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TOP NEWS IN OHIO

State + National Unemployment Numbers for September - October 2013

Due to the government shutdown, the release of Ohio's unemployment rate for September has been delayed until sometime in November. On November 22, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services announced that Ohio's unemployment rate has been steadily rising, going from 7.3 percent in August to 7.4 percent in September, and to 7.5 percent in October. Ohio's unemployment rate is now above the national average.

New Unemployment Fraud Penalties Begin in October

According to a news release from the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services (ODJFS), new penalties took effect on October 21 for unemployment claimants who commit fraud and for employers whose inaction leads to benefits being paid in error. Already, claimants who commit fraud are required to repay amounts they weren't entitled to and forgo benefits for a period of time. In the most egregious cases, claimants may face criminal charges. Now, because of a new law passed in June 2013, they also will be fined 25 percent of the total amount collected fraudulently.

In addition, the law requires ODJFS to charge employers who repeatedly fail to respond to requests for information about an unemployment compensation claimant. To be eligible for unemployment compensation, individuals must have lost their jobs through no fault of their own. When they apply for unemployment compensation, ODJFS checks with their former employers to determine the reason for their unemployment. If employers fail to provide necessary information by the deadline, benefits may be incorrectly awarded. Under the new law, employers who repeatedly fail to provide needed information on time may face higher taxes if benefits are paid in error. Employers with questions about the new law should email EmployerInquiryUCBenefits@jfs.ohio.gov or call (877) 574-0015.

Federal Unemployment Tax Expected to Increase in 2014

Since unemployment claims spiked in 2009, Ohio's state unemployment insurance (UI) trust fund has been insolvent, requiring the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services to use federal loan funds to pay unemployment benefits. This deficit has led to a current Ohio UI debt owed to the federal government of over \$1.5 billion, placing it 4th highest in the country (see Ohio UI Trust Fund Balance Chart). Ohio would significantly improve its solvency position by repaying this debt quickly, in order to avoid future FUTA tax increases on employers and additional interest payments. Taking no action will result in a series of increases in the rates to be paid by employers under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA).

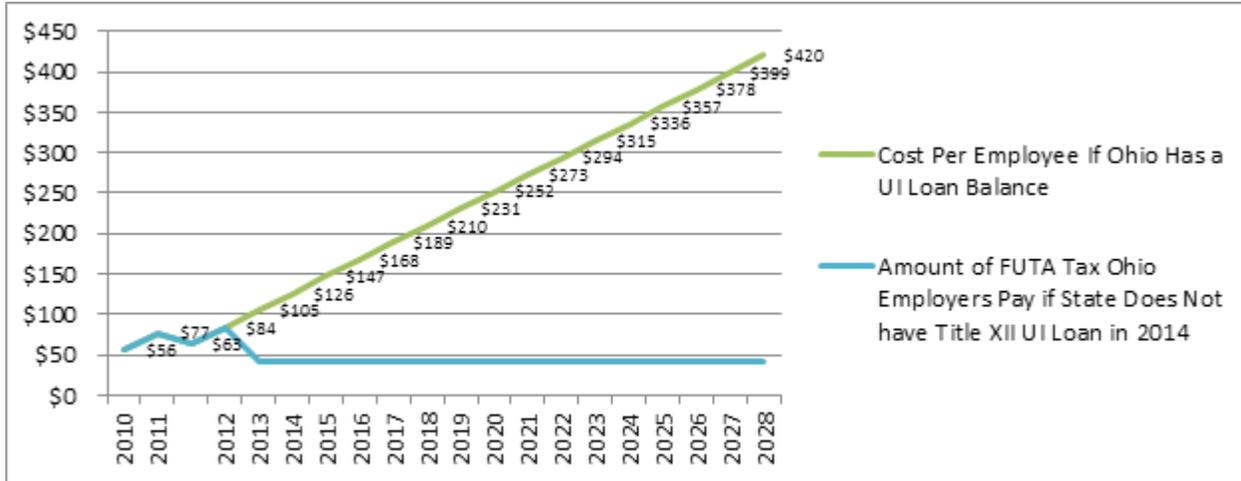
As long as Ohio continues to have outstanding debt, the FUTA tax increases will continue to trigger under federal law. Based on continued negative balances in the state UI trust fund as of November 10, employers in Ohio are subject to a loss of FUTA offset credits of 0.3%, increasing the net Federal Unemployment Tax rate to be paid in January each year. The base amount of FUTA tax due by all employers is 0.6% of the first \$7,000 (or \$42 per employee) by approximately \$21 per employee. Increases will be greater on a percentage basis for employers with the lowest state UI experience rates. To date, employers have paid 1.2% in 2013 (or \$84 per employee). Unless the full \$1.5 Billion UI debt is paid before December 31, 2013, Ohio employers should expect to pay 1.5% in 2014 (or \$105 per employee)(see FUTA Offset Credit Reduction - Tax Rate Increase Chart).

