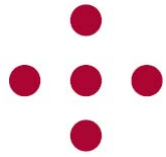


Senate Bill 5 – A Snapshot Affecting Rural Water

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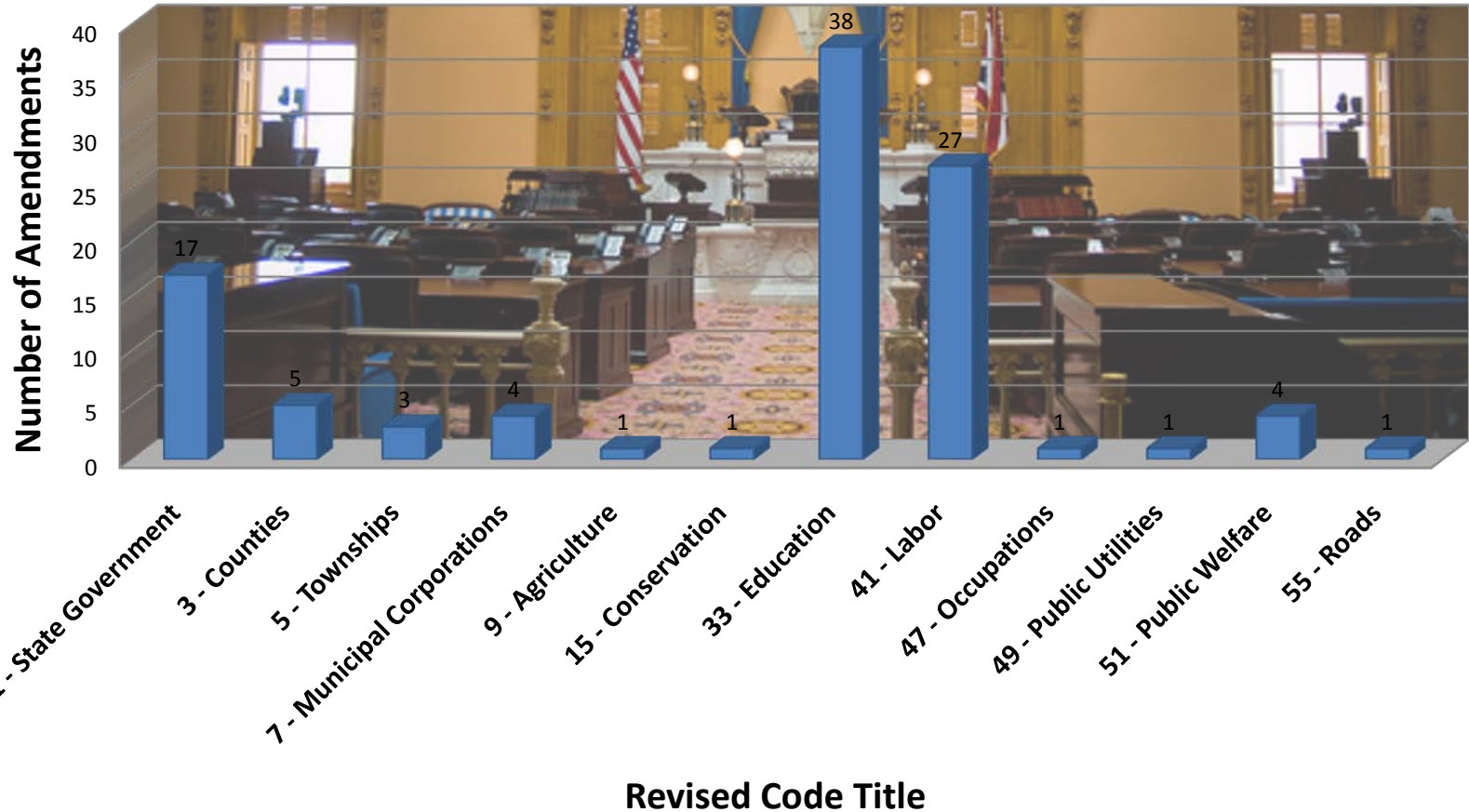
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CENTRAL THEME OF THE BILL

- Health insurance benefits
- Retirement
- Collective bargaining
- Lay-offs
- Salaries
- Promotions

WHERE ARE THE CHANGES?



Source: Rural Water Alliance



CHANGES AFFECTING RURAL WATER

- **R.C. 124.81**

New subsection (I):

- “A public employer, including the state and any of its political subdivisions, shall not pay more than **eighty-five per cent** of the cost of the provision of health care benefits pursuant to this section.”



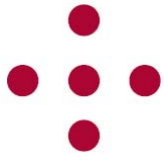
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- **R.C. 145.47(A)**

- “Each public employee who is a contributor to the public employees retirement system shall contribute eight per cent of the contributor’s earnable salary to the employees’ savings fund, except that the public employees retirement board may raise the contribution rate to a rate not greater than ten per cent of the employee’s earnable salary.”

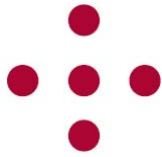
- New language includes:

“The contributions required under this section shall not be paid by an employer on an employee’s behalf, but may be treated as employer contributions for purposes of state and federal income tax deferred income provisions.”



WHAT'S NEXT?

- The House of Representatives anticipates 3 weeks of further hearings before coming to a vote
- If passed, the Senate Bill 5 will be signed into law by Governor Kasich



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On March 2, 2011, the Ohio Senate passed what is known across Ohio as Senate Bill 5, a controversial amendment to existing laws eliminating the majority of collective bargaining rights held by unionized public employees. The bill itself is 264 pages, and is available online [here](#). Our legal analysts are currently reviewing these amendments to develop a comprehensive summary of the bill's effect on rural water associations statewide. Although the bill generally focuses on collective bargaining, there are additional amendments that address public employees as a whole. These sections will become important to R.C. 6103, 6117, and 6119 organizations throughout Ohio, particularly regarding OPERS contributions, health insurance, and other benefits associated with public employment. We look forward to providing our members with a more comprehensive analysis of these issues in the near future. In the meantime, we found a recent [article](#) published by the Cincinnati Enquirer highlighted several important aspects of the bill.



The bill will now proceed to the House of Representatives, where it will continue to be debated before coming to a vote. If passed, Governor Kasich, as a prime supporter of the legislation, will sign it into law.

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