

INTERIM REPORT CARD: POSITIVE RESULTS FOR OHIO EMPLOYERS

Despite a nearly eight-week stretch during which the Ohio House of Representatives was without a Speaker and unable to conduct its ordinary business, the first half of 2018 nonetheless saw several important pieces of legislation that impact employers or our state's business climate advance through the legislative process. Three significant bills even made it all the way to the end of the process, passing both legislative chambers and being signed into law by Gov. John Kasich.

With lawmakers having now returned home to their districts to begin their campaigns for re-election in November, many of them will justifiably be able to boast on the campaign trail that they have been working effectively to improve Ohio's economy.

Since we published our last edition of the Free Enterprise Index in January, seven additional votes

In the meantime, we urge 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

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

Fix the broke and broken unemployment compensation system by adjusting both how much is paid into the fund and how much is being paid out in benefits.

Key legislation we support: **HB 620** (131st General Assembly)

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LAWS

Bring balance and predictability to employment discrimination laws that currently create a compliance nightmare and put Ohio's businesses at a competitive disadvantage.

Key legislation we support: **HB 2**

HEALTH INSURANCE MANDATES

Reduce the threat of more one-size-fits-all health insurance mandates that lead to higher employer health care premiums.

Key legislation we support: **HB 450**

REGULATORY REFORM

Build upon the existing authority of the successful Common Sense Initiative to minimize the negative impact that state regulations have on businesses.

Key legislation we support: **SB 221**

were taken by the House and five more by the Senate on bills that the Ohio Chamber considered key votes. 33 legislators who voted on at least six of these key bills have posted perfect pro-business scores so far. Another 56 claim solid scores at or above 80 percent.

Scores vary widely, however. We encourage you to look closely at how your legislators voted and see how your interests are being represented at the Statehouse. Then, be sure to thank them – or let them know they need to make fostering a competitive business environment a greater priority.

VOTING RECORD CRITERIA

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 legislators will be informed of 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 vote(s), of its position on expected amendment(s).
- 5 Certain legislation, because of its importance, may be given additional weight in the compilation of the voting record, but only if the 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 a vote on legislation in one house does not necessarily mean a vote in the second house will be used in the voting record.



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132ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
VOTING RECORD

JANUARY - JUNE 2018



OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PRO-BUSINESS SCORES

Votes	HB 170	HB 27	HB 233	HB 430	HB 271	HB 343	HB 292	HB 494	SB 220	SB 221	Session %	Lifetime %
Anielski	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	80%	93%
Antani	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	80%	86%
Antonio	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	NV	NV	50%	44%
Arndt	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	80%	76%
Ashford	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	40%	39%
Barnes	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	60%	79%
Becker	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%	86%
Blessing	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%	86%
Bocchieri	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	60%	67%
Boggs	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	NV	-	56%	57%
Boyd	-	-	NV	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	22%	37%
Brenner	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%	95%
Brinkman	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	80%	67%
Brown	NA	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	56%	56%
Butler	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	NV	+	+	89%	90%
Carfagna	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%	90%
Celebrezze	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	80%	50%
Cera	+	-	-	+	+	=	+	+	+	+	70%	48%
Clyde	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	40%	44%
Craig	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	50%	50%
Cupp	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%	97%
DeVittis*	+	+	+	+	+	+	NV	+	+	+	100%	100%
Dean	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	80%	69%
Dever	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	80%	85%
Duffey	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	NV	+	78%	86%
Edwards	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	80%	80%
Faber	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%	93%
Fedor	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	40%	50%
Galonski	-	-	+	-	+	=	+	NV	-	-	33%	33%
Gavarone	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%	85%
Ginter	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%	90%
Gonzales	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%	95%
Green	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	80%	89%
Greenspan	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	NV	NV	88%	88%
Hagan	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%	95%
Hambley	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%	85%
Henne	NV	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	89%	95%
Hill	NV	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	89%	94%
Holmes	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	NV	-	+	67%	67%
Hood	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	80%	95%
Householder	+	+	-	+	NV	+	+	+	NV	NV	86%	96%
Howse	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	40%	42%
Huffman	+	+	-	+	+	+	NV	+	+	+	89%	89%
Hughes	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	80%	91%
Ingram	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	40%	40%
Johnson	+	+	-	+	+	NV	NV	+	+	+	88%	94%
Keller	-	+	-	+	+	+	NV	+	+	+	78%	75%
Kelly	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	30%	30%
Kent	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	70%	70%
Kick	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%	90%
Koehler	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%	90%
LaTourette	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%	85%
Landis	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%	95%
Lanese	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%	90%
Lang*	NA	NA	NA	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Leland	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	60%	55%
Lepore-Hagan	+	-	NV	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	44%	47%
Lipps	+	+	-	+	NV	+	+	+	+	+	89%	89%
Manning	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%	90%
McClain*	NA	NA	NA	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Merrin	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%	85%
Miller	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	50%	50%
O'Brien	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	50%	45%
Patmon	NV	-	+	+	+	+	NV	NV	NV	NV	80%	54%
Patterson	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	40%	43%
Patton	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%	88%
Pelanda	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%	92%
Perales	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%	92%
Ramos	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	40%	34%

