



Red Wine

& **BUDGET** *Blues*

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**OHIOANS
AGAINST
EXTREMISM**

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WHO'S WHO

OHIO EXECUTIVE BRANCH



MIKE DEWINE (R)

GOVERNOR
TERM LIMITED IN 2026



JIM TRESSEL (R)

LT GOVERNOR



FRANK LAROSE (R)

SEC OF STATE
TERM LIMITED IN 2026



DAVE YOST (R)

ATTORNEY GENERAL
TERM LIMITED IN 2026

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OHIO LEGISLATIVE BRANCH



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WHAT IS THE BUDGET PROCESS

Governor's
Version



House's
Version



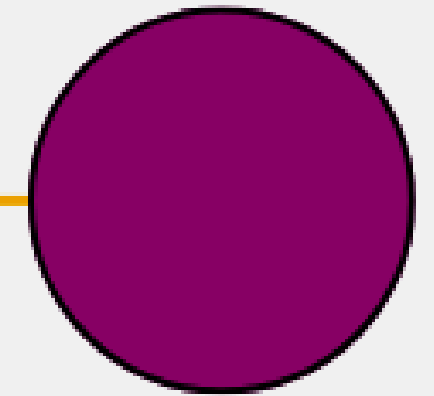
Senate's
Version



Conference
Committee



Governor's
Signature



We are **HERE**.
Contact Conference
Committee Members.

Governor DeWine can remove
(veto) ANYTHING from the
5,600 page budget bill. He
cannot ADD anything



WHAT'S IN THE BUDGET BILL

Items we want REMOVED from Ohio's Budget Bill (Click each item for more

info):

Tax Cuts for the Rich

- [SB 3 and HB 30](#) — Massive tax cut for the rich — Phases down state income tax to a flat rate of 2.75%
- [Browns Stadium](#) — \$600 million for a new Cleveland Browns stadium

Attacks on Kids and Families

- [Medicaid Trigger Language](#) — Could **end** Medicaid expansion in Ohio
- [Force babies and toddlers to re-enroll in Medicaid](#)
- [SB 194](#) — Makes it much harder to access SNAP food assistance
- [Federal Mirror Language](#) — Lets Ohio gut programs if the federal government guts programs
- [Restrictions that could close libraries](#) — Forces libraries to find space to hide books from kids

Government Power Grabs

- [Language legalizing HB 6 corruption](#) — Significantly weakens ban on corporate political spending
- [Abolishes the Ohio Elections Commission](#)
- [Heavy restrictions on public records](#) — Bans public access to victim statements, personal notes, incident reports, arrest reports, videos, and more
- [Language defunding Legal Aid](#) — Removes **all** state dollars from the [Legal Aid Fund](#). Legal Aid helps Ohioans access a lawyer when they can't afford one.
- [SB 4](#) — Create an "Election Integrity Unit" and expand prosecutions for election law violations
- **Places local school boards and members at risk of lawsuits**

Attacks on Education

- [SB 107 and HB 153](#) — Make all state board of education AND local school board races partisan
- [LifeWise #1](#) — Requires schools to let kids miss "at least 33 periods per year" to attend LifeWise
- [LifeWise #2](#) — Requires schools to let kids bring LifeWise's "program materials" into schools
- [SB 156 and HB 269](#) — Require schools to teach students to graduate high school, get a job, get married, then have kids, in that order
- [HB 28](#) — Ban replacement property tax levies

Attacks on Health and Science

- [3D diagnostic ultrasound machines for fake clinics](#) — "Crisis pregnancy centers" are non-medical clinics intended to persuade women not to have abortions
- [Creates a state definition of "sexes"](#)

Attacks on LGBTQ+ Ohioans

- [Defund mental health](#) — bans \$\$ for mental health services "that promote **or** affirm" trans Ohioans
- [Bans funding for homeless shelters that support trans youth](#)

Attacks on the Environment

- [Major cuts to H2Ohio](#)

Items we want ADDED to Ohio's Budget Bill (Click each item for more info):