In addition to automatically increasing FUTA taxes, federal law requires that states pay interest on outstanding loans, and repayment of interest must be made from sources other than the state UI tax. Ohio is obligated to pay over \$70 million in interest on loans from the federal government as of September 30, 2013. The costs of failing to immediately address UI Solvency are significant in the form of increased federal unemployment taxes that will continue to increase each year that the outstanding loan is not repaid, and continued interest charges incurred by the state.

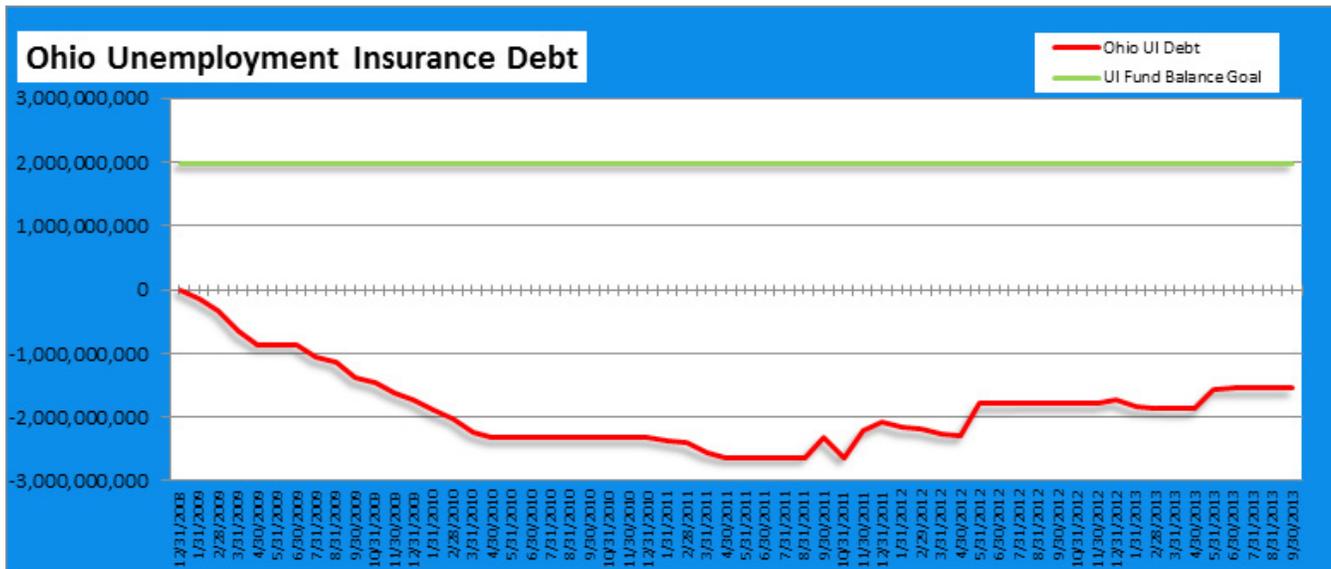


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FUTA Offset Credit Reduction - Tax Rate Increase Chart



Ohio UI Trust Fund Balance Chart



Ohio Minimum Wage Set to Increase in January 2014

Effective January 1, 2014, Ohio’s minimum wage will increase to **\$7.95 per hour for non-tipped employees and to \$3.98 per hour for tipped employees, plus tips**. The increased minimum wage will apply to employees of businesses with annual gross receipts of more than \$292,000 per year. The increase to \$7.95 places Ohio’s minimum wage at 10th highest in the United States behind California, Connecticut, Illinois, Massachusetts, Nevada (for employers with no health insurance benefit), Oregon, Vermont, Washington and the District of Columbia.

