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**Ohio Speech and Hearing GAC
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Frustration continues to mount with the process of redrawing Ohio's legislative and congressional district maps. The Ohio Redistricting Commission, which was initially charged with redrawing Ohio's district maps for the Ohio House and Senate, was under a tight timeline to adopt the new maps prior to September 15th, which is the deadline established in the Constitution. The panel adopted a proposal, but failed to gain bipartisan support, meaning the maps will only remain in effect for four years. The maps are currently being challenged in the Ohio Supreme Court, and depending on the Court's ruling, could force the Commission to reconvene. The Redistricting Commission is also facing an October 31st deadline to draw Ohio's congressional districts. Should the panel miss this deadline, the responsibility would fall to the legislature. Under a three-level Constitutional process that was squeezed by the late arrival of census data, the General Assembly had the first crack at crafting congressional maps, followed by the commission, then it heads back to the legislature if an agreement cannot be reached. As of this report, the Redistricting Commission has yet to meet to discuss the congressional map making. Should the Commission fail to meet the deadline, the task will move to the General Assembly, which must act by November 30th.

Ohio House Speaker Bob Cupp (R-Lima) recently announced his chamber will not be pursuing contentious legislation limiting COVID-19 vaccine mandates. After months of debate that prompted the introduction of numerous competing bills, House Republican leadership pulled the plug on advancing HB 435, which was introduced as a compromise for various stakeholders when compared to a more sweeping proposal (HB 248) that has attracted national media attention. Both bills have received pushback from the healthcare and the business communities alike. Despite this opposition, there is support for the legislation from within the House Republican Caucus, with some signing a discharge petition, which would pull HB 248 from committee and onto the House floor for a vote (should 50 members sign it). Ohio Senate President Matt Huffman (R-Lima) has announced that the upper chamber will not take up legislation related to vaccine mandates, and will instead focus on other priorities including doling out federal COVID-19 relief dollars, adopting a congressional map, and finalizing sports gambling legislation.

Work continues in the Senate on HB 122, a bill aimed at codifying the expansion of telehealth services implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic. OSHGAC testified in support of the measure during the committee process in both the House and Senate. In speaking with members of the Senate, it appears as if the goal is to pass the legislation by the end of the year. The measure passed the House with unanimous support in April. During sponsor testimony before the Senate Health Committee, Rep. Mark Fraizer (R-Newark) said, "Each medical board in Ohio has already set their own rules regarding what services are allowed to be performed in their respective field and the state of Ohio needs consistency to ensure those wanting to take advantage of telemedicine have the opportunity to do so, with as much ease as possible."

For the first time in nearly a quarter century, members of the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR) and the legislature voted to invalidate a proposed administrative rule. The rule, which was proposed by the Ohio Department of Education, would make some courses including foreign language, technology, family and consumer sciences, and business education, optional for school districts to offer. The proposed rule was met with opposition from business organizations, the farming community, and others who suggested schools in rural and urban districts might be tempted to cut programs to save money, which could deny their students the opportunity to take valuable courses. After JCARR's action, the House and Senate wasted little time in passing HCR 35 with unanimous support, which officially invalidated the rule.

Below is a list of legislation we are currently tracking during the 134th Ohio General Assembly:

HB1 CREATE NEW SCHOOL FINANCING SYSTEM (CALLENDER J, SWEENEY B) To create a new school financing system for fiscal year 2022 and each fiscal year thereafter.

Current Status: 3/1/2021 - House Finance Primary and Secondary Education Subcommittee, (Fourth Hearing)

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-1>

HB6 MODIFY LAWS GOVERNING CERTAIN PROFESSIONS DUE TO COVID-19 (ROEMER B) To amend Section 30 of H.B. 197 of the 133rd General Assembly to modify the laws governing certain health professionals and educator preparation programs due to COVID-19 and other circumstances and to modify the electric utility laws regarding energy efficiency programs; to amend the version of section 4729.92 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect on October 9, 2021, to continue the changes to that section on and after that date; and to declare an emergency.

Current Status: 5/14/2021 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; eff. Immediately

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-6>

HB13 MODIFY THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAW (GRENDALL D, FRAIZER M) To modify the campaign finance law and to declare an emergency.

Current Status: 4/15/2021 - House Government Oversight, (Second Hearing)

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-13>

HB60 PERMIT MEDICAL MARIJUANA FOR AUTISM (BRENT J, SEITZ B) To authorize the use of medical marijuana for autism spectrum disorder.

Current Status: 6/15/2021 - House Health, (Fourth Hearing)

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-60>

HB90 OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNOR'S AND HEALTH ORDERS (WIGGAM S, EDWARDS J) To establish legislative oversight of the Governor's executive orders, certain public health orders, and emergency rules, including by establishing the Ohio Health Oversight and Advisory Committee.

