
The Record of Capitol Square Since 1906

Gongwer News Service Website User Guide

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How Do I:

News Resources

View the entire current Gongwer report?: On the home page, click on the Ohio Report for Day, Date, line.

View an article from the current Gongwer report?: On the home page, click on the headline from the article of interest.



View an article from a past Gongwer report? Click on News Archives and select the day of interest.



Find articles of specific interest? Enter a search term or phrase in the search box that appears throughout the site. The search will return matches from Gongwer’s news and legislation resources.

Limit a search to specific types of information? Under the search box, click Advanced Search and select, or de-select types of information you want to search.

Tips:

- News searches find matching Gongwer articles, committee testimony, amendment descriptions and more.
- Legislation searches cover bills, sponsors, and Revised Code sections
- Legislative Committees find committee assignments
- Agency Meetings search executive branch meetings
- Event Planner searches fund-raisers, news conference, public schedules, rallies and more
- Directories covers public officials and candidates’ biographies





Legislation Resources

Find all bills or resolutions pending in the General Assembly: In the Legislation tab, select the category of interest in the left pane.

Determine the status of legislation: Click on any bill number link. All actions listed in light blue are House actions. All actions listed in red are Senate actions.

HB 19 DATING RELATIONSHIPS (Harwood) To require school districts to adopt a dating violence policy and to include dating violence education within the health education curriculum.
 Am. & En. 3301.0718, 3313.60, 3301.23 and 3313.668
[Text & Analyses](#)
[View All Gongwer Coverage](#)
[Create Saved Search/Email Alert](#)

[COMMITTEE HEARING \(5/5/2009\) Meeting Agenda](#)
[COMMITTEE HEARING \(4/21/2009\) CONTINUED Meeting Agenda](#)
[COMMITTEE HEARING \(3/24/2009\) CONTINUED \(See separate story\) Meeting Agenda](#)
[COMMITTEE HEARING \(3/10/2009\) CONTINUED Meeting Agenda](#)
[STORY \(2/24/2009\)](#)
[STORY \(2/23/2009\)](#)
[INTRODUCED AND REFERRED \(2/18/2009\) Education](#)
[House Activity](#) [Senate Activity](#)

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View the full text of bills and amendments: Click on the gold Text & Analyses link.

Find out what happened at committee on that bill: Click on the Committee Hearing link.

Read about every committee hearing on that bill: Click on the View All Gongwer Coverage link.

Learn about vetoes or bills that have been enacted: Click on the link in the Legislation section.

Find all bills, resolutions, vetoes and enactments from past sessions: Choose a year from the Bill Archives section, and follow the earlier instructions.

Find bills matching my interests: Type a keyword in the search box.



Add bills to my bill tracking account: Access the MyGongwer area and search for bills or issues of interest. To track a bill, click on the green box and create a new Tracking Group. Click save. To add more bills, repeat the process.

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window displaying the 'My Tracked Legislation For 2009-2010' page on the Gongwer News Service website. The page is organized into several sections:

- My Tracked Legislation For 2009-2010**: A dark blue header bar.
- All Tracked Legislation**: A red header bar.
- Status Reports | Committee Schedules**: A green navigation bar.
- Tracked Items**: A red header bar.
- HB 74 NURSING PROFESSION (Weddington)**: A blue header bar for a tracked item. The description reads: 'Regarding limits on mandatory overtime for nurses, tuition reimbursement for nursing education, tax credits for nursing professors, and tax deductions for nurse aides.' Below the description is a green bar with links: 'Committee Schedules | View Comments | Add Comment | Delete'.
- HB 160 EDUCATION BUDGETS (Koziura)**: A blue header bar for another tracked item. The description reads: 'To require that an appropriations bill for education agencies be enacted separately from and prior to any other operating appropriations bills.' Below the description is a green bar with links: 'Committee Schedules | View Comments | Add Comment | Delete'.
- Tracking Groups**: A red header bar.
- Education**: A blue header bar for a tracking group. Below it is a green bar with links: 'Status Reports | Committee Schedules | Edit | Delete'.
- Tuition**: A blue header bar for another tracking group. Below it is a green bar with links: 'Status Reports | Committee Schedules | Edit | Delete'.
- My Saved Searches**: A dark blue header bar.
- You have not yet saved any searches.**: A blue text message.

The browser's address bar shows the URL: <http://www.gongwer-oh.com/programming/mygongwer.cfm>. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the Start button, open applications (Gongwer News Service, guide.doc - Microsoft ...), and the system tray with the time 3:41 PM.

Track other bills: Click on any green box next to a bill number and click Track Bill.

Find bills from previous legislative sessions: Type a keyword in the search box and choose the session or sessions of interest.



Scheduling Services

Find out what's happening at the Statehouse today: Click on the Schedules tab.



See the complete legislative committee schedule: Click on Legislative Committees.

Review executive branch meetings: Click on Agency Calendar.

See news, political, conference and public schedule events: Click on Event Planner



Directory Services

View legislative rosters: From the Directories tab, select Senate, House or any list of committee members.

Find a legislator's biography: From any of the preceding references, click on the lawmaker's name.

Find a lawmaker: Click on Find Your Lawmaker under the Directories tab.

Similar resources are available for executive branch and federal officials.

Contact a legislator: Contact information for each lawmaker is included on his or her biography page

Contact a group of legislators: Gongwer's Correspondence tools (Resources tab, left pane) help you send e-mail and hard-copy letters to groups of legislators.

GROUP EMAIL FUNCTIONS
The email links allow subscribers to send group emails to the selected chambers or caucuses. The postal mail links generate a list that can be used in a mail merge on a word processor. The functions are also available through the appropriate directories. Further directions are available [below](#).

FULL CHAMBERS:

Senate:

Email: All Members Republicans Democrats	Postal Mail (Office): All Members Republicans Democrats	Postal Mail (Home): All Members Republicans Democrats
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House:

Email: All Members Republicans Democrats	Postal Mail (Office): All Members Republicans Democrats	Postal Mail (Home): All Members Republicans Democrats
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COMMITTEES (Click on the committee name to reach its page and contact its members):

Senate	House
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture • Education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aging & Disability Services • Agriculture & Natural Resources

Various

Subscribe to Gongwer's news RSS feed: Click on the RSS icon on the home page

Follow Gongwer on Twitter: add twitter.com/gongwer

View Tweets from candidates and public officials: Click on the Government & Politics Tweet Grabber on the Resources page.

Find out about Statehouse-related job openings: In the Resources tab, click on Statehouse Job Market option