The current 2013 Ohio minimum wage is \$7.85 per hour for non-tipped employees and \$3.93 for tipped employees, plus tips. The 2013 Ohio minimum wage applies to employees of businesses with annual gross receipts of more than \$288,000 per year.

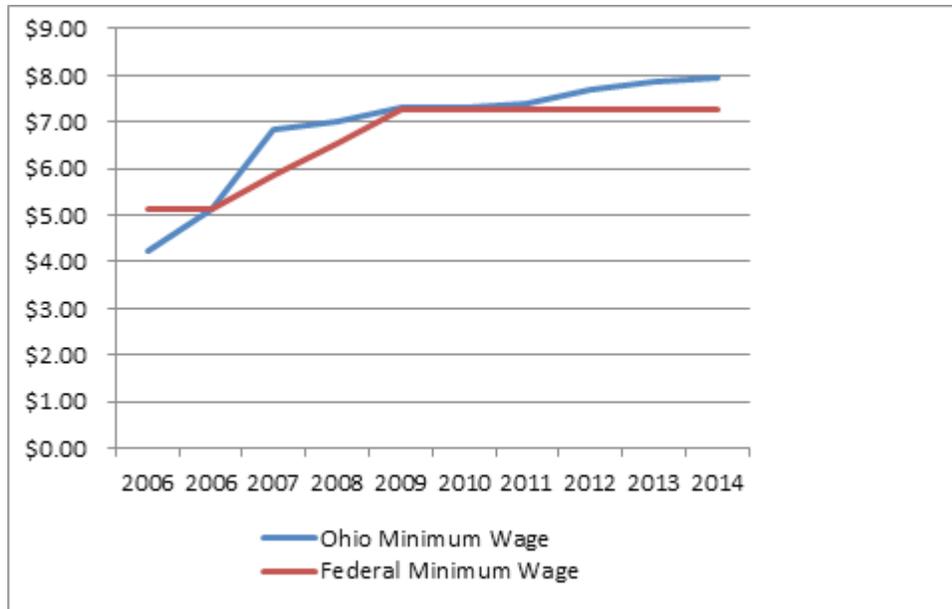


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Why the annual changes? On November 7, 2006, Ohio voters passed a constitutional amendment that will increase the state minimum wage annually based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) (see Ohio Minimum Wage Rates Since 2006). Thus, the state minimum wage is tied to the CPI for urban wage earners and clerical workers for the 12-month period prior to September.

For employees at smaller companies (with annual gross receipts of \$288,000 or less per year in 2013 or \$292,000 or less per year after January 1, 2014), and for 14 and 15-year-olds, the state minimum wage is \$7.25 per hour. For these employees, the state wage is tied to the federal minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour, which requires an act of Congress and the President’s signature to change.

Ohio Minimum Wage Rates Since 2006 Chart



Election Results

On November 5, Ohioans went to the polls to cast their votes on a handful of statewide and local measures. Voters across Ohio approved 116 of 192 school tax issues for a 60 percent passage rate, the highest passage rate since 2009.

Property Taxes

November 5 was also the first election in which property owners will no longer receive a rollback of 12.5 percent on new levies. As a result, more educational costs will be shifted to local taxpayers.

Mayoral

As a result of the November 6 election, four new mayors will take the helms of Ohio’s largest cities. Toledo Mayor Mike Bell lost his seat to D. Michael Collins, a city councilman. In Cincinnati, former Cincinnati Councilman John Cranley will succeed Mayor Mark Mallory. Dayton City Commissioner Nan Whaley defeated former Montgomery County Common Pleas Judge A.J. Wagner to become the city’s next mayor. In Youngstown, Democrat John McNally was elected as the next mayor to succeed Chuck Sammarone, who will return to his previous position as Youngstown Council president.



