



On Jan. 6, 2023, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine signed into law House Bill 45, which makes appropriations and provides authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs. The list below is a collection of statements of support for the Governor’s decision.

LeadingAge Ohio

“Aging services providers across Ohio are breathing a sigh of relief today, knowing that urgently-needed relief funding is on the way for Ohio’s nursing facilities, hospices, assisted living, adult day and home- and community-based services. These providers have been hit with the triple-challenge of emerging from a historic pandemic, coping with rising inflation, all amidst the tightest workforce Ohio has ever experienced. The workforce relief funding included in HB45 will support our healthcare workers that have sacrificed so much to serve us, and serve as a bridge to providers still recovering amidst the ongoing impact of COVID-19.”

*Susan V. Wallace, MSW, LSW
President / CEO*

The Buckeye Institute

“In light of the historic learning loss suffered during the pandemic, the need to get parents and students education resources is critical. Thanks to Ohio lawmakers, House Bill 45 included Buckeye Institute-inspired improvements to the Afterschool Child Enrichment (ACE) education savings account program to help families pay for vital education resources.

“By increasing the income eligibility threshold for students and the amount in individual ACE accounts to \$1,000, the reforms Governor DeWine signed into law will make it easier for families to access indispensable education resources.”

Greg R. Lawson
Research Fellow
The Buckeye Institute

Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police

“Without this appropriation, police jurisdictions across Ohio would risk not having sufficient funds for Continued Professional Training (CPT) in 2023.”

Chief Charles Chandler
President, Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police

Buckeye Sheriffs

“The Sheriffs of Ohio applauded Governor DeWine for signing HB 45 which will provide reimbursement to law enforcement agencies for Continued Professional Training. CPT reimbursements will ensure the citizens that Ohio’s law enforcement community is trained in the most recent up-to-date technologies and procedures available in the marketplace.”

Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Ohio

“AICUO thanks Gov. DeWine for signing House Bill 45. House Bill 45 contains important funding to improve Ohio’s response to our state’s mental health crisis. AICUO also supports the bill’s new scholarships for adopted Ohioans to attend college, as further help for Ohioans to access quality educational opportunities. AICUO looks forward to continuing its work with Governor DeWine and the legislature on these issues.”

C. Todd Jones
President and General Counsel of AICUO

The Ohio Council of Behavioral Health & Family Services Providers

“On behalf of the Ohio Council, I applaud Governor DeWine, administration agency leaders, and members of the Ohio General Assembly for their vision, determination, and efforts to successfully enact HB 45 that approves critical resources, including funding to support Ohio’s mental health and substance use disorder system of care.

“The \$85 million in federal ARPA-HCBS funds will expand and strengthen education and training opportunities at Ohio’s two- and four-year community colleges and further facilitate partnerships with community-

based behavioral health programs. Funds will be used to create scholarships, paid internships, and supervision opportunities, making it easier and more affordable for new professionals to start careers in mental health and substance use disorder treatment through academic degree programs.

“Likewise, the \$90 million dedicated to crisis services infrastructure will support and strengthen Ohio’s crisis services continuum of care.

“The Ohio Council looks forward to working with the DeWine Administration and lawmakers in this new General Assembly to advance sound policies and direct resources to support Ohioans seeking mental health and SUD treatment services.”

Teresa Lampl

*CEO of the Ohio Council of Behavioral Health and Family Services
Providers*

Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities

“On behalf of our member Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health (ADAMH Boards), we want to extend our sincere thanks to Governor DeWine for signing HB 45 and furthering his commitment to the future of the community mental health and addiction system in Ohio. We applaud his efforts to grow and sustain the behavioral health workforce and increase local investments to expand and enhance the crisis response infrastructure in communities throughout Ohio. We appreciate the work of Governor DeWine, his Administration, the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, and the Ohio General Assembly to support specific efforts to ensure that all Ohioans are able to seek and receive life-saving mental health and addiction services when and where they need them.”

*Cheri L. Walter, Chief Executive Officer
Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities*

Inter-University Council of Ohio

“On behalf of Ohio’s fourteen public universities, the Inter-University Council of Ohio thanks Governor DeWine for signing into law House Bill 45, which establishes a grant program to provide a one-time, \$2,500 award to eligible adopted students attending an Ohio public university. Affordability

and access are critical to earning a degree, and this assistance will help ensure that these recipients can stay in school, complete their field of study, and become productive members of Ohio's workforce. We appreciate the legislature's support for funding this significant educational grant program for adopted students."

