



Ohio Township Association

Legislative Alert

February 26, 2020

**Note: There will be no Legislative Alert on Friday, February 28th and Friday, March 6th.

Legislative Action This Week

GA Breaks Ahead of March 17th Primary

With the primary scheduled for March 17th, action at the General Assembly is expected to be lighter for the next couple of weeks. The Senate has an "if needed" session scheduled for March 4th, but both chambers do not have scheduled sessions until the week of March 23rd.

Statehouse Committee Updates

Senate Committee Hearings - Ways & Means

[SB 212 PROPERTY TAXATION](#) (SCHURING) - To authorize townships and municipal corporations to designate areas within which new homes and improvements to existing homes are wholly or partially exempted from property taxation.

The committee heard opponent testimony from the Ohio Real Estate Investors Association, who changed their position from interested party after an amendment to the bill. The committee also heard interested party testimony from the County Commissioners Association, Ohio Association of School Business Officials, Buckeye Association of School Administrators, and Ohio School Boards Association. The committee accepted an amendment adding hearing and notification requirements to the process establishing an NDA and reported the bill from committee; OTA position - support.

House Committee Hearings - State & Local Government

[HB 331 CAMPAIGN TREASURERS](#) (LANG) - To require an entity to include with the form to be filed with the Secretary of State when appointing a campaign treasurer a notarized signature of that treasurer acknowledging the appointment and to amend the version of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect January 1, 2021, to continue the provisions of this act on and after that effective date.

Rep. Lang provided sponsor testimony on the bill.

Bills Recently Introduced

[SB 286 INCOME TAX CREDIT -- FIREFIGHTERS](#) (Schaffer, T) - To authorize an income tax credit for volunteer firefighters who purchase firefighting-related safety or protective items.

Transition Work Program Development Workshop

For the first time, the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) will be hosting a

Transitional Work Program Development Workshop at our 2020 Ohio Safety Congress & Expo from 9 a.m. - noon, Friday, March 13th, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. This workshop is open to state fund and self-insured employers who would like to participate in creating their transitional work (TW) plan or updating their existing one.

Benefits of Transitional Work

Returning an injured worker to the job as soon and as safely possible, before they are 100% recovered, reflects a strong commitment to the health of your employees. In addition, it provides effective return-to-work options. A plan lowers employer's costs and improves the bottom line.

This workshop teaches employers how to create their company's own TW plan using BWC templates and forms. Employers are welcome to bring a copy of their current TW plan to update. This working session is a great opportunity to gain hands-on assistance in designing a successful and easy to implement plan from BWC's experts in return to work.

Continuing Education, BWC Discount Program

After completing this workshop, employers will be able to manage and direct their own transitional work plan. This will include understanding how to implement return-to-work strategies and access other resources available to return an injured employee to work with restrictions. This workshop is approved for 0.2 IACET CUEs credits, 3.0 credits for CRC and three education credits toward BWC Discount Programs.

This workshop is free of charge and registration is [open](#). Be sure to search and register for Session Code: 61.31.

Transitional work is a WIN-WIN for employers and it benefits the well-being of their workers, families, and Ohio's communities. If you have any questions, please email TWSupport@bwc.state.oh.us.

2020 Census



All Your Information for the Upcoming 2020 Census

PSAs Available

The US Census Bureau has provided a selection of public service announcements intended to help educate the public. You may access them [here](#).

[US Census Website](#)

[Ohio Census Website](#)

The 2020 Census is headed your way! And it's so important that your township gets an accurate count. This section will help you get information out to your friends and neighbors to ensure residents in your area are counted. Check here for weekly information and links to important documents and resources.

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