

# STATEHOUSE UPDATE

FROM REP. SARAH FOWLER ARTHUR



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NEWSLETTER

## ABOUT FOWLER ARTHUR

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Sarah Fowler Arthur represents the 99th House District.

She is currently serving her second term in the Ohio House of Representatives.

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This newsletter highlights Fowler Arthur's legislation as well as some of the legislature's most pressing issues.

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## **Senate Joint Resolution 2**

***Sponsors: Senators McColley and Gavarone***

Senate Joint Resolution 2 (SJR2), the Ohio Constitutional Protection Amendment, passed in the Ohio House.

If passed by voters, the proposed amendment to Ohio’s Constitution would require any future constitutional amendment to be approved by at least 60% of the vote total, an increase from the current threshold of 50% plus one vote.

Additionally, SJR 2 does not impact other forms of direct democracy in Ohio’s Constitution. The rights to citizen-led initiatives to enact laws and referendums to challenge laws are unchanged and only require a simple majority vote.

SJR2 will go before voters on August 8, 2023.



***Representative Fowler Arthur voted in favor of this legislation.***

## **Operating Budget**

***Sponsor: Representative Edwards***

The General Assembly continues to work on House Bill 33, the State Operating Budget for fiscal years 2024-25.

The budget aims to support everyday Ohioans and lays the foundation for the future by investing in the state and maximizing state resources.

The legislation will come back to the House this week for a vote.

Members will decide if they concur with the changes from the Senate, or, they will send it to a conference committee where members from both chambers will continue to work on a budget that benefits all Ohioans.

The deadline to pass the budget and deliver it to Governor Mike DeWine is Friday, June 30.



## House Bill 52

House Bill 52, joint sponsored by Reps. Fowler Arthur and John ensures that EMS personnel can receive their training locally.

*"During lame duck of the 134th General Assembly, the Senate amended HB 509 to consolidate the EMS instructor licenses and to only allow accredited sites to offer training," Fowler Arthur said. "Unfortunately, an unanticipated consequence was the limited access many rural communities have to accredited sites and credentialed trainers."*

To fix this issue, H.B. 52 reverses the unfavorable changes from H.B. 509 in the following ways:

- Allows assistant EMS chiefs to continue offering the required trainings for local EMT's
- Allows training to be received at APPROVED and accredited sites, not just accredited sites
- Reinstates the credential

This legislation was signed by the Governor on April 5.



*Rep. Fowler Arthur addresses the House floor on the importance of local EMS training.*

## House Bill 119

House Bill 119 designates a portion of State Route 87 in Geauga County as the "Dr. Steven Takcas Memorial Highway.

Graduating from the Ohio University's College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1986, Dr. Takacs went on to serve the Geauga community through his Newbury Family Practice. From 1986 to 2018, his practice had over 5,000 active patients, with Dr. Takacs routinely making house calls and hospice visits. Dr. Takacs was also an avid volunteer that was active in youth coaching, the Church of St. Helen, and veteran's affairs.

The legislation, joint sponsored by Reps. Fowler Arthur and Demetriou is awaiting a vote on the House floor.

## House Bill 147

Reps. Fowler Arthur and Adam Miller introduced bipartisan legislation aimed at teacher licensure revocation, teacher hiring practices, and conduct unbecoming to the teaching profession. Click the button below to hear Fowler Arthur explain the legislation in more detail.