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**NAIOP Weekly Legislative Report**  
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## Supported Bills

- HB10**      **REMEDIATION OF CONTAMINATED SITE (SEARS B)** To authorize refundable tax credits for the completion of a voluntary action to remediate a contaminated site and for the return of such sites to productive use, and to exempt persons through 2017 who have issued covenants not to sue under the Voluntary Action Program from certain fees and penalties for one year after the issuance of such a covenant.
- Current Status:* 3/2/2011 - House Ways and Means, (Fifth Hearing)  
    *All Bill Status:* 2/23/2011 - House Ways and Means, (Fourth Hearing)  
                          2/16/2011 - House Ways and Means, (Third Hearing)  
                          2/9/2011 - House Ways and Means, (Third Hearing)  
                          2/2/2011 - House Ways and Means, (Second Hearing)  
                          1/26/2011 - House Ways and Means, (First Hearing)  
                          1/11/2011 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means  
                          1/11/2011 - Introduced
- HB17**      **TAX CREDIT FOR HIRING UNEMPLOYED (BAKER N)** To authorize a \$2,400 income tax withholding credit for an employer that hires and employs a previously unemployed individual.
- Current Status:* 1/11/2011 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means  
    *All Bill Status:* 1/11/2011 - Introduced
- HB18**      **TAX CREDIT - EXPANDING BUSINESSES (BAKER N)** To authorize a nonrefundable tax credit for a business that increases payroll and expands into a vacant facility.
- Current Status:* 2/23/2011 - House Ways and Means, (Fifth Hearing)  
    *All Bill Status:* 2/16/2011 - House Ways and Means, (Fourth Hearing)  
                          2/9/2011 - House Ways and Means, (Third Hearing)  
                          2/2/2011 - House Ways and Means, (Second Hearing)  
                          1/26/2011 - House Ways and Means, (First Hearing)  
                          1/11/2011 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means  
                          1/11/2011 - Introduced

## Oppose

- HB50**      **TYPE-II ANNEXATION (SNITCHLER, T)** To require that a political subdivision owner be included in determining the number of owners needed to sign a petition for an expedited type-II annexation.
- Current Status:* 3/1/2011 - House Local Government, (Second Hearing)  
    *All Bill Status:* 2/22/2011 - House Local Government, (Second Hearing)  
                          2/15/2011 - House Local Government, (First Hearing)

### Monitoring

- HB134 CAPITAL GAINS INVESTMENTS (SCHURING K)** To reduce the income tax rate on capital gains reinvested in Ohio-based investments.  
*Current Status:* 5/11/2011 - House Ways and Means, (Third Hearing)  
*All Bill Status:* 3/30/2011 - House Ways and Means, (Third Hearing)  
3/23/2011 - House Ways and Means, (Second Hearing)  
3/16/2011 - House Ways and Means, (First Hearing)  
3/2/2011 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means  
3/1/2011 - Introduced
- HB198 PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINTS (COLEY II W)** To permit property tax complaints to be initiated only by the property owner.  
*Current Status:* 5/12/2011 - House Financial Institutions, Housing and Urban Development, (Second Hearing)  
*All Bill Status:* 5/4/2011 - House Financial Institutions, Housing and Urban Development, (First Hearing)  
4/12/2011 - Referred to Committee House Financial Institutions, Housing and Urban Development  
4/12/2011 - Introduced
- SB89 LABOR REQUIREMENTS (JORDAN K)** To prohibit state agencies from requiring or prohibiting certain labor requirements as a condition of performing public works and prohibit the appropriations of state funds for public works when political subdivisions require or prohibit certain labor.  
*Current Status:* 3/8/2011 - Referred to Committee Senate Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review  
*All Bill Status:* 2/23/2011 - Introduced
- SB115 PROPERTY SALE GAINS (KEARNEY E)** To exempt from income taxation any gains from the sale of Ohio property used in a trade or business and held for at least two years.  
*Current Status:* 3/24/2011 - Senate Ways & Means & Economic Development, (First Hearing)  
*All Bill Status:* 3/15/2011 - Referred to Committee Senate Ways & Means & Economic Development  
3/9/2011 - Introduced

