

**Air Force Association
Wright-Patterson Chapter
Feb 2019 Legislative Updates**

**Ohio State Updates - Provided by State Representative Rick Perales' Office and
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Explanation of terms used for Ohio Senate and House Bills:

Continued – Bill remains in the committee it was assigned too to await further hearings, amendments, etc.

Reported – The committee has voted the bill out of committee and recommends its passage on the House or senate floor

Referred – A newly introduced bill gets assigned to a committee

Introduced – A new bill that has just been assigned a number

Scheduled but not heard – A bill was supposed to have a hearing in committee but was passed over due to sponsor/chair request

Cancelled - awaiting a new hearing date

Enacted - a bill that has passed both house and senate and has been signed by the governor

**House and Senate bills not passed by the General Assembly (in a 2-year process) by the end of the year (2018) will have to be re-introduced in 2019.

Ohio House Bills:

HB 16: COLLEGE TUITION (Perales, R.) To grant residency status for in-state college tuition to active military service members and their spouses and independents. Introduced and Referred in House (2/12/2019; Higher Education)

HB 18: DISABILITY PAYMENTS (Vitale, N., Crawley, E.) To exempt from the income tax disability severance payments received by honorably discharged veterans. Committee Hearing in House Ways & Means (2/19/2019; CONTINUED) Introduced and Referred in House (2/12/2019; Ways & Means)

HB 52: VETERAN HEALTH CARE (Holmes, G., Perales, R.) To require certain entities to inform veterans about health care benefits available to all veterans. Introduced and Referred in House (2/12/2019; Armed Services & Veterans Affairs)

Ohio Senate Bills:

SB 7: OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING (Lehner, P., Hackett, B.) Regarding temporary state occupational licenses for members of the military and their spouses. Committee Hearing in Senate Transportation, Commerce & Workforce (2/20/2019; CONTINUED) Referred in Senate (2/19/2019; Transportation, Commerce & Workforce) Introduced in Senate (2/12/2019)

SB 52: CYBER SECURITY (Gavarone, T.) To create the civilian cyber security reserve forces, to make the Secretary of State a member of the Homeland Security Advisory Council, to require the Secretary of State to appoint a chief information security officer, to require the boards of elections to audit election results, and to make an appropriation. Committee Hearing in Senate Government Oversight & Reform (2/19/2019; CONTINUED (Referred earlier)) Introduced in Senate (2/13/2019)

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Pegasus arrives: KC-46 tanker makes America more effective in era of growing Threats

DefenseNews.com | 6 Jan 2019 | by Lt. Gen. David Deptula (ret.)

This was a milestone week in Air Force history. The U.S. Air Force and Boeing found agreement on the terms for the KC-46 air-refueling aircraft to [enter the active inventory](#). The long-sought goal of recapitalizing the KC-135 air-refueling force is set to begin.

Boeing delivers first KC-46, but fixes to technical problems still years awayDefenseNews.com | 10

Jan 2019 | by Valerie Insinna

How the Air Force Lost Its Way

NationalReview.com | 10 Jan 2019 | by Jerry Hendrix

More Than 17,000 Uniformed Medical Jobs Eyed for Elimination

Military.com | 10 Jan 2019 | by Tom Philpott

The Army, Navy and Air Force are finalizing plans to eliminate over the next few years more than 17,000 uniformed medical billets – physicians, dentists, nurses, technicians, medics and support personnel

Thornberry predicts [Space Force](#) will have bipartisan support in the House

SpaceNews.com | 8 Jan 2019 | by Sandra Erwin

New in 2019: Here's what the Air Force is doing about aviation mishaps

AirForceTimes.com | 5 Jan 2019 | by Kyle Rempfer

Four big questions for the Air Force in 2019

DefenseNews.com | 28 Dec 2018 | by Valerie Insinna

1. *What's going on with that F-15X buy?*
2. *Does the Air Force buy light attack aircraft?*
3. *How do Air Force space operations change with the addition of a space force?*
4. *Will there be some restructuring of Air Force headquarters at the Pentagon?*

Wake up. America's military isn't invincible.

WashingtonPost.com | 23 Dec 2018 | by Robert J. Samuelson

Air Force Sergeants Association:

Headline Roundup: Feb 27, 2019

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[Secretary Wilkie testifies that VA will accelerate disability benefits claims processing for Purple Heart Medal recipients](#)

[Vets groups vow to pressure Congress into following through on hard-won legislation](#)

[Protective Factors Reduce Suicide Risk](#)

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