Education

- [Fair School Funding](#) — Fully implement the Bipartisan Fair School Funding Plan
- [HB 205](#) — Support and resources for student teachers and incoming teachers
- [SB 13 and HB 25](#) — Foster-To-College scholarships
- [Mental health services on college campuses](#) — Mental health resources for all Ohio colleges


Kids and Families

- [Child tax credit](#) — Refundable income tax credit for parents with children up to age 6
- [Increased child care funding](#) — Increase child care funding in the state budget
- [Birthing Beautiful Communities funding](#) — Support for at-risk mom and babies in NE Ohio
- [HB 231](#) — Create an income tax credit for employers that provide paid parental leave
- [Save Children's Hunger Alliance \(CHA\) funding](#) — The budget currently guts CHA funding **by 60%**
- [Increase funding for food banks](#) — The budget currently funds food banks at 2020 levels(!)

Safe and Strong Communities

- [Fund Public Libraries](#) — Save the Public Library Fund
- [Restore the Local Government Fund](#) — Restore local gov funding to 3.68% of total state revenue
- [Save the LeadSafe Home Fund Program](#) — The budget currently **defunds** lead poisoning prevention
- [HB 307](#) — Lead Pipe Replacement Program
- [Let Ohio join the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Commission \(MIPRC\)](#)

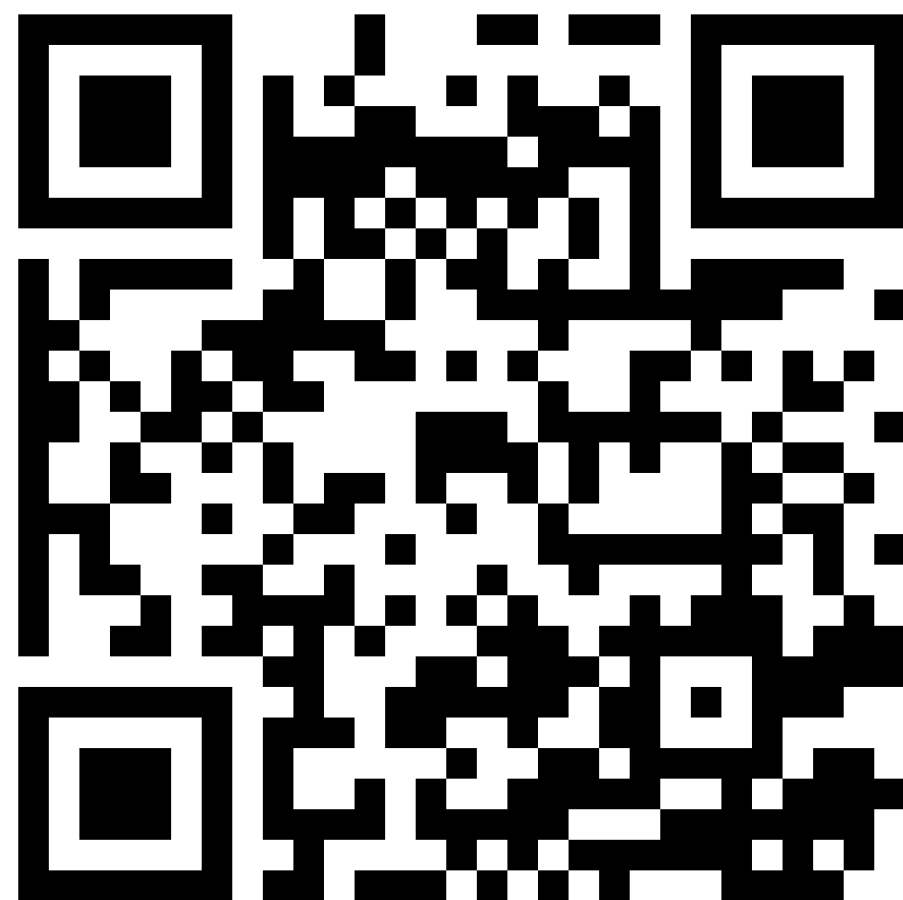
Cost of Living

- [HB 263](#) — Cap the cost of insulin and other diabetes treatments
 - [SB 109](#) — Provide no-cost breakfast and lunch to all students
 - [HB 157](#) — Enact the Hunger-Free Campus Act
 - [HB 181](#) — Provide lawyers for destitute defendants facing eviction
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WHAT YOU CAN DO

