized to request a public office other than the county auditor to redact the person's address from any record made available to the general public on the internet, and to include those officers among the protected individuals who may request the county auditor to replace the person's name with the person's initials on the general tax list and duplicate. --1st Hearing-Sponsor

[SB 96](#) **PROPERTY TAXES** ([Hughes, J.](#)) To waive any penalty due with respect to unpaid property taxes resulting when a mortgage lender fails to notify the county auditor of a satisfied mortgage. --1st Hearing-Sponsor

[SB 95](#) **REFRESHMENT AREAS** ([Seitz, B.](#), [Thomas, C.](#)) To allow municipal corporations and townships with a population of more than 35,000 to create outdoor refreshment areas, to exempt persons within such an area from the open container law, to create the Outdoor Refreshment Area Study Committee, and to declare an emergency. --3rd Hearing-All testimony

[House Agriculture & Rural Development](#) ([Committee Record](#)), (Chr. [Hill, B.](#), 644-6014), Rm. 116, 11:00 am
[SB 1](#) **ALGAE CONTROL** ([Gardner, R.](#), [Peterson, B.](#)) To require applicators of fertilizer or manure to comply with specified requirements, to establish requirements governing dredged material, nutrient loading, and phosphorous testing by publicly owned treatment works, and to declare an emergency. --3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments, substitute & vote

[HB 101](#) **ALGAE PREVENTION** ([Hall, D.](#)) To establish requirements governing the training of employees of publicly owned treatment works and public water systems to monitor and test for harmful algae, the development of emergency plans by certain public water systems to respond to harmful algal blooms, and the development of an early warning system for harmful algal blooms, and to require the Director of Natural Resources to study the impact of certain species on Lake Erie. --1st Hearing-Sponsor

[House Government Accountability & Oversight](#) ([Committee Record](#)), (Chr. [Brown, T.](#), 466-8104), Rm. 114, 1:30 pm
[HB 47](#) **REFRESHMENT AREAS** ([Blessing, L.](#), [Driehaus, D.](#)) To allow municipal corporations and townships with a population of more than 25,000 to create outdoor refreshment areas, to exempt persons within such an area from the open container law, and to declare an emergency. --5th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote

[House Ways & Means](#) ([Committee Record](#)), (Chr. [McClain, J.](#), 644-6265), Rm. 121, 1:30 pm
[HB 9](#) **TAX EXPENDITURES** ([Boose, T.](#)) To create a Tax Expenditure Review Committee for the purpose of periodically reviewing existing and proposed tax expenditures. --2nd Hearing-Proponent

[HB 65](#) **TAX EXPENDITURES** ([Driehaus, D.](#)) To provide for the periodic appraisal of the effectiveness of tax expenditures. --1st Hearing-Sponsor

[HB 23](#) **TAX LAWS** ([Amstutz, R.](#)) To use one-half of any income from oil and gas leases on state land to fund temporary income tax reductions, to modify the law governing the use of new Ohio use tax collections from remote sellers for income tax reductions, and to require the Director of Budget and Management to recommend whether or not income tax rates should be permanently reduced after the Director certifies a temporary rate reduction resulting from the accrual of money in the Income Tax Reduction Fund. --4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote

[HB 84](#) **TAX CHALLENGES** ([Sprague, R.](#)) 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. --1st Hearing-Sponsor

[Senate Finance](#) ([Committee Record](#)), (Chr. [Oelslager, S.](#), 466-0626), Finance Hearing Rm., 2:30 pm
[SB 5](#) **POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS** ([Patton, T.](#), [Brown, E.](#)) To make peace officers, firefighters, and emergency medical workers diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder arising from employment without an accompanying physical injury eligible for compensation and benefits under Ohio's Workers' Compensation Law. --3rd Hearing-All testimony

Wednesday, March 25

[House Finance & Appropriations](#) ([Committee Record](#)), (Chr. [Smith, R.](#), 466-1366), Rm. 313, 9:00 am
[HB 64](#) **BIENNIAL BUDGET** ([Smith, R.](#)) To make operating appropriations for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs. --6th Hearing-Public testimony

[House Health & Aging](#) ([Committee Record](#)), (Chr. [Gonzales, A.](#), 466-4847), Rm. 116, 9:30 am
[HB 89](#) **MEDICAID SCHOOL PROGRAM** ([DeVitis, T.](#)) Regarding the Medicaid School Program. --2nd Hearing-Proponent

[Senate Ways & Means](#) ([Committee Record](#)), (Chr. [Peterson, B.](#), 466-8156), South Hearing Rm., 9:30 am

- Review of the Financial Institutions Tax and the Commercial Activity Tax section of the Ohio Tax Expenditure Report

[Senate Session](#), (Chr. [Faber, K.](#), 466-4900), Senate Chamber, 1:30 pm

[House Session](#), (Chr. [Rosenberger, C.](#), 466-3357), House Chamber, 1:30 pm

[Senate Medicaid](#) ([Committee Record](#)), (Chr. [Burke, D.](#), 466-8049), North Hearing Rm., 3:00 pm
[SB 32](#) **TELEMEDICINE** ([Tavares, C.](#)) Regarding insurance and Medicaid coverage of telemedicine services.--1st Hearing-Sponsor

[SB 72](#) **MEDICAID PAYMENTS** ([Tavares, C.](#)) To specify that the Ohio prompt payment law applies to payment of claims by Medicaid managed care organizations. --1st Hearing-Sponsor

[SB 94](#) **MEDICAID SCHOOL PROGRAM** ([Bacon, K.](#), [Lehner, P.](#)) Regarding the Medicaid School Program. --1st Hearing-Sponsor

Thursday, March 26

[House Finance & Appropriations](#) ([Committee Record](#)), (Chr. [Smith, R.](#), 466-1366), Rm. 313, 9:00 am
[HB 64](#) **BIENNIAL BUDGET** ([Smith, R.](#)) To make operating appropriations for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs. --7th Hearing-Public testimony

[House Session](#), (Chr. [Rosenberger, C.](#), 466-3357), House Chamber, 1:00 pm

[House Armed Services, Veterans Affairs & Public Safety](#) ([Committee Record](#)), (Chr. [Johnson, T.](#), 466-2124), Rm. 121, 4:00 pm

[HB 105](#) **MILITARY TRANSFERS** ([Craig, H.](#), [Perales, R.](#)) To permit persons who quit work to accompany the person's spouse on a military transfer to be eligible for unemployment compensation benefits. --1st Hearing-Sponsor

[Grossman, C.](#), 466-9690), Rm. 122, 9:00 am

- General Public testimony