Laura Lanese

President and CEO

Ohio Hospital Association

"We appreciate the support of the General Assembly and Gov. DeWine for designating these funds to Ohio's critical access and rural hospitals. Ohio hospitals continue to endure significant hardship and intense pressure on staff and resources. By continuing to work together we will ensure a healthy Ohio."

Mike Abrams

President and CEO

Ohio Hospital Association

Ohio Health Care Association

"The Ohio Health Care Association and our members are extremely grateful to the General Assembly for passing HB 45 and to Governor DeWine for signing it. By providing much-needed, temporary funding for our members – Ohio's skilled nursing centers, assisted living communities, developmental disabilities service providers, and home care and hospice agencies – HB 45 is a lifeline to help them survive until the state can enact a new budget. Even more importantly, these funds are targeted to hard-working caregivers who are so critical to quality services for Ohio's seniors and people with disabilities."

The Academy of Senior Health Sciences

"The Academy of Senior Health Sciences is fully supportive of the much-needed financial relief HB 45 provides to Ohio nursing homes. We are especially proud that our legislature and Governor recognize the importance of emphasizing quality of care as an integral aspect of paying nursing homes as reflected in the payment mechanisms provided for in HB 45."

Ohio Job and Family Services Directors' Association

“Counties are at the forefront helping Ohioans navigate Federal changes to the Medicaid program. Recognizing the magnitude these changes will have on Ohio’s Medicaid population, we want to thank the Governor for this important investment. These dollars will be critical as counties serve the public during this challenging time.”

Children’s Hunger Alliance

“We at Children’s Hunger Alliance appreciate that Governor DeWine and the Ohio Legislature are responding to such a critical need, and continue to provide the financial support for us to reach more children with the food they need to live a healthy life,” said Judy Mobley, President and CEO of Children’s Hunger Alliance.

Ohio Association of Foodbanks

“The Ohio Association of Foodbanks, along with our 12 regional foodbanks and 3,600 member charities, extend our deepest appreciation to Ohio Governor Mike DeWine, Ohio Senate President Huffman, Ohio House Speaker Cupp, Ohio Senate Finance Chairman Dolan, Ohio House Finance Chairman Oelslager, members of the Ohio General Assembly and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services for their leadership in providing \$25 million in Am. HB 45 to help us address ongoing food hardship.

“More than a year of historically high costs for food, housing, utilities, fuel, and other basic household expenses have contributed to record demand for help from our statewide hunger relief network, especially from working families and older adults. Last quarter, we served 38 percent more households than we did one year ago as Ohioans spend down their savings, take on debt, and struggle to keep up with their essential needs.

“This critical funding the Governor and our elected leaders are providing sends a strong message to Ohioans that they believe food security is an essential ingredient for a strong and resilient workforce, thriving children and students, and an older generation that can age in place with dignity.

“We applaud Governor Mike DeWine and our partners at the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, and food security champions

within the Ohio General Assembly for investing in our decades-long public-private partnership to not only reduce hunger but also support Ohio's number one industry, agriculture. We look forward to the opportunity to continue to be effective stewards of public and philanthropic resources to lessen food hardship and promote household stability."

Ohio Association of School Business Officials and Buckeye Association of School Administrators

"We are thrilled about the passage and signing of HB 45, legislation that includes a number of provisions supporting Ohio's public schools. From the ESSER appropriation and the Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid phase-in to the \$112 million in School Safety Grant Program, this bill is a testament to the commitment of our law makers to improving the education and safety of our students. This legislation will have a lasting and meaningful impact on our schools, and we are grateful to the Ohio General Assembly and Gov. DeWine for their work to make it a reality."

Ohio School Boards Association

"We are grateful to the Ohio General Assembly and Gov. DeWine for enacting HB 45. This legislation contains increased funding for districts through further implementation of the Fair School Funding Plan. It includes much needed dollars for economically disadvantaged students and student transportation, allowing schools to better meet the needs of Ohio's students. We look forward to working with Gov. DeWine and the General Assembly on the next biennial budget."