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# STATEHOUSE REPORT

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## **House still reviewing Senate proposal for MCO loss revenue**

As you are aware at the end of last month the Senate offered a proposal to address the local MCO sales tax revenue loss.

The proposal includes the following:

- The \$207 million Transitional Aid to counties and transits that will be split into two payments and paid in November 2017 and January 2018 will remain the same. No change.
- An additional \$50 million would be paid to counties and transit authorities in January 2018. These funds will be distributed based on an approach determined by these entities in cooperation with the Senate.
- In addition to the \$50 million above, up to \$30 million could be paid to counties and transit authorities in August 2018, if state general revenue tax receipts perform better than estimates from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Again, these funds would be distributed based on an approach determined by these entities in cooperation with the Senate.



The proposal offered was a firm proposal and the Kasich Administration along with CCAO and the transit authorities were asked to accept or reject the proposal, with no opportunity to negotiate alternative provisions. CCAO reluctantly “yes” and both the transit authorities and Kasich Administration also accepted the proposal.

The Senate proposal will need legislative action to put the proposal in place. This will require House concurrence in the proposal and at this point the House is still reviewing the proposal and having discussions regarding how they view the proposal and whether they will choose to support the proposal. We understand that the issue may be a part the conference committee report on SB 8 which is being view as the budget corrections bill and that this bill may clear the Legislature by the end of this month.

## House hears testimony on child support guidelines bill

The House Community and Family Advancement Committee heard from a group of county child support enforcement and job and family services directors on the merits of [Senate Bill 70](#) this week. The bill attempts to close loopholes and provide some technical fixes to the current law governing child support administrative processes.

When describing the proposal, Marcie Cousino, deputy director of Lucas County Job & Family Services, said the bill was a "noncontroversial child support bill that will help to improve and strengthen the program statewide."

Tuscarawas County CSEA Director Traci Berri told the committee "Our families deserve a straightforward and easily understood child support program and SB70 allows us to simplify processes and standardize timeframes so that we can consistently and efficiently provide child support services to families when they need them."

Susan Brown, director of the Franklin County Child Support Enforcement Agency, said the bill "will make timely and necessary changes to fine-tune our administrative processes, standardize appeal timeframes, and improve consistency statewide."

Some of the changes included in the bill are:

- Changes all appeal periods to 14 days
- Creates a consistent statewide effective date for administrative support orders, currently these may vary by county
- Requires a IV-D application for labor-intensive processes, such as paternity establishment, review and adjustment of orders, and termination of support which allows the CSEA to maximize the reimbursement of federal funds for the cost of providing these services
- Clarifies that a CSEA may pursue an administrative order for a mother to pay child support once an acknowledgment of paternity becomes final
- Reduces the process for administrative review and adjustment from 45 days to 30 days, helping parties get their orders modified more quickly

The bill does not address the math or methodology used to set child support orders although [House Bill 366](#), which has also been assigned to the committee, does. No hearings have occurred yet for HB 366.

You can see a chart that goes through all of the changes included in [SB 70 here](#) (and a helpful [infographic](#) on changes HB 366 and its companion bill SB 125)

Testimony was submitted by Butler, Franklin, Lucas, Portage, Summit, Tuscarawas and Warren counties. You can read their testimony [here](#).

For more information contact Kate Neithammer at [kneithammer@ccao.org](mailto:kneithammer@ccao.org) or 614-220-7996.

## Final day to submit board of elections survey!

Today is the last day to complete the [BOE OFFICE SPACE SURVEY](#) to help us quantify board of elections office space costs. This information is critical as we explore the concept of counties trading their funding responsibility for elections and indigent defense in exchange for Local Government Funds from the state.

The survey seeks information for the costs associated with the various types of office space that the board of elections may maintain including:

