

A legislative update from
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From the desk of Rep. Upchurch

Dear Neighbor,

Happy June! During the last week of May, Governor DeWine called for a special session to ensure that President Biden would be on the November ballot. Instead of a clean bill, Republicans used their supermajority to attack some of Ohioans most sacred fundamental freedoms. HB 1 is a preemptive strike against this year's citizen-led ballot initiative to reform the redistricting process in Ohio.

On June 19th, we observe Juneteenth, a day to celebrate African American freedom and progress. Although there is still so much work to do, we have to acknowledge our achievements thus far. As a Black man who happens to be a State Representative, I am my ancestors dream. I will continue to prioritize building up Black families with legislation centered around maternal health, housing, education, jobs and criminal justice reform.

June is also Pride Month! We must be an inclusive state where all people, no matter their gender identity or sexual orientation, can live, work and raise a family safely and securely. No one should live in fear of being bullied, fired, or otherwise discriminated against simply because of who they are or who they love.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments or concerns.

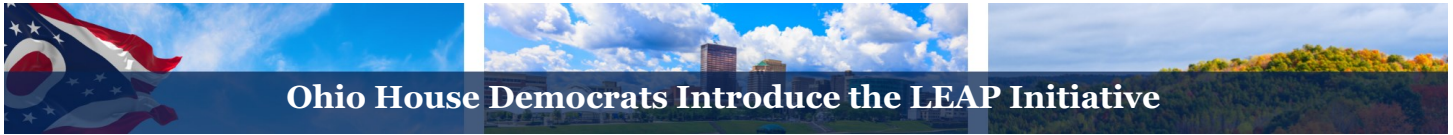
Sincerely,

State Representative Terrence Upchurch
Ohio's 20th House District

Register to Vote!
Make your voice heard

Are you a recent graduate? Need to register to vote? Follow the QR code below to make your voice heard in the next upcoming election!



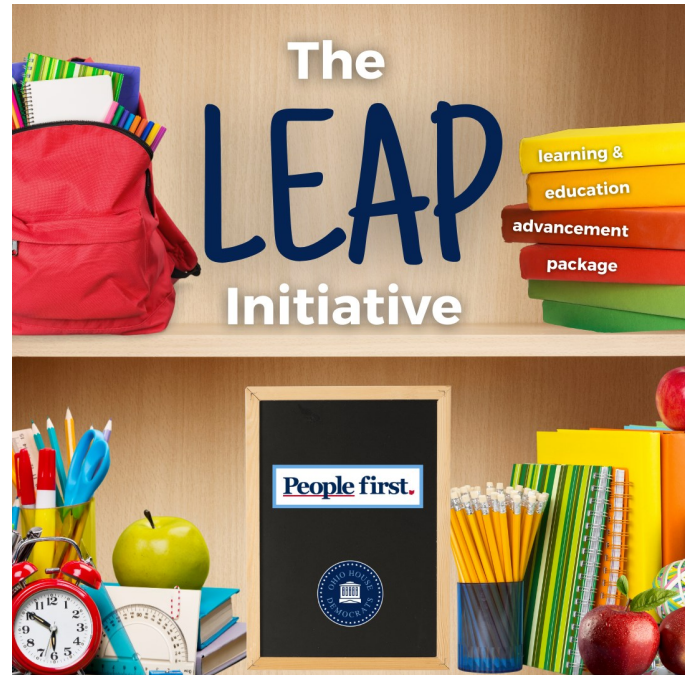
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Ohio House Democrats Introduce the LEAP Initiative

Last month, Ohio House Democrats introduced the Learning & Education Advancement Package (LEAP) Initiative, legislation to reaffirm K-12 education as a Democratic priority, setting goals and standards for our education system prior to the next school year for for-profit charter school oversight, private school vouchers accountability, investing in early childhood education, and supporting public schools, educators, and students.

Some of the K-12 education House bills being highlighted include charter school oversight, private school voucher accountability, public school support and funding, student support, and teacher support.

As part of its People First agenda, House Democrats are committed to creating a state that works for and supports all Ohio children's education, regardless of race, gender, income, and zip code.

