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**SENATE BILL 171, THE SUNSET REVIEW BILL, SIGNED
INTO LAW**

Recently my colleagues and I in the Ohio Senate passed Senate Bill 171, The Sunset Review Bill. The bill unanimously passed the Senate and was signed into law by the Governor on June 27th. The Sunset Review Bill adopted recommendations made by the bipartisan Sunset Review Committee, which reviewed the budgets and operations of 276 state entities. S.B. 171 reflects the Committee's recommendation that 87 state boards and commissions be abolished and 3 be consolidated in an effort to reduce the size of state government.

I believe that S.B. 171 goes a long way to identify and eliminate state duplication and outdated processes. The passage of the Sunset Review is one more piece of the puzzle to get Ohio operating at peak performance as it consolidates the efficient and necessary services that the state offers to its citizens, but also identifies where the state was losing money and value in its efforts to provide services.

Senator Karen Gillmor (R-Tiffin) sponsored S.B. 171 and I was proud to support this bill, which ensures Ohio tax dollars are being put to good use and is a priority for this legislature.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have questions or concerns about any state related matter. You can reach my office by phone at (614) 466-0626, by e-mail at SD29@senate.state.oh.us or by writing State Senator Scott Oelslager, Ohio Statehouse, 1 Capitol Square, Columbus, OH 43215.

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