NORTH SHORE AFL-CIO FEDERATION OF LABOR

POLICY PRIORITIES: OHIO

SENATE LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

SB 93 – Create new school financing system
Sponsor: Andrew Brenner (R-Delaware)
Status: Introduced; in Senate Finance Committee; Sponsor Testimony 10.21.25
Details: Would replace all local school property taxes with a single statewide 20-mill property tax and a 1.75% sales tax increase. Places responsibility with the state for collecting and distributing Ohio's education dollars.

SB 143 – Prohibit Employment Application Question Re: Criminal Background
Sponsors: Hearcel Craig (D-Columbus), Lou Blessing (R-Colerain Twp)
Status: Introduced; in Senate Workforce Development Committee; Third hearing 10.21.25
Details: Bans private employers from including any questions concerning criminal background of the applicant on job application.

SB 177 – Create Workforce Investment Now (WIN) for Child Care Pilot
Sponsors: Lou Blessing (R-Colerain Twp), Jane Timken (R-Jackson Twp)
Status: Introduced; in Senate Finance Committee; Sponsor Testimony 10.21.25
Details: Creates the Workforce Investment Now (WIN) program to provide publicly funded childcare to childcare staff members

SB 293 – Restrictions on Mail-In Ballot Deadline
Sponsor: Theresa Gavarone (R-Bowling Green), Andrew Brenner (R-Delaware)
Status: Introduced; in Senate General Government committee; Sponsor Testimony 10.21.25
Details: Stops counting mail-in ballots received later than 7:30pm on Election Day

HOUSE LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

HB 473 – End "Pension Pickups"
Sponsor: David Thomas (R-Ashtabula)
Status: Introduced; referred to House Public Insurance & Pensions Committee; Second hearing 10.22.25
Details: Bans public employers from covering any portion of their workers' pension contributions in future contracts.

HB 510 – "Right to Work"
Sponsor: Levi Dean (R-Xenia)
Status: Introduced; referred to House Commerce & Labor Committee 10.15.25
Details: Would enact a so called "Right to Work" law, interfering with unions ability to collect dues from workers.

HB 512 – Anti-Project Labor Agreements
Sponsors: Thad Claggett (R-Licking County), Heidi Workman (R-Rootstown)
Status: Introduced; referred to House Commerce & Labor Committee 10.15.25
Details: Bans Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) on public construction projects in jurisdictions that don't have home-rule authority.

HB 513 – Anti-Prevailing Wage
Sponsors: Beth Lear (R-New Waterford), Meredith Craig (R-Smithville)
Status: Introduced; referred to House Commerce & Labor Committee 10.15.25
Details: Allows local governments and state colleges to opt into the prevailing wage law and raise its threshold.
Take Action: Tell Commerce & Labor Committee Chair Mark Johnson that you strongly oppose these bills and any attempt to weaken the voices of working people and undermine unions.
Rep. Mark Johnson: 614.644.7928, rep92@ohiohouse.gov

HB 335 – Limit How Local Governments Fund City Services and Public Schools
Sponsor: David Thomas (R-Ashtabula)
Status: Introduced; in House Ways and Means Committee; Fifth hearing 10.21.25
Details: Raises the threshold for passing local property tax levies from a simple majority to a 60% supermajority. Creates a major "tax shift" by encouraging local governments to find other replacement revenue sources from their voters.

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POLICY PRIORITIES: FEDERAL

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

Details: Congress is required to pass legislation to fund the government for the next fiscal year (10.1.25-9.30.26). No agreement has been reached on spending levels and individual program funding, so Congress is debating a stopgap measure, known as a continuing resolution or CR, to temporarily extend funding.

- On 9.19.25 the House passed a CR to fund the government through 11.21.25. The Senate failed to support a House-passed CR measure by the 10.1.25 deadline, shuttering the federal government.
- At the core of the shutdown is a budget dispute over how to fund the country's healthcare services, with Senate Democrats wanting to include a vote on extending ACA subsidies in the funding debate.

The Latest:

This shutdown is now tied for second longest in history

- As of 10.20.25, the Senate voted on the House measure 11 times without success. 60 votes are needed to pass.
- SNAP is expected to run out of funding in 2 weeks, placing 42 million people at risk of losing food assistance.
- The Nov. 21 deadline for the House-passed measure is at risk of needing an extension to meet appropriations. Extending the funding date would require the House to return to session.

Federal Workers:

- About 40% of the federal workforce is on unpaid leave
- 4,100 federal employees have been laid off through RIF. OMB Director Russ Vought is quoted saying 10,000 employees face RIF.
- In a lawsuit led by AFGE and ASCME filed against the Trump administration, a federal judge temporarily blocked the administration from firing federal workers during the shutdown. The hearing is scheduled for 10.28.25.

Take Action: Call House Speaker Mike Johnson, Senate Majority Leader John Thune, and your senators and representative to tell them to get to work, fund the government, and stop the health care crisis.
Call Now: 844-896-5059.
Note: Rep. Dave Joyce (OH-14) is Chair of the House Appropriations Committee's Financial Services and General Government (FSGG) Subcommittee, which has jurisdiction over a range of federal agencies including the U.S. Postal Service. Joyce also serves on the House Appropriations Subcommittees on Defense and Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development.

H.R. 2550: PROTECT AMERICA'S WORKFORCE ACT

Sponsor: Rep. Jared Golden (D-Maine)

Status:

- Referred to House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on 4.1.25
- Bill has support to pass the House with 223 co-sponsors (216 Democrats/7 Republicans).
- 216 members have signed the discharge petition (213 Democrats/3 Republicans) - Requires 218.
- Max Miller and David Joyce have not co-sponsored.
- Companion bill introduced in Senate on 9.17.25 also includes August's Executive Orders.

What the bill does:

- Nullifies the EO issued in March that eliminated bargaining rights for select federal workers.
- Ensures that any collective bargaining agreement in effect as of the EO remains in full force.