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Federal Changes to Healthcare Plans

On November 15, the federal departments of health and human services, labor and the treasury jointly issued a final rule increasing parity between mental health/substance use disorder benefits and medical/surgical benefits in group and individual health plans. Specifically, the final rule implements the Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act, and, according to the departments, ensures that health plan features such as co-pays, deductibles and visit limits are generally not more restrictive for mental health/substance abuse disorders benefits than they are for medical/surgical benefits.

Demand for New Ohio Area Code

On November 6, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) launched proceedings to create a new area code based on population demand. The new telephone exchange will alter all or parts of the 740 area code in central Ohio, which has enjoyed the state's largest population growth, and extend down to southeast Ohio. The commission is seeking public comment on the proposal until November 27.

NEW BILLS INTRODUCED

HB347 (Employee Definition)

On November 12, Representatives Debbie Phillips and Denise Driehaus co-sponsored HB347. The bill seeks to create a generally uniform definition of employee for specified labor laws and to create a uniform standard to determine whether an individual performing services for an employer is an employee of that employer.

HB329 (Federal Funds Repayment – Unemployment Benefits)

On November 5, Representative Dave Hall introduced HB329, legislation to require the Director of Budget and Management to make payments on the balance of amounts borrowed by the state from the federal government to issue unemployment benefits and to make an appropriation.

HB338 (Workers' Compensation – Unemployment Compensation Coverage)

On November 6, Representatives Ross McGregor and Jay Hottinger co-sponsored HB338. The bill would establish a test to determine whether an individual providing services for or on behalf of certain motor transportation companies is considered an employee under Ohio's Overtime, Workers' Compensation, and Unemployment Compensation Laws.



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Employment Law

- HB82** OHIO'S CIVIL RIGHTS LAW EXEMPTION (HAYES B, BLAIR T) To exempt religious corporations, associations, educational institutions, or societies from the definition of "employer" for the purpose of Ohio's Civil Rights law.
Current Status: 3/6/2013 - House Judiciary, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_82
- HB98** OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING LAW (GONZALES A, RETHERFORD W) To revise the Occupational Licensing Law regarding military service members and veterans.
Current Status: 11/15/2013 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
State Bill Page: http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_98
- HB120** GENDER PAY DISPARITY TASK FORCE (LUNDY M, DRIEHAUS D) Create Gender Pay Disparity Task Force.
Current Status: 5/8/2013 - House Commerce, Labor and Technology, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_120
- HB163** OHIO CIVIL RIGHTS LAW EXPANSION (MCGREGOR R, ANTONIO N) To prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.
Current Status: 5/22/2013 - House Commerce, Labor and Technology, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_163
- HB179** EMPLOYERS-COURT-ORDERED PARENTING TIME (BISHOFF H) To require certain employers to allow a parent to exercise court-ordered parenting time without terminating the parent's employment, reducing the parent's pay, or taking other similar action against the parent.
Current Status: 6/12/2013 - House Commerce, Labor and Technology, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_179
- HB235** EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS (WILLIAMS S) To prohibit employers from including on an employment application any question concerning whether an applicant has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a felony.
Current Status: 10/2/2013 - House Commerce, Labor and Technology, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_235
- HB253** PAYCHECK CARD (ROGERS J) To prohibit certain employers from requiring employees to accept the employees' pay in the form of a paycheck card.
Current Status: 10/30/2013 - Referred to Committee House Commerce, Labor and Technology
State Bill Page: http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_253
- HB347** EMPLOYEE DEFINITION (PHILLIPS D, DRIEHAUS D) To create a generally uniform definition of employee for specified labor laws and to create a uniform standard to determine whether an individual performing services for an employer is an employee of that employer.
Current Status: 11/19/2013 - Referred to Committee House Commerce, Labor and Technology
State Bill Page: http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_347