### Bills Introduced Since 5/2/2011

- HB215 ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY (DOVILLA M)** To designate the fifteenth day of June as "Elder Abuse Awareness Day."
- HB216 MULTI-JUDGE COURTS (PATMON B)** To require that cases in a multi-judge municipal or county court or a multi-judge division of a court of common pleas be randomly assigned to the judges of the court or division.
- HB217 HOSPITAL PROVIDE INFO ON BREAST RECONSTRUCTION (PATMON B)** To require a hospital to provide information regarding breast reconstruction to a patient before obtaining the patient's consent for a mastectomy, lymph node dissection, or lumpectomy.
- HB218 INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR OFF-LABEL DRUGS (HOTTINGER J)** To use the compendia adopted by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to determine

whether an insurer may exclude coverage for off-label drug usage.

- HB219 RELIGIOUS COURSES-PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS** (MCCLAIN J) To permit public school students to attend and receive credit for released time courses in religious instruction conducted off school property during regular school hours.
- HB220 CAT TAX CREDIT INVESTMENT LOSSES** (BECK P, BAKER N) To allow a refundable commercial activity tax credit for investment losses recognized by foreign entrepreneur investors who invest in certain projects in Ohio.
- HB221 COLLEGE-PREPARATORY BOARDING SCHOOLS** (MECKLENBORG R, DRIEHAUS D) To permit the establishment of public college-preparatory boarding schools for at-risk students to be operated by private nonprofit entities and to establish the College-Preparatory Boarding School Facilities Program.
- HB222 LICENSE DEBT SETTLEMENT SERVICES** (MECKLENBORG R) To require the licensure of, and otherwise regulate, providers of debt settlement services.
- HCR14 LEGISLATIVE CODE OF ETHICS** (BLESSING L) To adopt the Legislative Code of Ethics for the members and employees of both chambers of the 129th General Assembly, employees of any legislative agency, and candidates for the 130th General Assembly.
- HCR15 AIR QUALITY/GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS** (BALDERSON T) To urge Congress to take certain actions regarding the United States Environmental Protection Agency's proposed regulations on air quality and greenhouse gas emissions.
- SB161 FEDERAL PARENT LOCATER SERVICE** (KEARNEY E) To direct the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services to adopt rules governing the use of the Federal Parent Locater Service by the Office of Child Support.
- SB162 PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN INTO CAREGIVER HOMES** (KEARNEY E) To require the Department of Job and Family Services to conduct a feasibility study of current trends in the placement of children by public children services agencies into relative caregiver homes.
- SB163 AGENCY PLACE SIBLINGS TOGETHER** (KEARNEY E) To require generally that siblings in the custody of a public children services agency be placed together.
- SB164 WATER RESOURCES PROJECT** (OBHOF L) To declare that a water resources project of a regional water and sewer district remains under the jurisdiction of the district after the municipal annexation of the territory where the project is located, to establish contracting authority for regional water and sewer districts regarding the conveyance of water resource projects to municipal corporations, and to expand the scope of the contracting authority of a county sewer district when conveying water supply facilities and sewer facilities to a municipal corporation.
- SB165 STATE ACADEMIC STANDARDS** (OBHOF L, GRENDALL T) To include content on specified historical documents in the state academic standards and in the high school American history and government curriculum.
- SB166 REDUCING POPULATION OF BITING ARTHROPODS** (LAROSE F) To establish procedures for the exclusion of a municipal corporation from the territory of a sanitary district established solely for the reduction of populations of biting arthropods.

## Week in Review

Friday, May 6, 2011

### ABORTION

The American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio (ACLU Ohio) Monday urged the General Assembly to shelve two legislative proposals to restrict abortions, saying they're unconstitutional and will result in taxpayers' footing the bill for expensive lawsuits. ACLU Ohio wants legislators to shelve HB125 (Wachtmann), which

would prohibit abortions after a fetal heartbeat is detectable, and HB78 (Uecker-Roegner), which would restrict abortions after a fetus is determined to be viable outside the womb.

