INTERIM REPORT CARD:
POSITIVE RESULTS
FOR OHIO EMPLOYERS

Despite a usually quiet week in between the Ohio House and Senate recesses, we have made strides to improve Ohio's business climate through important legislation passed during the first quarter of 2018. Several significant bills have been signed into law, including anti-discrimination legislation to prevent Ohio employers from violating employment discrimination laws.

The Ohio Chamber of Commerce urges you to contact your representative and senator to remind them that more needs to be done to improve the business climate in Ohio and to push for action on these remaining five priorities:

Top 5 Priorities for 2018

1. Unemployment Compensation
2. Health Insurance Mandates
3. Anti-Discrimination Laws
4. Energy Efficiency Requirements
5. Regulatory Reform

To ensure the objectivity of this record, the Ohio Chamber of Commerce has established the following strict criteria for the inclusion of votes:

1. Only roll-call floor votes on issues that impact Ohio's business community will be used.
2. The chamber, through its member-driven issue committees, must have taken a “Support” or “Oppose” position on the legislation prior to the floor vote. If the chamber has taken a position and informed all legislators of that position, the vote will appear in the voting record.
3. The chamber must inform all legislators of its position prior to the floor vote. All legislation that has informed the chamber staff lobbyist to contact for more information.
4. Roll-call votes on floor amendments may be included, but only if the chamber has informed all legislators in writing and prior to the floor vote.
5. Certain legislation, because of its importance, may be given additional weight in the compilation of the voting record, but only if that chamber has informed all legislators, in writing and prior to the vote, that the legislation may be subject to weighting.
6. Since the legislative process may significantly alter the substance of legislation after its passage in one house, the inclusion of votes:

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When we share success, we all aim even higher. We're all working toward a better state. We're all for Ohio.

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Ohio House of Representatives Pro-Business Scores

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Legislation and Descriptions

Key Pieces of Legislation That the Ohio Chamber Backed.

Education & Workforce Development

HB 971

Better prepares students to help improve the skills
gap as they enter the workforce by allowing high school students
the opportunity to take a computer science course in lieu of
another core academic course.

Included in House and Senate Index

Status: Signed by Governor

Labor & Employment

HB 406

Requires local uniting entities to pass consolidation
ordinance by majority vote in the municipal's
community.

Included in House and Senate Index

Status: Passed

Legal & Business Regulation

HB 293

Infringes on businesses’ private property rights and
makes it more difficult to provide a safe workplace
for employees and customers by allowing concealed
handgun license holders to intentionally bring a deadly
weapon when deemed necessary to prevent personal
harm to themselves or their families.

Included in House only

Status: Passed House and pending in Senate

Tort Reform

HB 271

Requires individuals, in order to recover attorney’s
fees, to prove nuisance notice or violation of the
American with Disabilities Act (ADA) and provide an
opportunity for the Legislature prior to the individual
being held liable.

Included in House only

Status: Passed House and pending in Senate

Workers’ Compensation

HB 22

Requires that workers’ compensation injury claims
be filed within one year instead of two, leading to
faster treatment, quicker return to work, and smaller
compensation awards.

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