CALL YOUR LEGISLATORS



CALL HOUSE & SENATE LEADERSHIP



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CALL THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Rep Mike Dovilla: (614) 466-4895

Rep Bride Rose Sweeney: (614) 466-3350

Senator Jerry Cirino: (614) 644-7718

Senator Brian Chavez: (614) 466-6508

Senator Paula Hicks-Hudson: (614) 466-5204

**CALL GOVERNOR DEWINE
(AND HIS TOP STAFF!)**

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WHAT IS **RELATIONAL ORGANIZING?**

**The simple, proven concept
that people talking to their
friends and family is more
effective than strangers
talking to strangers.**





THE IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Slides will be sent after session
Reach out to us at Ohio@redwine.blue

OUR TRACKING OF THE BAD STUFF



OhioBills.WTF

Quick, simple actions you can take today

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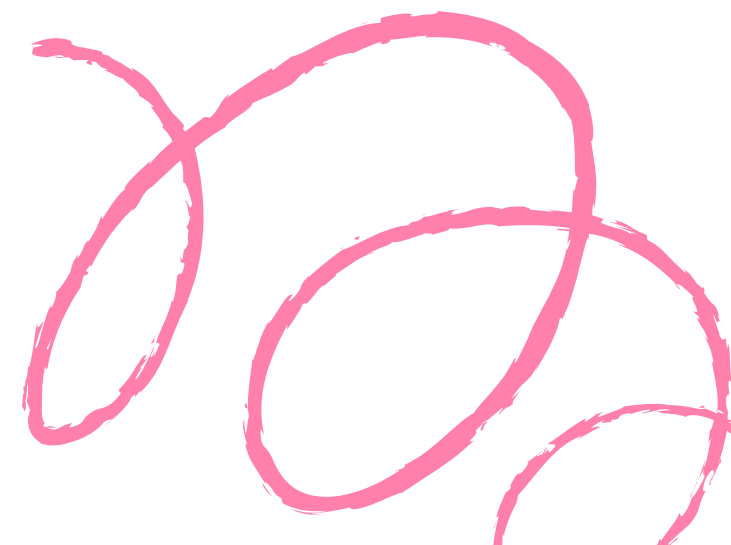
Tax Reform: We support THOUGHTFUL, well-planned tax reform - but not at the cost of public education, safety services and community stability. Public schools, police, fire, and EMS across Ohio are at risk. While we recognize the importance of tax relief for our residents - particularly after recent revaluations - it must not come at the expense of our children's education and essential local services.

Education: Funding public education is in the Ohio Constitution. We have a responsibility to provide an education to all young people in our state. Fully funding the bipartisan Fair School Funding Plan - and also updating the cost inputs - is critical to the future of Ohio. We don't need \$6 million to go to a stadium - the owners of the Cleveland Browns can afford it themselves. We need to invest in the future of Ohio - through education.

School Boards: The budget would completely eliminate the elected State School Board and move all powers to the Governor-appointed Department of Education and Workforce. It would require that your local school boards become partisan and candidates have party affiliation on the ballot.

Vouchers: The introduction of universal school vouchers in Ohio has raised concerns about the diversion of public funds to private education, potentially undermining the financial stability of our public schools. The voucher expansion has pulled billions of dollars out of public education and into unaccountable private schools. We would not be as deep into this budget mess if we placed an income cap on the EdChoice voucher expansion. The intent of the voucher system was to provide assistance to those students in failing districts to get a better education. We will not tolerate the shifting of public dollars from our public schools to private entities that are not held to the same educational standards and staffing.

Libraries: Ohio residents love and use their public libraries. The House version of the Ohio budget eliminated the Library Fund's set percentage to our Libraries. This creates instability and will cut services that your local libraries provide to OUR communities.



HOW TO GET INVOLVED



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