

Ohio State Firefighters' Association
Bills of Interest
128th General Assembly
July 28, 2009

HB 1 - 2009-2010 STATE BUDGET (Sykes) To make operating appropriations for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs.

Association position: The Association monitored the bill as an interested party.

Current status: HB 1 was signed by the Governor on July 17, 2009.

HB 2 - 2009-2010 TRANSPORTATION BUDGET (Ujvagi) To make appropriations for programs related to transportation and public safety for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of those programs.

Association Position: The Association monitored the bill as an interested party.

Current status: HB 2 was signed into law by the Governor on April 1, 2009.

HB 117 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING (Jones) To require 30% of commercial activity tax revenue to be used indefinitely for local government purposes.

Association Position: The Association has not taken a position on this bill.

Current Status: The Bill is awaiting a first hearing in House Ways and Means Committee.

HB 148 -- 911 UPGRADES (Miller) To require certain technological improvements and updates for 9-1-1 systems in Ohio.

Association Position: The Association has not taken a position on this bill.

Current Status: The Bill is awaiting a first hearing in House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee.

HB 241 -- DO NOT RESUSCITATE (Garland) To prescribe a form to document medical orders for life-sustaining treatment and to make changes to the law governing DNR identification and orders

Association Position: The Association has not taken a position on this bill.

Current Status: The Bill is awaiting a first hearing in House Health Committee.

HB 255 -- FIREFIGHTER TAX CREDIT (Balderson) To allow a \$400 income tax credit for volunteer firefighters.

Association Position: The Association worked with Rep. Balderson on the bill and should be a proponent once the bill has been reviewed.

Current Status: The bill was just introduced and is awaiting referral to committee.

SB 30 - ARSON REGISTRY (Schaffer) To establish a registry for arson offenders.

Association Position: The Association is a proponent of the bill.

Current status: SB 30 is pending in Senate Judiciary – Criminal Justice Committee. It has received 1 hearing for sponsor testimony.

SB 58 - BODILY SUBSTANCES (Hughes) To prohibit a person from collecting any bodily substance of another person without privilege or consent to do so, to correct erroneous cross-references in provisions enacted in Am. Sub. H.B. 280 of the 127th General Assembly regarding increased penalties for domestic violence committed against a pregnant woman, and to permit emergency medical technicians to withdraw blood for the purposes of the watercraft or vehicle OVI law or the commercial motor vehicle law.

Association Position: The Association is interested in the portion of the bill regarding EMTs withdrawing blood for OVI investigations. We will continue to monitor this issue as it moves to the House.

Current Status: The Bill passed the Senate on 4/21/2009 and is now awaiting a second hearing in House Criminal Justice Committee.

SB 66 – VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS (Faber) To provide health insurance benefits to dependents of volunteer firefighters killed in the line of duty.

Association Position: The Association has not yet taken a position on the bill.

Current status: SB 66 has been referred to the Senate Insurance, Commerce & Labor committee and has received 2 hearings.

SB 88 - MILITARY LEAVE (Fedor) To grant annual military leave of up to 768 hours to firefighters and those other public employees who do not work a traditional workweek of 40 hours and to entitle firefighters and these public employees to use such leave to cover an entire work shift any part of which was used to perform military service.

Association Position: The Association has not yet taken a position on the bill.

Current Status: The bill has been referred to the Senate Insurance Commerce and Labor Committee and is awaiting a first hearing.

SB 111 - TAX PAYMENTS (Stewart) To make permanent the temporary reimbursements for local government and school district tangible personal property tax losses.

Association Position: The Association has not taken a position on the bill.

Current Status: This bill is currently pending in Senate Ways & Means & Economic Development Committee.