* 100% Session Voting Record **NV** Did Not Vote **NA** Not Applicable

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Reece	+	-	NV	-	NV	-	NV	NV	-	-	17%	42%
Reineke*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	90%
Retherford	+	-	-	+	+	+	NV	+	+	+	78%	89%
Rezabek	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%	85%
Riedel	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	80%	80%
Roegner	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%	95%
Rogers	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	67%	54%
Romanchuk	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%	89%
Ryan	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%	95%
Schaffer	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%	96%
Scherer	+	+	-	NV	+	+	+	+	+	+	89%	94%
Schuring	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%	92%
Seitz	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%	94%
Sheehy	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	50%	48%
Slaby	+	+	-	+	+	-	NV	+	-	+	89%	97%
Smith K.	-	-	+	NV	+	-	+	-	-	-	33%	42%
Smith R.	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%	94%
Sprague	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%	95%
Stein	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%	90%
Strahorn	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	50%	49%
Sweeney	+	-	+	+	+	-	NV	+	NV	NV	71%	65%
Sykes	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	50%	50%
Thompson	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	NV	NV	NV	75%	90%
Vitale	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	70%	63%
West	+	-	+	+	+	NV	+	-	+	-	67%	67%
Wiggam	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%	90%
Wilkin*	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	+	+	+	100%	100%
Young	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%	94%
Zeltwanger	+	-	-	+	+	+	NV	NV	+	+	75%	73%

OHIO SENATE PRO-BUSINESS SCORES

Votes	HB 27	HB 170	SB 221	SB 220	HB 292	HB 430	SB 293	Session %	Lifetime %
Bacon*	+	+	+	+	+	+	NV	100%	94%
Balderson*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	98%
Beagle*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	91%
Brown	-	NV	+	-	+	+	-	50%	63%
Burke*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	96%
Coley*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	98%
Dolan*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	93%
Eklund*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	97%
Gardner*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	94%
Hackett*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	94%
Hoagland*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Hottinger*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	96%
Huffman*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	98%
Jordan*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	93%
Kunze*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	91%
LaRose*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	88%
Lehner*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	89%
Manning*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	82%
McColley	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	86%	89%
O'Brien	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	57%	43%
Obhof*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	97%
Oelslager*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	88%
Peterson*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	97%
Schiavoni	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	57%	58%
Skindell	-	+	-	NV	NV	-	-	20%	52%
Sykes	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	57%	67%
Tavares	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	43%	49%
Terhar*	+	NV	+	+	+	+	+	100%	97%
Thomas	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	43%	44%
Uecker*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	96%
Williams	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	57%	52%
Wilson*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Yuko	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	57%	56%

LEGISLATION AND DESCRIPTIONS

KEY PIECES OF LEGISLATION THAT THE OHIO CHAMBER BACKED.

EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT HB 170

Better prepares students and helps improve the skills gap in the tech sector by giving high school students the option to take a computer science course in lieu of certain math or science classes.

Included in House and Senate Index
Status: Signed by Governor

LABOR & EMPLOYMENT HB 494

Specifies that employees of a franchisee are not considered employees of a franchisor for the purposes of the tax code, unemployment compensation, workers' compensation, and other areas affecting the employment relationship.

Included in House Index only
Status: Passed House and pending in Senate

LEGAL & BUSINESS REGULATION HB 233

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 where weapons are clearly prohibited and yet face no criminal penalties.

Included in House Index only
Status: Passed House and pending in Senate

SB 220

Provides businesses that invest in cybersecurity measures that meet or exceed specified standards with immunity from employee or consumer lawsuits stemming from a subsequent data breach.

Included in House and Senate Index
Status: Signed by Governor

SB 221

Builds upon the existing authority of the successful Common Sense Initiative to minimize the negative impact that state regulations have on businesses.

Included in House and Senate Index
Status: Passed Senate & House; vetoed by Governor

SB 293

Requires state agencies to reduce regulatory restrictions by thirty percent by the end of 2022.

Included in Senate Index only
Status: Passed Senate and pending in House

TAXATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT HB 292

Restores right of direct appeal to the Ohio Supreme Court from Board of Tax Appeals decisions.

Included in House and Senate Index
Status: Signed by Governor

HB 343

Requires local taxing entities to pass a resolution authorizing a property tax valuation challenge and notify the property owner prior to filing the challenge.

Included in House Index only
Status: Passed House and pending in Senate

HB 430

Reaffirms and clarifies long-established definitions of the types of property used in oil and gas production that are exempt from sales and use tax.

Included in House and Senate Index
Status: Signed by Governor

TORT REFORM

HB 271

Requires individuals, in order to receive attorneys' fees, to give businesses notice of a violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and provide an opportunity to fix the violation prior to the individual filing a lawsuit..

Included in House Index only
Status: Passed House and pending in Senate

WORKERS' COMPENSATION HB 27

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

Included in House and Senate Index
Status: Signed by Governor