Three abortion bills continue to be on hold as the House speaker gauges support for them, while the group behind one announces new national endorsements on a daily basis. Faith2Action, an anti-abortion group based in Florida that helped to introduce HB125 (Wachtmann), the so-called "Heartbeat Bill" because it would ban abortions after a fetal heartbeat can be detected, announced endorsements by potential presidential candidates, including U.S. Rep. Michele Bachmann (R-MN), former U.S. House Speaker Newt Gingrich, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, and Judge Roy Moore, as well as James Dobson, the founder of Focus on the Family. The group said it has the support of more than 500 groups and leaders.

## **AGING**

Gov. John R. Kasich proclaimed May 2011 as Older Americans Month in Ohio, and Tuesday, May 17, as Senior Citizens Day. The theme for 2011 is "Older Ohioans - Connecting Communities." "Our communities need their elders, and our elders need their communities," Kasich said in a release. "We are nothing without the shared histories, diverse experiences and wealth of knowledge of the generations before us. Their willingness to realize their dreams, speak their minds and work toward a better Ohio has provided opportunities for our children and grandchildren."

## **ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Attorney General Mike DeWine said some Ohio agencies, municipalities and other parties will be able to seek recovery of overpayment for bond products following a multi-state settlement with Switzerland-based finance firm UBS.

## **BALLOT ISSUES**

Reps. Kathleen Clyde (D-Kent) and Michael Stinziano (D-Columbus) sent a letter to Secretary of State Jon Husted's office saying that it should be made clear that voting "no" on a referendum on SB5 (Jones) would overturn the collective bargaining law.

## **FY12-13 BUDGET**

The House Finance and Appropriations Committee held an unusual Saturday session to take testimony on the proposed budget for FY12-13, HB153.

The Ohio Civil Service Employees Association (OCSEA), along with Rep. Matt Lundy (D-Elyria), the Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio, Policy Matters, and former Plain Dealer reporter Bob Paynter, challenged the governor Monday to disclose the source of reported costs saving under prison privatization, saying the Kasich administration has long-promised to publish its methodology without actually delivering verifiable data. Lundy said the "profitization" rather than privatization of public assets will benefit only the buyers, not average Ohioans.

Department of Rehabilitation and Correction spokesman Carlo LoParo said its methodology has been simple from the beginning: give privatized facilities fewer net dollars to incarcerate the same number and type of inmates as housed at those currently public facilities. In addition, he provided *Hannah News* a spreadsheet -- "DRC: Private Prison Savings Comparison" -- which he said details department methodology.

The House Finance and Appropriations Committee completed its work on the proposed FY12-13 budget Tuesday night, voting HB153 (Amstutz) out on a straight party line vote of 20-12. The hearing even ended shortly after 9 p.m. -- a respectable hour for a finance committee -- and set up a Thursday, May 5 floor vote on the bill. Wednesday had been designated "reading day," giving representatives the opportunity to sort through a bill that exceeds 4,000 pages.

Major changes made by the committee in the omnibus amendment to the budget bill included removing provisions related to the privatization of county jails and deletion of the language allowing for parental takeover of schools, creating a pilot program in the Columbus Public School District instead. The committee, despite reports to the contrary, did not remove its language clarifying that casinos will owe the CAT tax on gross receipts -- before wagers are paid out.

The Senate Finance Committee kicked off hearings on the next state budget Tuesday with briefings from Tim Keen, Gov. John Kasich's budget director, and Mark Flanders, director of the Legislative Service Commission.

Sen. Chris Widener (R-Springfield), the committee chairman, said after the hearing he's aiming to stick to a schedule discussed with the House before the budget was introduced, with the goal of voting HB153 out of the Senate in the week following Memorial Day, leaving the month of June for conference committee.

A group of House Democrats called a press conference to attack Republicans for including elimination of the estate tax in the budget, saying it will grant large tax breaks to the wealthiest Ohioans at a time when services are facing large cuts.

The House passed Gov. John Kasich's first budget, HB153, on Thursday on a straight party-line vote. Republicans argued it's a responsible spending plan that, while susceptible to criticism, fills a structural gap without raising taxes and while maintaining priority services. Democrats, however, charged Republicans with hypocrisy, noting that General Revenue Fund spending went up and federal money under the Affordable Care Act is built in, and charging that middle class families will be damaged by its passage.

