



### **Property taxes for school safety**

Sponsored by Sens. Gayle Manning (R-North Ridgeville) and Randy Gardner (R-Bowling Green), Senate Bill 42 would authorize school districts to levy a property tax exclusively for school safety and security purposes. The bill was approved by the House on Dec. 10.

### **Allowing opticians to dispense contact lenses**

House Bill 258, sponsored by Rep. Anne Gonzales (R-Westerville), would deregulate the process of dispensing contact lenses for certain opticians. Under current law, some licensed spectacle dispensing opticians are prohibited from giving customers contact lenses because they are only licensed to prescribe eyeglasses. This bill would also allow opticians that can prescribe eyeglasses to give out prescribed soft contact lenses. The bill passed the Senate on Dec. 11.

### **Underground utilities facilities law**

Senate Bill 376, sponsored by Sen. Bill Coley (R- Liberty Township), would give the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) jurisdiction to enforce underground-utility-damage-prevention law in conjunction with a 17-member Underground Technical Committee. The bill allows for the PUCO to impose a fine of up to \$10,000 for a person that is a persistent non-complier. The bill was approved by the House on Dec. 10.

### **Lethal injection confidentiality**

Sponsored by Reps. Jim Buchy (R-Greenville) and Matt Huffman (R-Lima), the bill would provide confidentiality and license protection for persons and entities involved in executing a sentence of capital punishment by lethal injection. The bill passed the Senate on Dec. 12.