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**Ohio Dental Hygienists' Association
Legislative Activities Report
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The House continues deliberation on the two-year state budget proposal, House Bill 1. Work in the House Subcommittees has been completed, a substitute version of the bill will be revealed the week of April 20th with a goal of having the full House send the bill to the Senate the following week. The Senate has begun informal hearings on big picture items in the budget, primary and secondary education, higher education and taxation issues. The Senate will have 6-7 weeks to deliberate and targets reporting the bill from their chamber by the week of June 1st. While there are no provisions that directly affect the ODHA, it should be noted that the OSDB is not raising fees for licensees or registrants, the Governor, through the Department of Health is raising fees on x-ray tube inspections. Below is a summary of the fees.

X-RAY Biennial registration current: \$218; proposed: \$262
Dental X-Ray tube inspection current: \$129; proposed: \$155
Subsequent dental x-ray tube inspection current: \$64; proposed: \$77

The Governor is seeking to raise 120 fees through out the budget to raise \$236 million in new revenues.

We are also continuing the developments on the ODHA's long sought access to care bill. You will recall the ODA approached the Association with a draft proposal that seeks to create a public oral health supervision permit for dentists and hygienists to utilize to serve dental patients in facilities outside the dental office. The Government Relations Committee has been reviewing the draft language and is hopefully going to reach a compromise on the concept in the coming weeks. A meeting of the ODHA and ODA leadership is occurring on April 17th. The permits being proposed are a new concept in Ohio, but the language and idea are similar to the utilization in the State of Kansas. Among the provisions of the draft bill is an increase of continuing education units from 12 to 24 units per two-year licensing cycle. A more thorough description of the bill will be provided once details are finalized.

HB1 **BIENNIAL BUDGET (SYKES, V)** To make appropriations for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011 for the operation of state programs.

- PHC Rules, Procedures and Fees Radiation Sources
- Radiation Control Program Definitions
- Central Services Agency—Board Consolidation
- Dental Board Budget
- Dental Health Shortage Areas
- Dental Loan Repayment Program
- DOH Budget

Current Status: 4/15/2009
Senate Education Committee
(Second Hearing)

HB60 **SCHOOL NUTRITIONAL STANDARDS (PILLICH, C)** To amend sections 3302.07, 3313.814, 3314.03, and 3326.11 and to enact section 3313.816 of the Revised Code to establish nutritional standards for food and beverages sold in vending machines in public schools.

Current Status: 3/5/2009
Referred to Health Committee

HB68 **HEALTHY FARMS/HEALTHY SCHOOLS (DODD, D)** To enact sections 901.91 to 901.95 of the Revised Code to establish the healthy farms and healthy schools grant program for the purpose of providing grants to schools to establish nutrition education and agricultural education programs for kindergarteners.

Current Status: 4/1/2009
House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee
(First Hearing)

HB84 **INMATE HEALTH SCREENINGS (BOYD, B)** To enact section 5120.101 of the Revised Code to require health-trained personnel to perform a medical, dental, and mental health screening on each inmate upon arrival at a jail, to establish procedures that health-trained personnel must follow if an inmate is taking xanax, ativan, valium, or any other benzodiazepine, and to provide that the sheriff ensure that health-trained personnel responsible for medical, dental, and mental health screening be trained as to symptoms and consequences of withdrawal from addictive drugs.

Current Status: 3/24/2009
Referred to Criminal Justice Committee

- HB127** **PROFESSIONAL LICENSES (WILLIAMS, S)** To amend sections 3923.233, 3923.301, 4701.16, 4703.15, 4707.02, 4707.15, 4709.13, 4712.03, 4715.30, 4717.14, 4719.03, 4723.07, 4723.28, 4723.34, 4725.19, 4725.53, 4727.15, 4728.13, 4729.16, 4729.53, 4729.56, 4730.25, 4731.22, 4731.224, 4731.225, 4731.226, 4731.25, 4732.17, 4733.20, 4734.31, 4734.39, 4735.07, 4735.09, 4735.13, 4735.18, 4735.27, 4735.28, 4738.04, 4738.07, 4738.12, 4738.18, 4740.06, 4740.10, 4741.22, 4747.12, 4749.03, 4749.04, 4749.06, 4751.10, 4753.10, 4755.11, 4755.47, 4755.64, 4757.36, 4758.30, 4759.07, 4760.13, 4761.09, 4762.13, 4763.11, 4765.18, 4765.301, 4774.13, 4779.28, and 4781.09 and to enact section 4743.06 of the Revised Code to revise the laws governing issuance of certain professional licenses.
Current Status: 4/14/2009
Referred to State Government Committee
- SB1** **BUILDING OHIO JOBS PART II (HUGHES, J)** To amend sections 122.151, 133.52, 151.01, 151.09, 151.40, and 164.28 of the Revised Code and to amend Sections 217.10, 217.11, 239.10, 241.10, 243.10, and 243.11 of Am. Sub. H.B. 562 of the 127th General Assembly to implement the additional debt authority for conservation and revitalization programs provided by Section 2q of Article VIII of the Ohio Constitution, to authorize the issuance of that debt, to increase the technology investment tax credit, to make new appropriations for the purpose of continuing programs established by Am. Sub. H.B. 554 of the 127th General Assembly, the Bipartisan Job Stimulus Act, to allocate certain funds for broadband initiative projects and to provide that such funding allocation provisions of this act terminate on June 30, 2013, when section 164.28 of the Revised Code is repealed on that date, and to declare an emergency.
Current Status: 3/5/2009
Referred to Finance and Appropriations Committee
- SB2** **FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING (CAREY, JR., J)** To provide for the distribution of moneys received by the state from the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 by making appropriations and to declare an emergency.
Current Status: 3/18/2009
Referred to Finance and Appropriations Committee

SB34 **HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAMS** (MILLER, D) To enact section 124.824 of the Revised Code to require the Department of Administrative Services to create a health insurance program that allows municipal corporations, small employers, and nonprofit corporations or associations to purchase for their employees the same policies or contracts provided to state employees.

Current Status: 3/31/2009

Senate Insurance, Commerce and Labor Committee
(First Hearing)

SB52 **EXECUTIVE BRANCH-STATE GOVERNMENT** (GRENDALL, T) To amend sections 121.02, 121.03, 121.05, 121.06, 121.07, 121.11, 121.13, 121.15, and 121.17, to enact new section 121.04 and to enact sections 117.103, 121.041, 121.042, 121.043, 121.044, 121.045, 121.046, 121.047, 121.048, and 121.049 and to repeal section 121.04 of the Revised Code to reorganize the executive branch of state government.

Current Status: 2/18/2009

Referred to State and Local Government and Veterans
Affairs Committee

SB59 **HEALTHY STUDENTS ACT** (FEDOR, T) To amend sections 3301.0718, 3313.60, 3313.6011, 3313.814, 3314.03, and 3326.11 and to enact section 3301.23 of the Revised Code as the "Healthy Students Act" to establish standards for K-12 health education in public schools and to create the Office of Healthy Schools within the Department of Education.

Current Status:

3/24/2009

Senate Education Committee
(First Hearing)