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- SB45** PRIVATE ELECTRONIC ACCOUNTS ACCESS (TAVARES C) To prohibit employers, employment agencies, personnel placement services, and labor organizations from requiring an applicant or employee to provide access to private electronic accounts of the applicant or employee.
Current Status: 3/6/2013 - Senate Commerce and Labor, (Second Hearing)
State Bill Page: http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_45
- SB70** OHIO CIVIL RIGHTS LAW (TAVARES C) To specify that discrimination by an employer against any person because of the person's credit history is an unlawful discriminatory practice under the Ohio Civil Rights Law.
Current Status: 10/16/2013 - Senate Commerce and Labor, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_70
- SB92** WAGE DISCRIMINATION (TURNER N, TAVARES C) To enact the "Fair and Acceptable Income Required (FAIR) Act" and to revise the enforcement of the prohibitions against discrimination in the payment of wages.
Current Status: 6/18/2013 - Senate Commerce and Labor, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_92
- SB119** DOMESTIC WORKERS PROTECTION (TAVARES C) To require that domestic workers be paid the minimum wage, to require that domestic workers be paid overtime wages, to make certain conduct directed toward a domestic worker an unlawful discriminatory practice, and to require a weekly day of rest for domestic workers.
Current Status: 6/18/2013 - Senate Commerce and Labor, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_119
- SB125** OHIO CIVIL RIGHTS LAW EXPANSION (LAROSE F, SKINDELL M) To prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.
Current Status: 6/26/2013 - Referred to Committee Senate Civil Justice
State Bill Page: http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_125
- SB128** SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER REQUIREMENT (TAVARES C) To restrict a person's ability to require, solicit, mail, and publicly display social security numbers.
Current Status: 6/26/2013 - Senate Commerce and Labor, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_128
- SB157** EMPLOYMENT TAX CREDIT-CONVICTED INDIVIDUALS (TAVARES C) To create a tax credit for the employment of individuals who have been convicted of criminal offenses.
Current Status: 10/22/2013 - Senate Ways and Means, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_157

Healthcare

- HB3** HEALTH INSURANCE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (SEARS B, KUNZE S) To specify licensing and continuing education requirements for insurance agents involved in selling, soliciting, or negotiating sickness and accident insurance through a health benefit exchange.
Current Status: 4/30/2013 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; Eff. 7/30/2013
State Bill Page: http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_3



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- HB91** HEALTH CARE FREEDOM ACT (YOUNG R, THOMPSON A) To enact the Health Care Freedom Act.
Current Status: 4/24/2013 - House Health and Aging, (Second Hearing)
State Bill Page: http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_91
- HB117** CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES (HACKETT R, STINZIANO M) To provide for the operation of captive insurance companies in Ohio.
Current Status: 10/22/2013 - Senate Insurance and Financial Institutions, (Second Hearing)
State Bill Page: http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_117
- HB121** OHIO HEALTH SECURITY ACT (HAGAN R, FOLEY M) To enact the Ohio Health Security Act to establish and operate the Ohio Health Care Plan to provide universal health care coverage to all Ohio residents.
Current Status: 4/17/2013 - Referred to Committee House Insurance
State Bill Page: http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_121
- HB125** MEDICAID EXPANSION (CARNEY J, ANTONIO N) To permit the Medicaid program to cover the eligibility expansion group authorized by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and to make an appropriation.
Current Status: 4/17/2013 - Referred to Committee House Finance and Appropriations
State Bill Page: http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_125
- HB255** MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY (BECKER J) To revise the law governing eligibility for the Medicaid program and to abolish the Medicaid Buy-In for Workers with Disabilities Program.
Current Status: 10/16/2013 - House Health and Aging, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_255
- SB9** INSURANCE AGENTS EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (BACON K) To specify licensing and continuing education requirements for insurance agents involved in selling, soliciting, or negotiating sickness and accident insurance through a health benefit exchange
Current Status: 6/4/2013 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; Eff. 9/4/2013
State Bill Page: http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_9
- SB88** OHIO HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE PROGRAM (SKINDELL M) To establish the Ohio Health Benefit Exchange Agency and to establish the Ohio Health Benefit Exchange Program consisting of an exchange for individual coverage and a Small Business Health Options Program.
Current Status: 4/10/2013 - Senate Insurance and Financial Institutions, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_88
- SB104** 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: 4/16/2013 - Referred to Committee Senate Medicaid, Health and Human Services
State Bill Page: http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_104



