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**ETHICS COMMISSION CITES GOVERNOR'S VETO**

Regarding Governor DeWine's veto of language appearing in H.B. 315 that would have exempted village mayors and other executive officers from the prohibitions against public officials from having an interest in any public contracts with the public agency they serve, Executive Director Paul Nick noted, "this unexpected amendment would have significantly weakened the Ethics Law." Chairman Merom Brachman added "the Governor's action assures continuation of full observance of propriety for Ohio's Public Contracts Law, keeping the same rules for all local government throughout Ohio, in longstanding enforcement by the Commission and Prosecuting Attorneys."

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