

# Ohio Township Association Legislative Alert



October 6, 2017

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## Legislative Activity This Week

### Monday, October 2

ODOT Access 2045 Steering Committee

### Tuesday, October 3

Sen. Uecker - township issues

Rep. Lang - meet and greet, township issues

### Wednesday, October 4

Senate Ways & Means

**HB 118 PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINTS** (Merrin) To expressly prohibit the dismissal of a property tax complaint for failure to correctly identify the property owner.

*The Ohio Real Estate Investors Association testified in support of the legislation and the County Auditors Association submitted a letter in favor of the bill.*

**HB 69 TIF DISTRICTS** (Cupp) To require reimbursement of certain township fire and emergency medical service levy revenue forgone because of the creation of a municipal tax increment financing district.

*The Ohio Building Industry of Central Ohio provided a [written statement](#) in opposition to the legislation.*

Sen. Hackett - township issues

Rep. Patterson's office - potential cemetery legislation

### Thursday, October 5

Rep. Carfagna - potential township legislation

Rep. McColley's office - township funding

## Legislative Committees for Next Week (10/10-10/13)

### Tuesday, October 10

House Financial Institutions, Housing & Urban Development (Ch. Dever), Rm. 114, 9 a.m.

**HB 251 SUBDIVISION INVESTMENTS** (Greenspan) To increase from five to ten years the maturity period of other political subdivision's bonds and obligations eligible for investment of a subdivision's interim moneys.

*4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote*

### Wednesday, October 11

House Government Accountability & Oversight (Ch. Blessing), Rm. 114, 9:30 a.m.

**HB 312 POLITICAL SUBDIVISION SPENDING** (Schuring, Greenspan) Regarding use of credit cards and debit cards by political subdivisions.

*2nd Hearing-Proponent testimony-Possible substitute*

**HB 342 TAX LEVIES** (Merrin) To permit local tax-related proposals to appear only on general and primary election ballots and not on an August special election ballot and to modify the information conveyed in election notices and ballot language for property tax levies.

*1st Hearing-Sponsor testimony*

**House Insurance** (Ch. Brinkman), Rm. 116, 10 a.m.

**HB 269 WORKERS COMPENSATION** (Henne) To rename the entities who carry out workers' compensation functions in this state, to require the Administrator of Worker Safety and Rehabilitation to develop incentives for employers to participate in safety consultations and loss prevention programs, to require an employee who is receiving temporary total disability compensation to comply with a return to work plan, and to make changes with respect to compensation for permanent total disability and death benefits.

*2nd Hearing-Proponent testimony*

**HB 268 WORKERS COMPENSATION** (Henne) To make changes to the Workers' Compensation Law with respect to self-insuring employers.

*2nd Hearing-Possible substitute*

**Senate Energy & Natural Resources** (Ch. Balderson), Finance Hearing Rm., 2:30 p.m. or after session

**SB 188 WIND TURBINE SETBACKS** (Hite) To revise wind turbine setback provisions for economically significant wind farms.

*2nd Hearing-Proponent testimony*

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## Recently Introduced Legislation

**HB 371 PROPERTY TAX** (Merrin) To exempt from property taxation the increased value of land subdivided for residential development until construction commences or the land is sold.

**SB 209 TAX EXEMPTIONS** (Coley) To modify the conditions that determine the relative priority of property tax exemptions when a parcel subject to a tax increment financing arrangement concurrently qualifies for another exemption.

**SB 213 ECONOMIC PROGRAMS** (Schiavoni) To enhance economic and employment opportunities and improve local infrastructure in Ohio by providing additional assistance to workforce development and employment programs; establishing a revolving loan program for small businesses seeking to expand operations; extending job tax credits to smaller businesses; enabling expanded participation in public sector contracting by smaller companies; enhancing support for child care centers; funding additional local infrastructure and public transit; authorizing tax incentives for hiring military veterans, for donating money to local programs assisting distressed communities, or for improving distressed property; exempting the homes of disabled veterans from property taxation; terminating the income tax deduction and reduced tax rate for business income; and to make an appropriation.



## Federal Update

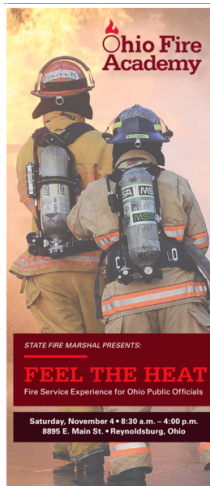
The House and Senate were both in session this week. The House considered 10 bills under suspension of the rules, including the Municipal Finance Support Act of 2017 (H.R. 1624), which reclassifies municipal bonds as high quality liquid assets to encourage banks to hold those assets, which will help ensure low-cost infrastructure financing remains available for state and local governments. The House continued to deliberate on the FY 2018 Budget Resolution (H. Con. Res. 71), which establishes the congressional budget for the federal government for FY 2018 at \$1.132 trillion (\$621.5 billion in defense discretionary spending and \$511 billion in non-defense discretionary spending), would reduce the deficit by a combined \$203 billion over 10 years, and includes reconciliation instructions to 11 House committees to achieve at least \$203 billion in mandatory

savings and reforms.

The Senate Budget Committee marked up its FY 2018 Budget Resolution, which would allow a tax reform package to increase the deficit by \$1.5 trillion over a decade, charts a path that would cut spending by \$5.1 trillion over a decade, and includes reconciliation instructions for the Senate Finance and Energy and Natural Resources Committees in order to allow the Senate be able to pass tax reform legislation with only 51 votes (instead of 60 votes, to overcome a filibuster).

## October OPERSource Now Available

The October 2017 issue of OPERSource is now available. To view the October issue, please [click here](#).



## FEEL THE HEAT *Fire Service Experience for Ohio Public Officials*

**Saturday, November 4**  
**8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**  
**8895 E. Main St.**  
**Reynoldsburg, Ohio**

"[Feel the Heat](#)" provides an opportunity for public officials to learn first-hand about the challenges firefighters face on a daily basis. Ohio Fire Academy instructors work closely with public officials as they learn new skills and gain a better understanding of what it means to be a firefighter.

With your local fire chief as your sponsor, you will have an opportunity to participate in this orientation program. Classroom instruction will be combined with hands-on, realistic situations. For example, you will wear turn-out gear and use self-contained breathing apparatus to conduct search-and-rescue operations in a darkened maze. You will learn about and use a variety of hose techniques and put into practice your new skills in a live burn in the Burn Building.

Contact your local fire chief to register for this year's Feel the Heat event to be held November 4, 2017 at the Ohio Fire Academy.

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