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Ohio House Democrats Celebrate Juneteenth

Juneteenth, a celebration of freedom and liberation for our people! June 19th marks the date of the end of slavery in the United States following the Civil War; we take this day to remember our ancestors who fought through extreme racism and we continue to fight against its remnants today. We honor our pioneers, we honor our ancestors and we keep their memory alive everyday. We are their dream, continue to remember that as you go through life! Be sure to celebrate the holiday through various events, including:

- **The Juneteenth Freedom Festival**
Saturday, June 15th from 11am-8pm
Mall C (Strawbridge Plaza), Lakeside Ave E
- **MX. Juneteenth (A Black and Queer Liberation Celebration)**
Sunday, June 16th from 11am-5pm
Rock & Roll Hall of Fame

- **15th Annual Juneteenth African Dance & Drum Fest**
Friday, June 14th– Sunday June 16th
6415 Detroit Ave





Office Updates (Legislation and Activities)

The office has been busy! We have introduced 5 new pieces of legislation:

HB 325– Requires correctional facilities to provide teletypewriter access

- Currently waiting to be reported out of the House Criminal Justice Committee

HB 538– Designates Lupus Awareness Month

- Currently waiting for its 1st hearing in the House Public Health Policy Committee

HB 553– Regulate the provision of earned wage access services

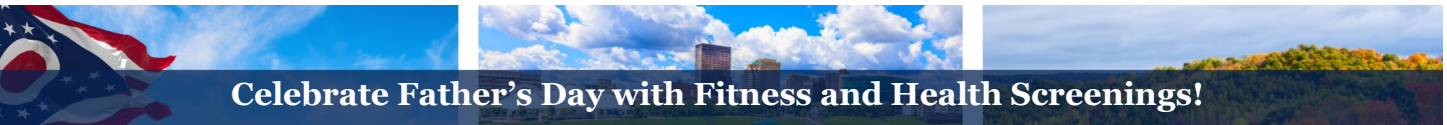
- Currently waiting for its 1st hearing in the House Commerce and Labor Committee

HB 604– All GA member to determine aide’s work-from-home hours

- Currently waiting for its 1st hearing in the House Government Oversight Committee

HB 605– Requiring sporting stadium playing surface to be natural grass

- Currently waiting for its 1st hearing in the House Economic and Workforce Development Committee



Celebrate Father’s Day with Fitness and Health Screenings!

Come celebrate Father’s Day with Representative Upchurch and Councilman Starr!

Saturday, June 15th from 11am-3pm

Friendly Inn Settlement (2386 Unwin Rd.)

- Transportation provided for seniors! Reach out to (216) 664-2309 to sign-up for a pickup location
- Health screenings (glucose, cholesterol, etc...)
- Instructor led fitness sessions
- Refreshments provide
- \$25 Dave’s gift card for first 100 men that participate in the health screenings

WARD 5
FATHER'S DAY
FITNESS
HEALTH CLINIC

\$25 Dave's Gift Cards for first 100 men for participating in health screenings. Group fitness sessions begins at 12:30pm

- ◆ Health Screenings
- ◆ Refreshments provided
- ◆ Instructor led fitness sessions
- ◆ Community Resources

June 15, 2024
11:00AM - 3:00PM
FRIENDLY INN SETTLEMENT
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June 12th marks Women's Veterans Day. Today, we honor the sacrifice and service of America's servicewomen. Over 200K women are active duty members of the United States Armed Forces with another 170K in the reserves/national guard. House Democrats are proud to celebrate the amazing women of our armed forces.



Happy Pride Month from the Ohio House Democrats! We will continue to push back against anti-lgbtqia legislation.



Happy Father's Day from the Ohio House Democrats! To all of the father's out there, thank you! Continue to work hard to provide for your families, your hard work does not go unnoticed.



House Democrats will continue to push for common sense gun legislation. My bill **HB 218: restoring local authority to regulate firearms**, is still waiting to be reported out of the House Government Oversight Committee. Please reach out to the committee's chair to push for another hearing so we can get this bill passed.