



CSI Digest

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Since January 10, 2011, I have been leading Ohio's Common Sense Initiative (CSI) Office, which promotes innovation and common sense regulation of Ohio's businesses. From the start, CSI has been functioning as a partnership between the Administration, state agencies, the business community, and the



public to develop a regulatory framework that safeguards Ohioans while promoting economic development and job creation. Under my direction, it has worked to help create a more jobs-friendly regulatory climate in Ohio by independently evaluating the economic impact of state agency regulations on Ohio businesses. CSI is now conducting the [2017 CSI Annual Business Survey](#) and your input would be greatly appreciated. The continued success of CSI depends on your feedback, which helps us identify specific areas where government hinders our business community's ability to create jobs. I encourage you to take a few minutes to fill out the survey and to share it with businesses which may not have received this issue of the CSI Digest. Thank you for your participation!

Mary Taylor

CSI UPDATE: SMALL BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL

The [Small Business Advisory Council](#) (SBAC) is the advisory board comprised of small business owners and executives that meets quarterly to provide CSI with a small business perspective and guidance on its activities. At its last meeting in 2017, the Council met with representatives from the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction to learn about its efforts to reduce recidivism by partnering with businesses to provide job training opportunities to inmates. Lean Ohio gave an update on their one-year pilot of the entrepreneur-in-residence program. Additionally, Director Cynthia Dungey shared information on the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services'

comprehensive case management employment program that is working to not only get people jobs but to ensure they retain those jobs for long-term success. The current Council members are:

Orlando Alonso

Tom Demaline

Mike Flowers

Mike Baach

Crystal Faulkner

Lorraine Walker

Michael Canty

Rick Fedorovich

AGENCY SPOTLIGHT: TAX AMNESTY PROGRAM – OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION

The Ohio Department of Taxation (ODT) is offering a limited-time tax amnesty program beginning January 1st and ending February 15th, 2018. The Ohio Tax Amnesty is available to eligible taxpayers—individuals and businesses—with unreported or underreported tax debts. During the six-week amnesty period, taxpayers who fully pay qualifying tax delinquencies will owe no penalties and only half of the interest normally charged. The Ohio Tax Amnesty includes the following taxes: individual income tax; school district income tax; employer withholding tax; employer withholding for school district income tax; pass-through entity tax; sales tax; use tax; commercial activity tax; financial institutions tax; cigarette and other tobacco products taxes; and alcoholic beverage taxes. The Ohio Tax Amnesty will only be available to individuals and businesses with a tax liability that is unknown to ODT, and only for taxes that were due and payable prior to May 1, 2017. Additional information may be found at <http://ohiotaxamnesty.gov/>.

CSI AT WORK: NEO-NATAL ADDICTION TREATMENT

CSI assisted Brigid's Path, a neo-natal care center and second of its kind in the U.S., develop a pilot program with the Ohio Departments of Health, Medicaid, Mental Health and Addiction Services, and Jobs and Family Services. The facility provides extended stay and care for babies born chemically dependent, typically on opioids. In addition to providing medical care, the facility also offers services to mothers such as job placement and counseling. The new and unique nature of the program meant that the health and safety protocols and data reporting which apply to more traditional and established types of programs did not always fit if applied directly to the innovative pilot program. CSI helped facilitate negotiations between the parties to tailor the requirements without compromising the health and safety goals of those requirements. These included the amount of staff required; administration of certain medications; and the frequency that data be reported to state agencies. With CSI's help, all parties came to agreement and the guidelines for the innovative pilot program were crafted and agreed to in less than 60 days.

CSI RECOMMENDATIONS ISSUED IN DECEMBER

STATE AGENCY	RULE PACKAGE
Aging	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Assisted Living Program (State-Funded Component)
Chemical Dependency Professionals Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Clinical Supervision of Chemical Dependency Counselor Assistants
Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Radioactive Materials Rules
Job and Family Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Child Support: Lump Sum PaymentsChild Care: Day Camps
Liquor Control Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Five-Year Review No-Change Rules
Medical Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Physician Licensing Rules

For more detailed information about rules CSI has reviewed or is in the process of reviewing can be found at CSI [Active Rule Packages](#).

CONTACT CSI AND BE IN THE KNOW

- Help contribute to Ohio's success by pointing out state regulations that hinder your growth. [Share Your Solutions](#) or [email](#) us.
- Sign up for [e-Notification](#) of proposed rules that affect you or your members, and comment directly to agencies and CSI. Your comments help us evaluate the agency's rules. Choose the state agencies and program areas that impact your business. You'll receive user friendly emails notifying you of agencies' early stakeholder outreach, formal comment periods, and more.
- [Sign Up](#) for periodic updates on the progress of CSI.
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