Current Status: 2/24/2021 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED**, House State and Local Government, (Third Hearing)

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-90>

HB103 REGARDS ADOPTION/DURATION EMERGENCY RULES (MERRIN D) Regarding the adoption and duration of emergency administrative rules.

Current Status: 3/24/2021 - House State and Local Government, (Second Hearing)

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-103>

HB110 OPERATING BUDGET (OELSLAGER S) To make operating appropriations for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023, to levy taxes, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs.

Current Status: 7/1/2021 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; effective 7/1/21

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-110>

HB122 TELEHEALTH SERVICES (FRAIZER M, HOLMES A) To establish and modify requirements regarding the provision of telehealth services.

Current Status: 10/20/2021 - Senate Health, (Third Hearing)

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-122>

HB125 HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS/ BENEFITS (CROSSMAN J, LIGHTBODY M) Regarding health insurance premiums and benefits.

Current Status: 2/24/2021 - House Insurance, (First Hearing)

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-125>

HB160 HEALTH CARE COST ESTIMATES (HOLMES A) Regarding the provision of health care cost estimates.

Current Status: 3/10/2021 - House Insurance, (First Hearing)

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-160>

HB198 REQUIRE COVERAGE OF HEARING AIDS FOR CERTAIN PEOPLE (RUSSO A, MANCHESTER S) To require health plan issuers to cover hearing aids and related services for persons twenty-one years of age and younger and to designate these changes Madeline's Law.

Current Status: 5/11/2021 - House Health, (Second Hearing)

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-198>

HB202 VOID ORDERS REQUIRING FACIAL COVERINGS (POWELL J) To void the order of the Interim Director of Health requiring the use of facial coverings throughout the state and prohibit the Governor or other administrative department heads from requiring the use of facial coverings without approval by the General Assembly.

Current Status: 4/22/2021 - House Government Oversight, (First Hearing)

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-202>

HB203 REQUIRE OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE IF EXPERIENCED IN OTHER STATE (POWELL J) To require an occupational licensing authority to issue a license or government certification to an applicant who holds a license, government certification, or private certification or has satisfactory work experience in another state under certain circumstances and to amend the version of section 3319.22 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect on April 12, 2023, to continue the changes on and after that date.

Current Status: 10/27/2021 - House State and Local Government, (Fourth Hearing)

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-203>

HB252 AUDIOLOGY/SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERSTATE COMPACT (WHITE A, PLUMMER P) To enter into the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact.

Current Status: 7/1/2021 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; eff. 90 days

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-252>

HB267 LIMIT PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS (JORDAN K) To limit the duration of public health orders and to allow the General Assembly to act via concurrent resolution in response to a public health emergency if the Governor or Department of Health does not.

Current Status: 5/4/2021 - Referred to Committee House State and Local Government

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-267>

HB269 REPEAL SB22 (GALONSKI T) To repeal the version of Section 3 of S.B. 22 of the 134th General Assembly scheduled to take effect on June 23, 2021, to repeal the changes made by S.B. 22 of the 134th General Assembly to the laws governing legislative oversight of certain orders and rules issued by the executive branch, including the establishment of the Ohio Health Oversight and Advisory Committee, and to declare an emergency.

Current Status: 5/4/2021 - Referred to Committee House State and Local Government

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-269>

HB350 PROHIBIT MANDATORY COVID-19 VACCINE (CUTRONA A) To prohibit mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations, requiring proof of COVID-19 vaccination, and certain other actions relating to an individual's COVID-19 vaccination or health status and to declare an emergency.

Current Status: 6/22/2021 - House Civil Justice, (First Hearing)

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-350>

HB359 LICENSE, REGULATE ART, MUSIC THERAPISTS (RUSSO A, CALLENDER J) To license and regulate art therapists and music therapists.

Current Status: 9/21/2021 - Referred to Committee House State and Local Government

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-359>

HB376 OHIO PERSONAL PRIVACY ACT (CARFAGNA R, HALL T) To enact the Ohio Personal Privacy Act.

Current Status: 9/28/2021 - House Government Oversight, (First Hearing)

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-376>

HB388 REGARDING VACCINE REFUSAL (JORDAN K) To prohibit taking certain actions against an individual because the individual refuses to be vaccinated against a disease.

Current Status: 8/12/2021 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-388>

HB401 EMPLOYER-MANDATED COVID VACCINATION INJURY (EDWARDS J) To exempt an injury or disability caused by an employer-mandated COVID-19 vaccination from the Workers' Compensation Law and to allow the employee to sue the employer for damages.