The Office of Budget and Management released preliminary revenue figures for April showing numbers running \$841 million over estimates, but Budget Director Tim Keen warned that much of that excess will be needed to cover payments for services incurred in FY11 that were planned to be paid in FY12 under 128-HB1. He also cautioned against anticipating increased revenue forecasts for FY12-13, noting that "a number of risks have heightened" affecting the national economy.

Ohio Consumers' Counsel Janine Migden-Ostrander testified against the proposed 51 percent cut to her agency's budget in the Senate Finance Committee. She had proposed having Auditor Dave Yost do a performance audit of her agency to find ways it can be reduced and made more efficient, but Yost's office declined that request, citing lack of resources.

## **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**

*The Cincinnati Enquirer* reported that Sen. Bill Seitz, a strong critic of SB5 (Jones), signed a petition in the referendum campaign to overturn the new law.

## **CORRECTIONS**

The House Criminal Justice Committee Tuesday reported out the criminal sentencing reform bill, HB86 (Blessing-Heard), along strict party lines, setting up a House floor vote on Wednesday.

## **EDUCATION**

The State Board of Education moved forward Friday by naming its Executive Committee as the new superintendent search panel over the objections of its nine-member minority, which continued to question the professionalism and integrity of an in-house search as opposed to an independent process conducted by a third-party search firm.

Regarding a proclamation he released honoring Ohio's teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week, Gov. John Kasich invited teachers to share their ideas for a new pay system that rewards and encourages performance, as called for in his FY12-13 budget proposal. Teachers can email their ideas to Kasich at [teachers@governor.ohio.gov](mailto:teachers@governor.ohio.gov).

Interim Superintendent of Public Instruction Stan Heffner issued his first formal statement to Ohio's K-12 system Monday, taking over former Superintendent Deborah Delisle's weekly *EdConnection*. In it he says he will remain faithful to his "roots as teacher, principal and superintendent."

Interim Superintendent of Public Instruction Stan Heffner reminded local education agencies (LEA) participating in RttT that they may now apply for one to two "pilot assessment projects" in several content areas to be conducted by ODE: the "Ohio Performance Assessment Pilot Project" for grades 3-5 and 9-12, and the "Formative Assessment in Middle Schools" pilot. The initial application period for each pilot remains open until Thursday, May 12.

## **ELECTIONS**

Secretary of State Jon Husted testified in the House State Government and Elections Committee on election-reform changes in HB194, along with bill sponsors Reps. Lou Blessing (R-Cincinnati) and Robert Mecklenborg (R-Cincinnati). The committee immediately accepted a substitute version of the bill.

Rep. Tim DeGeeter (D-Parma) won the Democratic primary for the Parma mayoral election in the Tuesday primary, leaving him as the likely winner because no Republicans or independents filed for the race.

All human services levies on the Tuesday primary ballot in Ohio were approved. Libraries saw 16 of 17 funding requests approved.

## **ELECTIONS 2012**

U.S. Rep. Dennis Kucinich (D-Cleveland), whose seat is a prime target for elimination in a redistricting process that must reduce Ohio's Congressional slots by two, could move to another state, possibly Washington, to seek re-election, multiple media outlets reported.

## **EMPLOYMENT/UNEMPLOYMENT**

According to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, the composite index of leading indicators for Ohio grew 0.3 percent in March to 90.2. This indicates that employment, on a seasonally adjusted basis, will grow in the coming summer. The national composite index increased 0.4 percent to 114.1 in March, indicating sustained economic growth through year end.

## **ENERGY**

GDF SUEZ Energy Resources NA announced on Tuesday it is entering the Ohio retail electricity market, bringing expanded options for pricing, products, and services to customers in the Toledo Edison, Cleveland Electric Illuminating (CEI), Ohio Edison, and Dayton Power & Light territories.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

A new study will give the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) further insight into the health of the upper Little Miami River's watershed, located in Clark, Greene, Montgomery, Warren and Madison counties in south central and southwestern Ohio. The agency is repeating and expanding previous efforts to gather information that will be used to determine the quality of the river and its tributaries. This information will reveal if the water quality has been maintained since an earlier study conducted in 1998, or if restoration is needed.