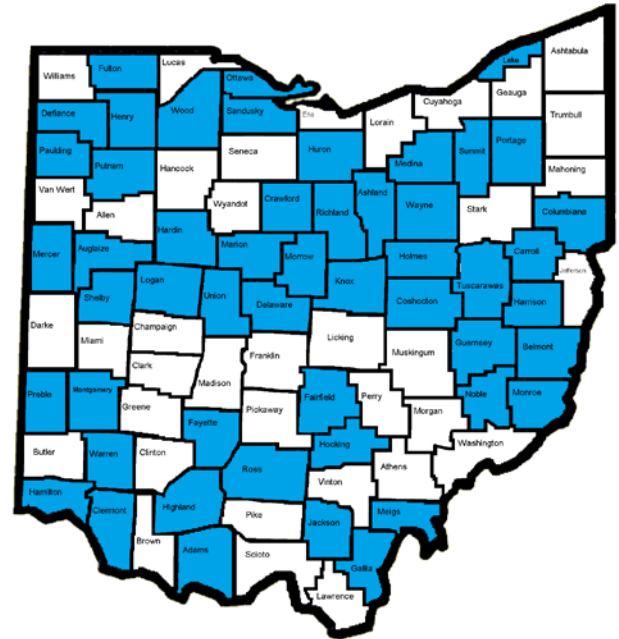
- Administrative office space and common areas shared with other county offices
- Warehouse and storage space
- Permanent and temporary branch offices

Costs we are seeking include:

- Cost per square foot allocation
- Rent, if paid
- Insurance for the space
- Utility costs

This map shows which counties have submitted their information. If you have not done it yet, please take a moment to fill out this electronic [survey](#) today!

Questions can be directed to John Leutz at [jleutz@ccao.org](mailto:jleutz@ccao.org) or 614-220-7994.



**Blue Counties have submitted BOE info**  
**White Counties have not submitted BOE info**

## Seneca County seeks promotion of wind power development

Seneca County Commissioner Holly Stacy testified this week before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee on HB 114. HB 114 contains a provision to permit rather than continue to require electric distribution utilities and electric services companies to provide certain portions of their electricity supplies from renewable energy resources such as solar, wind, hydroelectric, geothermal, and biomass.

Seneca County is the site for the future development of a 200 megawatt wind farm by Apex Clean Energy and Commissioner Stacy asked the committee to take action that would help encourage additional wind project development that will generate further economic activity in Seneca County and across the state.



Commissioner Holly Stacy

Noting that there are limited other opportunities for economic development in area for the proposed project, the wind farm would continue to deliver economic value for decades. Family farmers and other landowners would receive lease payments that would supplement their income and provide stability to their operations. The community would benefit from sustained tax revenue for local governments and schools and from decades of increased procurement, jobs, and investment involved in maintaining and operating the wind turbines. This, in turn, helps retain families in rural communities by providing diversified revenue streams to the farm and off-farm job opportunities in wind.

## Update on TCAP

48 counties have chosen to participate in the Targeted Community Alternatives to Prison (TCAP) program, which provides grants to counties that agree not to send certain fifth-degree felony offenders to prison.

The program, which has received mixed reviews from local officials and judges, is voluntary for all counties in 2018, but in 2019 becomes mandatory for the ten most populous counties.

A total of \$58 million was made available to counties over the biennium for their participation and the first round of funds was sent out last month. Each TCAP-eligible person sentenced to prison by a participating county will result in a deduction of \$72 per day from the grant, according to a [Department of Rehabilitation and Correction FAQ](#).

[Grant amounts](#) were determined using a weighted formula that takes into account population, case filings and the average number of non-violent, non-sex, non-mandatory felony five offenders serving one year or less over a three-year period.

Questions can be directed to John Leutz at [jleutz@ccao.org](mailto:jleutz@ccao.org) 614-220-7994.

## Statehouse, Etc.



**Casino, Racino Revenue Little Changed In September** - Ohio's four casinos and seven racinos had revenue totals in September that were little changed from the month before, according to the September revenue [reports](#) released Tuesday. The casinos brought in a total of \$67.1 million in the month, up from \$66.7 million in August. The casinos' September 2016 take was \$63.9 million. At the racinos, revenue from video lottery terminals was \$79.3 million, up less than \$300,000 compared to the previous month. September 2016 revenues were \$73.1 million.

## Bills Introduced



### SB 218

#### **MEDICAID PROVIDERS (LEHNER, P.)**

Regarding surety bonds and minimum training for certain Medicaid providers.

[Text/Analysis](#)      **Code Sections**      Am. 5164.302

### SB 219

#### **FIREARM ACCESSORIES (THOMAS, C.)**

To prohibit certain conduct regarding trigger cranks, bump-fire devices, and other items that accelerate a semi-automatic firearm's rate of fire but do not convert it into an automatic firearm.