Current Status: 8/24/2021 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-401>

HB411 INDIVIDUAL PRIVACY, ANTI-DISCRIMINATION ACT (CLICK G, GRENDELL D) To prohibit mandatory disclosures related to an individual's COVID-19 vaccination status, to name the act the Individual Privacy and Anti-Discrimination Act, and to declare an emergency.

Current Status: 9/8/2021 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-411>

HB424 COVID-19 VACCINE - QUALIFIED IMMUNITIES (KOEHLER K) To prohibit a political subdivision, public official, public school, state agency, or state institution of

higher education from taking certain actions related to the COVID-19 vaccine, to codify the qualified civil immunities under H.B. 606 of the 133rd General Assembly permanently, to repeal section 3792.05 of the Revised Code on the date that is two years after the effective date of that section, and to declare an emergency.

Current Status: 9/20/2021 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-424>

HB435 VACCINE REQUIREMENTS (CARFAGNA R, SEITZ B) To address COVID-19 vaccine requirements for employees and students; to extend certain timelines for qualified civil immunity and expand immunity to include hearing aid dealers and hearing aid fitters; to authorize emergency medical technicians to administer COVID-19 tests; to expressly cover COVID-19 vaccine injuries under the workers' compensation system; and to repeal sections 3792.05, 3792.06, 3792.07, and 3792.08 of the Revised Code on June 30, 2023.

Current Status: 10/13/2021 - Bills for Third Consideration; (Pending Committee Report)

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-435>

HB446 OHIO HEALTH CARE PLAN (SKINDELL M) To establish and operate the Ohio Health Care Plan to provide universal health care coverage to all Ohio residents.

Current Status: 10/27/2021 - House Insurance, (First Hearing)

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-446>

HCR35 INVALIDATE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO OAC RULE 3301-35-

04 (CALLENDER J) To invalidate the proposed amendments to rule 3301-35-04 of the Administrative Code, the latest version of which was filed by the Department of Education with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review on August 20, 2021.

Current Status: 10/20/2021 - **ADOPTED BY SENATE**; Resolution Vote 30-0

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HCR-35>

SB3 NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT (ROEGNER K) To enter into the Nurse Licensure Compact.

Current Status: 7/1/2021 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-3>

- SB5 PHYSICAL THERAPY LICENSURE COMPACT** (ROEGNER K, BLESSING III L) To enter into the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact.
Current Status: 3/31/2021 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; eff. 6/30/21
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-5>
- SB6 MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT** (ROEGNER K, HUFFMAN S) To enter into the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.
Current Status: 7/1/2021 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; eff. 90 days
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-6>
- SB7 OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY LICENSURE COMPACT** (ROEGNER K) To enter into the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact.
Current Status: 3/31/2021 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; eff. 6/30/21
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-7>
- SB9 REDUCE REGULATIONS** (MCCOLLEY R, ROEGNER K) To require certain agencies to reduce the number of regulatory restrictions in their administrative rules.
Current Status: 9/28/2021 - House Government Oversight, (Second Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-9>
- SB22 LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT-PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS** (JOHNSON T, MCCOLLEY R) To establish legislative oversight of orders issued by the executive branch, including by establishing the Ohio Health Oversight and Advisory Committee.
Current Status: 3/24/2021 - Consideration of Governor's Veto; House Overrides Veto, Vote 62-35
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-22>
- SB60 MEDICAID ESTATE RECOVERY-INFORMED CONSENT** (SCHAFFER T) To require Medicaid applicants to certify that they have been notified about the Medicaid estate recovery program.
Current Status: 2/10/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Health
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-60>

SB111 VACCINATIONS, CORONAVIRUS RECOVERY INCLUDING

TOWNSHIPS (BLESSING III L, BRENNER A) To prohibit certain mandatory vaccinations and other activities related to an individual's vaccination status and to make an appropriation related to coronavirus local fiscal recovery.

Current Status: 6/24/2021 - **PASSED BY HOUSE**; Amended on Floor, Bill Vote 62-34

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-111>

SB131 LICENSURE RECIPROcity (ROEGNER K, MCCOLLEY R) To require an occupational licensing authority to issue a license or government certification to an applicant who holds a license, government certification, or private certification or has satisfactory work experience in another state under certain circumstances and to amend the version of section 3319.22 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect on April 12, 2023, to continue the changes on and after that date.

Current Status: 5/26/2021 - Senate Workforce and Higher Education, (Second Hearing)

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-131>

SB206 REGULATE ART, MUSIC THERAPY (YUKO K, BRENNER A) To license and regulate art therapists and music therapists.

Current Status: 9/8/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Health

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-206>

SB233 SCHOOL NURSE LICENSURE, RETIREMENT (BLESSING III L) Regarding licensure and state retirement system membership for school nurses.

Current Status: 9/22/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Primary and Secondary Education

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-233>