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Labor Relations

- HB151** RIGHT TO WORK-PRIVATE EMPLOYERS (ROEGNER K) To prohibit any requirement that employees of private employers join or pay dues to any employee organization and to establish civil and criminal penalties against employers who violate that prohibition.
Current Status: 6/4/2013 - House Manufacturing and Workforce Development, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_151
- HB152** RIGHT TO WORK-PUBLIC EMPLOYEES (MAAGR) To remove any requirement under the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Law that public employees join or pay dues to any employee organization.
Current Status: 5/7/2013 - Referred to Committee House State and Local Government
State Bill Page: http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_152
- HJR5** RIGHT TO WORK (ROEGNER K, MAAG R) Proposing to enact Section 22 of Article I of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to prohibit employees from being forced to participate in a labor organization as a condition of employment.
Current Status: 6/4/2013 - House Manufacturing and Workforce Development, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/res.cfm?ID=130_HJR_5

Taxation

- HB107** CAREER EXPLORATION INTERNSHIPS-TAX CREDIT (BAKER N) To authorize a tax credit for businesses that employ high school students in career exploration internships.
Current Status: 11/20/2013 - PASSED BY HOUSE; Vote 86-0
State Bill Page: http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_107
- HB230** TAX CREDIT-FOOD DONATIONS (GROSSMAN C, ANIELSKI M) To authorize an income tax or commercial activity tax credit for businesses that donate food inventory to charitable organizations.
Current Status: 10/2/2013 - House Ways and Means, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_230
- SB89** EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT (SKINDELL M) To grant a state earned income tax credit equal to a percentage of the federal earned income tax credit.
Current Status: 6/11/2013 - Senate Ways and Means, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_89

Unemployment Compensation

- HB2** UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION CLAIMANT (DERICKSON T, BROWN T) To require an unemployment compensation claimant to register with OhioMeansJobs to be eligible for unemployment compensation benefits and to require a claimant to contact a local one-stop office beginning with the eighth week of filing for unemployment.
Current Status: 7/11/2013 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; Eff. 10/11/2013
State Bill Page: http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_2



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- HB22** MILITARY SPOUSE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (PILLICH C) To permit persons who quit work to accompany the person's spouse on a military transfer to be eligible for unemployment compensation benefits.
Current Status: 2/13/2013 - House Commerce, Labor and Technology, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_22
- HB37** SHAREDWORK OHIO PROGRAM (DUFFEY M, SCHERER G) To create the SharedWork Ohio Program and to declare an emergency.
Current Status: 7/11/2013 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; Eff. 7/11/2013
State Bill Page: http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_37
- HB55** UNEMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY-MILITARY SPOUSE (PILLICH C, TERHAR L) To permit persons who quit work to accompany the person's spouse on a military transfer to be eligible for unemployment compensation benefits.
Current Status: 2/27/2013 - House Commerce, Labor and Technology, (Third Hearing)
State Bill Page: http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_55
- HB329** FEDERAL FUNDS REPAYMENT-UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (HALL D) To require the Director of Budget and Management to make payments on the balance of amounts borrowed by the state from the federal government to issue unemployment benefits and to make an appropriation.
Current Status: 11/6/2013 - Referred to Committee House Finance and Appropriations
State Bill Page: http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_329
- HB338** WORKERS' COMPENSATION-UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION COVERAGE (MCGREGOR R, HOTTINGER J) To establish a test to determine whether an individual providing services for or on behalf of certain motor transportation companies is considered an employee under Ohio's Overtime, Workers' Compensation, and Unemployment Compensation Laws.
Current Status: 11/12/2013 - Referred to Committee House Commerce, Labor and Technology
State Bill Page: http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_338
- SB8** UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS-MILITARY SPOUSE (LAROSE F) To permit persons who quit work to accompany the person's spouse on a military transfer to be eligible for unemployment compensation benefits.
Current Status: 9/19/2013 - Referred to Committee House Military and Veterans Affairs
State Bill Page: http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_8
- SB14** UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION LAW (KEARNEY E) To authorize programs and tax credits to encourage the hiring of unemployed individuals, to make changes to the Unemployment Compensation Law.
Current Status: 9/24/2013 - Senate Finance, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_14
- SB25** SHAREDWORK OHIO PROGRAM (PETERSON B, LAROSE F) To create the SharedWork Ohio Program and to declare an emergency.
Current Status: 4/10/2013 - Referred to Committee House Commerce, Labor and Technology
State Bill Page: http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_25