[Text/Analysis](#)      **Code Sections**      Am. 2923.13 and 2923.14 and to enact section 2923.133

### SB 220

#### **CYBERSECURITY (HACKETT, B., BACON, K.)**

To provide a legal safe harbor to covered entities that implement a specified cybersecurity program.

[Text/Analysis](#)      **Code Sections**      Am. 1354.01, 1354.02, 1354.03, 1354.04, and 1354.05

### SB 221

#### **AGENCY RULEMAKING (UECKER, J.)**

To amend, for the purpose of adopting a new section number as indicated in parentheses, section 127.18 (106.024); to enact sections 101.352, 101.353, 106.032, 121.93, 121.931, 121.932, and 121.933; and to repeal section 121.76 of the Revised Code to reform agency rule-making and legislative review thereof.

[Text/Analysis](#)

**Code Sections**      Am. 103.0511, 106.021, 106.03, 106.031, 107.52, 111.15, 119.03, 121.39, 121.71, 121.72, 121.73, 121.74, 121.75, 127.18, 145.09, 742.10, 1707.20, 3304.15, 3307.04, 3309.04, 3375.01, and 5505.04.

# Hearing Schedule



## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

### House Civil Justice (Testimony & Documents)

(Chr. [Butler, J.](#), (614) 644-6008), Rm. 116, 9:00 am

The following was deleted from the agenda:

#### HB 147

##### **HUMANE SOCIETIES** ([HAMBLEY, S.](#))

To make changes to humane society law and to make humane society agents subject to bribery law. --3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute

Remaining previous agenda:

#### HB 174

##### **FRANKLIN COUNTY COURT** ([HUGHES, J.](#), [LANESE, L.](#))

To add two judges to the Domestic Relations Division of the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas to be elected in 2018. --4th Hearing-Proponent-Possible vote

#### HB 271

##### **ACCESSIBILITY LAWS** ([MCCOLLEY, R.](#), [REZABEK, J.](#))

To authorize an alleged aggrieved party to provide a notice of an alleged accessibility law violation in advance of filing a civil action and to establish the circumstances under which an alleged aggrieved party is entitled to attorney's fees in a civil action based on the violation. --3rd Hearing-Opponent & interested party-Possible amendments

### House Ways & Means (Testimony & Documents)

(Chr. [Schaffer, T.](#), (614) 466-8100), Rm. 121, 9:00 am

may be considered business income. --3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote

#### HB 343

##### **PROPERTY VALUES** ([MERRIN, D.](#))

To require local governments that contest property values to formally pass an authorizing resolution for each contest and to notify property owners. --1st Hearing-Sponsor

#### HB 371

##### **PROPERTY TAX** ([MERRIN, D.](#))

To exempt from property taxation the increased value of land subdivided for residential development until construction commences or the land is sold. --1st Hearing-Sponsor

[House Financial Institutions, Housing & Urban Development](#) ([Testimony & Documents](#))

(Chr. [Dever, J.](#), [\(614\) 466-8120](#)), Rm. 114, 9:00 am

**SB 163**

**COUNTY INVESTMENTS** ([WILSON, S.](#))

To modify the qualifications regarding notes eligible for investment of county inactive moneys. --1st Hearing-Sponsor

**HB 353**

**UNCLAIMED FUNDS** ([REINEKE, B.](#))

To exempt certain open-loop prepaid cards, closed-loop prepaid cards, and rewards cards from the Unclaimed Funds Law. --1st Hearing-Sponsor

**HB 368**

**LAND CONTRACTS** ([LEPORE-HAGAN, M.](#))

To make changes to the law relating to land installment contracts. --1st Hearing-Sponsor

[Senate Judiciary](#) ([Testimony & Documents](#))

(Chr. [Bacon, K.](#), [\(614\) 466-8064](#)), North Hearing Rm., 10:15 am

**SB 125**

**CHILD SUPPORT** ([BEAGLE, B.](#))

To make changes to the laws governing child support. --4th Hearing-All Testimony-Possible vote

**SB 195**

**DOGS LAW** ([BEAGLE, B.](#))

To revise provisions of the Dogs Law governing nuisance, dangerous, and vicious dogs, to revise enforcement of that Law, and to establish a notification process regarding complaints of certain violations of that Law. --2nd Hearing-Proponent

**SB 183**

**BUSINESS COURTS** ([LAROSE, F.](#))

To create the Joint Committee to Study Ohio Business Courts. --2nd Hearing-Proponent