## **FEDERAL**

Both U.S. Sens. Sherrod Brown (D) and Rob Portman (R) acknowledged the killing of Osama bin Laden by U.S. Special Forces in response to the 9/11 attacks as well as others in which bin Laden was instrumental, as did a number of other public officials.

This week, U.S. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid appointed U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH) co-chair of the Congressional-Executive Commission on China (CECC). Brown has served on the commission since 2002 and replaces retired Sen. Byron Dorgan (D-ND).

U.S. Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH) said he thinks he can find bipartisan consensus on three elements of a broader job-creation plan he rolled out this week on behalf of the U.S. Senate GOP: a simplified tax code, domestic energy production, and foreign trade agreements.

U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH) introduced new legislation to crack down on doctor shopping and pharmacy hopping in an attempt to rein in prescription drug abuse. The legislation would require states to adopt Medicaid "lock-in" programs that restrict how many doctors and pharmacies patients at risk of abuse could visit.

## **GAMING**

Penn National Gaming said it might sue the state and could pull workers off its Columbus casino construction site after the House retained language in HB153 that would apply the Commercial Activity Tax (CAT) to all money wagered at the casino, not on wagers minus payouts. Gov. John Kasich's office said he would await the recommendation of gambling advisers he's hired before taking a position on the tax.

Spectrum Gaming Group, an advisory firm Gov. John Kasich hired for gambling policy advice, and Robert Stocker, a Michigan attorney who chairs the American Bar Association's gaming law committee, briefed the Ohio Casino Control Commission on how to approach its task of regulating and licensing the operators of four planned casinos in the state.

A report from the American Gaming Association says states hauled in \$7.6 billion from direct gambling taxes in 2010, with about \$2.9 billion of that going to Ohio neighbors Pennsylvania, Indiana and Michigan.

## **GENERAL ASSEMBLY/STATEHOUSE**

Sen. Shirley Smith (D-Cleveland) re-introduced legislation from the 128<sup>th</sup> General Assembly that proposes a statewide ban on texting while driving. Noting that some communities have passed their own bans, Smith said SB154 "ensures that Ohio has a consistent, statewide law ...."

In a short session Tuesday, the House unanimously passed a resolution establishing the ethics rules for the 129th General Assembly.

The Ohio House also welcomed back two members who have been absent for some time due to health issues. They included Rep. Rex Damschroder (R-Fremont), who had quadruple bypass surgery in March, and Rep. Barbara Boyd (D-Cleveland), who had back surgery.

The House overwhelmingly passed criminal sentencing reforms Wednesday in HB86 (Blessing-Heard), with dissenting votes only from Reps. Tom Letson (D-Warren) and Jim Butler (R-Oakwood). Democrats had voted against the bill in committee after a number of their amendments were blocked, and although those same amendments were blocked again on the floor, they opted to vote for the bill. The House also passed HB95 (Stautberg), dealing with natural gas companies and their ability to seek rate increases.

In other legislative action this week, the Senate Civil Justice Committee reported out SB124 (Bacon), which changes the probate code.

## **GOVERNOR**

Gov. John Kasich issued two proclamations on Monday: one in recognition of "Public Service Appreciation

Week," which runs May 1-7, and the second honoring Ohio's teachers during "Teacher Appreciation Week." Kasich said, "Public employees are community leaders and our neighbors ... They protect us, care for our most vulnerable, teach our children, and maintain our infrastructure to aid commerce and economic development throughout Ohio."

Gov. John Kasich said Wednesday during a Holocaust commemoration ceremony that the Statehouse should add a permanent Holocaust memorial in the Rotunda to remind visitors to "stand against evil."

Gov. John Kasich called for more security around Capitol Square, including the possibility of metal detectors in the Statehouse.

