

**RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT INCOME TAX — SB 28** (Cupp) gives rural school districts that have less than 75 percent of their territory located in a municipal corporation with a population of 50,000 or more the authority to propose a school district income tax.

**Status** — In Senate Ways and Means Committee

**Week's Activity** — Referred to committee

**Expected** — Sponsor testimony scheduled for Tuesday, January 31

**OCC Position** — Oppose

**OCC Contact** — Michael J. Koren

**WC REFORMS — SB 19** (Suhadolnik) establishes a penalty for falsification of workers' compensation claims and requires medical examinations every six months for individuals receiving temporary total benefits. Mandates use of AMA guidelines for impairment evaluations and requires taping of all commission and staff hearings.

**Status** — In Senate Commerce and Labor Committee

**Week's Activity** — Referred to committee

**Expected** — Sponsor and proponent testimony scheduled for Wednesday, February 1

**OCC Position** — Support

**OCC Contact** — Andrew E. Doehrel

**AIDS VICTIM PROTECTIONS — SB 2** (Hobson) provides statutory protections for AIDS victims in areas of housing, insurance and employment. Would limit testing for the disease and use of such tests as a condition of employment or for life and health insurance coverage. Codifies AIDS as a protected classification under the discrimination statutes.

**Status** — In Senate Health and Human Services Committee

**Week's Activity** — Referred to committee

**Expected** — Sponsor testimony scheduled for Wednesday, February 1

**OCC Position** — Not established

**OCC Contact** — Andrew E. Doehrel

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION INFORMATION — HB 50** (Mottl) prohibits employers from eliciting any information which would disclose that a prospective employee has ever filed or has pending a workers' compensation claim.

**Status** — In House Ways and Means Committee

**Week's Activity** — None

**Expected** — Sponsor testimony scheduled for Tuesday, January 31

**OCC Position** — Oppose

**OCC Contact** — Andrew E. Doehrel

**HEALTH CARE PILOT PROGRAMS — SB 5** (Hobson) and **HB 24** (Miller) companion bills that establish health care pilot programs in five Ohio locations. Programs would test the

feasibility of providing low-cost insurance for employers with 25 or fewer employees who have not provided health insurance in the past 18 months, and to individuals at 200 percent of the poverty line.

**Status** — **HB 24** in House Health and Retirement Committee; **SB 5** in Senate Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee

**Week's Activity** — Sponsor testimony on **HB 24**

**Expected** — Proponent testimony on **HB 24** scheduled for Wednesday, February 1

**OCC Position** — Support

**OCC Contact** — Amy Showalter-Newman

**MANDATORY INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR SOCIAL SERVICES — HB 80** (Guthrie) requires coverage of services performed by licensed independent social workers for mental and emotional disorders in insurance policies, certain health contracts, and health care plans.

**Status** — In House Health and Retirement Committee

**Week's Activity** — None

**Expected** — Sponsor testimony scheduled for Wednesday, February 1

**OCC Position** — Oppose

**OCC Contact** — Amy Showalter-Newman

**INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR INFERTILITY TREATMENT — HB 138** (Shoemaker) requires group and individual health insurance policies that cover expenses related to pregnancy to provide benefits for the diagnosis and treatment of infertility.

**Status** — Introduced but not yet referred to committee

**OCC Position** — Oppose

**OCC Contact** — Amy Showalter-Newman

**REPLACEMENT TAX LEVIES — HB 81** (Watkins) permits school districts to seek voter approval of "replacement property tax levies" which would be unaffected by the tax reduction factors required by **HB 920** of the 111th Ohio General Assembly.

**Status** — In House Ways and Means Committee

**Week's Activity** — None

**Expected** — Sponsor testimony scheduled for Tuesday, January 31

**OCC Position** — Not established

**OCC Contact** — Michael J. Koren

**PARENTAL LEAVE — HB 143** (Hagan) requires employers to grant up to six weeks of unpaid leave for birth or adoption of child.

**Status** — Introduced but not yet referred to committee

**OCC Position** — Oppose

**OCC Contact** — Amy Showalter-Newman

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