MY HISTORY

Education:
Auburn University, Bachelor of Science, Building Construction
Troy State University, Master of Science, International Relations

Experience:
-1982-1997: Air Force Civil Engineer
-2002-2003: Mayor of Beavercreek
-2003-2005: Beavercreek City Council
-2005-2012: Greene County Commissioner
-1998-2013: Executive Director, Facilities Management, University of Dayton
-2013-Present: State Representative of the 73rd Ohio House District

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MY HISTORY

Awards:
- Wick Wright Award, 2015
- AMVET Legislator of the Year, 2014
- Ohio Veteran Hall of Fame, 2010
- Dayton Regions Top 25 Most Influential People of the Decade, 2009
- Ohio Jaycee’s Outstanding Mayor, 2003

131st General Assembly Assignments:
- Ohio Aerospace and Aviation Technology Committee, Chairman
- Veteran Caucus, Chairman
- Armed Services, Veteran Affairs and Public Safety Committee, Vice Chair
- Economic and Workforce Development Committee, Member
- Finance, Higher Education Sub-Committee, Member
- State Government Committee, Member
- Commission on Hispanic-Latino Affairs, House of Representatives Designee
- Ohio Third Frontier Advisory Board, House of Representatives Designee

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CURRENT LEGISLATION

- **House Current Resolution 8** – repudiates claim that Gustave Whitehead was the first person to successfully fly a powered, heavier than air machine; reaffirms Wright Brothers first in flight.

- **House Bill 32** – reclassifies the tax receipt for aircraft motor fuel to a motor fuel excise tax, and requires a percentage of the aircraft motor fuel excise taxes be used for airport improvements.

- **House Bill 105** – permits military spouses, who quit their job due to military member PCS, be eligible for state unemployment benefits.

- **House Bill 192** – requires the State Board of Education to adopt safety enhancements for newly constructed schools.

- **House Bill 222** – enacts stricter penalties for assault on bus drivers when the victim is an employee of the Ohio transit system.

- **House Bill 306** – requires a secondary means of egress for dwelling areas above the second story of certain residential properties.

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BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Personal Budget Amendments

• Defense/Aerospace Workforce Development Initiative
  • Appropriates $20 million over the next two fiscal years to be used through the Applied Research Corporation at WSU.

• Federal Research Center Network
  • Appropriates $5 million in FY17 to create a network between NASA Glenn, WPAFB and Ohio’s research universities.

• Ohio Military Facilities Commission
  • Appropriates $5 million over the next two fiscal years for infrastructure capital improvements to our military installations.

• Aviation Fuel Tax
  • Moving $6M/year of aviation fuel tax to benefit airport infrastructure

• Public Library Funding
  • Increases funding to public libraries by roughly $20 million over the next two fiscal years
BUDGET OVERVIEW

Sub. H.B. 64 – As Signed by the Governor

• Provides over $1.2 billion in tax relief to Ohioans over the next two years.

• Maintains Medicaid expansion; focuses on making efficiency improvements, i.e. cost transparency, minimal participation, etc.

• Ensures that no school district will receive less foundation funding in FY’16 or FY’17 than it did in FY’15.
  • Increased K-12 funding to $950M over biennial
  • Freezes tuition and fees at state institutions for the biennium
  • Requires state institutions to develop and implement a plan to reduce the cost of earning a degree by 5 percent.
SCHOOL FUNDING

Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Schools

• FY15 - $5.7 million
• FY16 - $5.7 million
• FY17 - $5.7 million

• Beavercreek, Cedar Cliff, Greenview and Bellbrook-Sugarcreek will all receive the same funding as in 2015.

“School advocates are pleased with the increased funding... They also like the formula change that took $150 million the Senate had set aside for technology and instead put it into the capacity-aid portion of the budget that targets money to low-wealth districts.”

- Columbus Dispatch, June 26, 2015
LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Local Government Fund
• Local Government Fund will continue to share 1.66% of the total GRF.

Local Government Safety Capital Grant Program
• $20 million under the Local Government Innovation Council
  • Awards grants for the purchase of vehicles, equipment, facilities, or systems needed to enhance public safety.
    • $2 million per year for implementing recommendations of the Ohio Task-Force on Community-Police Relations
      (http://publicsafety.ohio.gov/otfcpr/links/ohtfcpr_final_report.pdf)
    • Funds various law enforcement training funds

Indigent Defense
• $12 million (about 10%) increase to indigent defense funds.
  • Reimbursement back up to 48% from as low as 25% in 2008
  • Past 2 years reimbursement has been around 40%

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ISSUES ON DECK

Medicaid
• By far the largest expense to the state of Ohio, look for a variety of bills intended to refine the system to make it more efficient and effective.

Common Core
• The common core debate will continue over the 131st General Assembly; introduced already is legislation to repeal the standards.
  • HB 212 (Rep. Thompson) – Repeals common core standards and replaces them with current Massachusetts standards.
  • HB 64 (Budget Bill) – Replaced PARCC testing with AIR tests.

2nd Amendment Rights
• A bill currently being heard in State Government Committee would allow “constitutional carry” for all Ohioans over the age of 21.

Elections
• Representatives typically spend less time in Columbus starting in early 2016 to begin primary and general election preparations.
ISSUES ON DECK

Issue 1 – Ohio Bipartisan Redistricting Commission
• Create a bipartisan redistricting commission.
• Establish new rules for the district plan (i.e. must be compact, contiguous, etc.).
• Disallows the district plan from being drawn to favor or disfavor a political party.

Issue 2 – Initiated Monopolies
• Bans the use of citizen initiative to create a monopoly or determine a tax rate that would benefit a single entity or group.
  • If any such future amendment would be certified to appear on the ballot, voters would have to vote to allow the petitioner to violate the above provision.
• Invalidates any such monopolies approved on the November 3rd, 2015 election.

Issue 3 – Marijuana Legalization
• Legalize the drug for medicinal and recreational use.
• Establish only 10 specific plots of land on which it can be grown.
• Establish the tax rate on production and sales, defines how the tax revenues are to be dispersed, and defines how many retail stores would be allowed to sell the drug.
  • Any changes to above provisions could not be authorized by the General Assembly, only through constitutional amendment.

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UPCOMING BUDGETS

Budget Correction Bill – Possible
• Fall 2015

Mid-Biennial Review (MBR) – Probable
• Early Spring 2016

Capital Budget – Probable
• Late Spring 2016

Requirements/Needs?

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QUESTIONS?

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