## **HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

The Treasury Department and Internal Revenue Service Tuesday requested public comment on issues relating to several provisions in the Affordable Care Act (ACA) including the shared responsibility provisions whereby employers with 50 or more full-time employees that do not offer affordable health coverage to their full-time employees may be required to make a shared responsibility payment. The law specifically exempts small firms that have fewer than 50 full-time employees. This provision takes effect in 2014. In particular, Notice 2011-36, posted on IRS.gov, requests comment on possible approaches employers could use to determine who is a full-time employee.

## **HIGHER EDUCATION**

Ohio University (OU) said Tuesday it has recently joined the Learning Collaborative on High Risk Drinking. The group initiative includes Dartmouth, Princeton, Stanford, Duke, Northwestern, Cornell, Boston and other universities and colleges that will work together to identify the most effective ways to lessen high-risk drinking among college students.

Gov. John Kasich and Chancellor Jim Petro announced the hiring of Sen. Gary Cates (R-West Chester) as senior vice chancellor of innovation and enterprise development at the Ohio Board of Regents. Among his tasks will be leading establishment of charter universities.

## **HOUSING**

Data from a report, "Out of Reach 2011," from the National Low Income Housing Coalition, that was released Monday show that "modest" rental housing is too costly for many renters, the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio (COHHIO) said. The report finds that an hourly wage of \$13.53 is needed in Ohio to afford a two-bedroom unit at a fair-market rent of \$704, based on the standard that affordable housing costs should not exceed 30 percent of income. That's compared to an estimated average wage of Ohio renters of \$10.76.

## **JUDICIAL**

Gov. John Kasich appointed David Bender of Washington Court House judge of the Fayette County Court of Common Pleas/Probate and Juvenile Divisions.

The newly created Advisory Committee on Case Management met for the first time as it looks to assist the Ohio Supreme Court with uniform standards, statistical reporting and other issues of case management.

Cuyahoga County led the state in the latest Ohio Bar Examination, adding 58 attorneys to the state's legal community, the Supreme Court of Ohio reported. Franklin County followed with 54 new lawyers in the February exam.

The Supreme Court of Ohio will accept public comment until June 1 on newly proposed Rule 10.06 of the Rules of Superintendence, which is designed to minimize the effects of "dueling" protection orders, or conflicts between protection orders and orders granting parental rights and responsibilities.

At the Ohio State Bar Association convention, Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor called for changes to continuing legal education requirements, including expanded use of online classes and the ability to earn credits for *pro bono* work.

Justice Evelyn Lundberg Stratton highlighted the work of her Veterans WrapAround Project during a summit organized Thursday by the Ohio Department of Veterans Affairs.

## **NATURAL RESOURCES**

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Wildlife set Saturday and Sunday, May 7 and 8 as "Free Fishing Days," meaning Ohio anglers may fish in any of the state's public waters without having to buy a fishing license.

## **PEOPLE**

The Kroger Co. named former Strickland communications director and senior staff member Keith Dailey its director of external corporate communications.

Monty Kerr, county board superintendent for Belmont, Harrison and Noble counties, becomes the new deputy director of the Office of Policy and Strategic Direction in the Department of Developmental Disabilities. He succeeds Patrick Lanahan.

The Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics of the University of Akron and the League of Women Voters of Metropolitan Columbus have both set awards ceremonies: The Bliss Institute will recognize *Columbus Dispatch* Publisher Emeritus Michael Curtin and *Dayton Daily News* reporter Bill Hershey at a Wednesday, May 11 event, while the League of Women Voters of Metropolitan Columbus (LWVMC) will recognize former Attorney General and dean of the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law Nancy Rogers with its 2011 Democracy in Action Award on Thursday, May 12.

Chip Spinning, director of the Madison County Department of Job and Family Services, becomes president of the Public Children Services Association of Ohio effective this month.

## **UTILITIES**

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio directed AEP Ohio to file revised tariffs to remove provider of last resort charges and some environmental carrying costs, following an Ohio Supreme Court decision that ruled those charges unlawful.

## **WORKERS COMPENSATION**

The Board of Directors for the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) heard from the bureau's legal counsel, who reviewed the quarterly update on the progress on Deloitte Consulting's recommendations contained in its comprehensive report. The board also approved several rules regarding medical reimbursements.