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Workers' Compensation

- HB33** INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION BUDGET (HACKETT R) To make appropriations for the Industrial Commission for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2015, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of Commission programs.
Current Status: 3/26/2013 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; Eff. 3/26/2013
State Bill Page: http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_33
- HB34** WORKERS' COMPENSATION BUDGET (HACKETT R) To make appropriations for the Bureau of Workers' Compensation for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2015; and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of the Bureau's programs.
Current Status: 3/26/2013 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; Eff. 3/26/2013
State Bill Page: http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_34
- HB143** WORKERS' COMPENSATION (DEVITIS A, BUTLER, JR. J) To require the Administrator of Workers' Compensation to include in the notice of premium rate that is applicable to an employer for an upcoming policy year the mathematical equation used by the Administrator to determine the employer's premium rate.
Current Status: 5/14/2013 - House Insurance, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_143
- SB176** ILLEGAL ALIENS-WORKERS' COMPENSATION (SEITZ B) To prohibit illegal and unauthorized aliens from receiving compensation and certain benefits under Ohio's Workers' Compensation Law.
Current Status: 11/6/2013 - Senate Commerce and Labor, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_176

Workforce Development

- HB1** OHIO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT LAW (DERICKSON T, ROMANCHUK M) To require a local workforce investment area to use OhioMeansJobs as the local workforce investment area's job placement system, to rename county one-stop systems, and to make other changes to Ohio's Workforce Development Law.
Current Status: 6/27/2013 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; Eff. 9/27/2013
State Bill Page: http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_1
- HB63** TAX CREDIT- OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION (CERA J, O'BRIEN S) To establish a nonrefundable commercial activity tax credit for companies involved in horizontal well drilling or related oil and gas production services that hire Ohio residents or dislocated workers.
Current Status: 2/20/2013 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means
State Bill Page: http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_63
- HCR23** FEDERAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT (DERICKSON T, ROMANCHUK M) To urge the Congress of the United States to take action on the federal Workforce Investment Act to allow states greater flexibility to address current economic realities.
Current Status: 10/22/2013 - REPORTED OUT, Senate Workforce and Economic Development, (Third Hearing)
State Bill Page: http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/res.cfm?ID=130_HCR_23



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- SB1** OHIOMEANSJOBS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN FUND (BEAGLE B, BALDERSON T) To create the OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development Revolving Loan Fund, to create the OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development Revolving Loan Program, to allocate a portion of casino license fees to finance the loan program, and to make an appropriation.
Current Status: 7/11/2013 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; Eff. 10/11/2013
State Bill Page: http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_1
- SB2** OHIO'S WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT LAW (LEHNER P, BEAGLE B) To require a local workforce investment area to use OhioMeansJobs as the local workforce investment area's job placement system, to rename county one-stop systems, and to make other changes to Ohio's Workforce Development Law.
Current Status: 4/10/2013 - Referred to Committee House Manufacturing and Workforce Development
State Bill Page: http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_2
- Misc.**
- HB59** BIENNIAL BUDGET (AMSTUTZ R) To make operating appropriations for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2015; to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs.
Current Status: 6/30/2013 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
State Bill Page: http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_59