

A Legislative Update from

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House District 53



From the desk of Representative Miller

District Spotlights

Dear Neighbor,

As we welcome the fall season and prepare for the upcoming legislative session, I want to take a moment to reflect on the progress we've made in our community and across the state. October has been a month filled with opportunities to connect with constituents, address important local and state issues, and celebrate the accomplishments of individuals and organizations that continue to make a difference in our district. In this newsletter, I'll be highlighting legislative updates, site visits, and a grant opportunity. Thank you for your continued engagement and support.

As always, do not hesitate to reach out to my office with any questions, concerns, thoughts, or ideas. My office can be reached at 614-466-5141 or Rep53@ohiohouse.gov.

Sincerely,

State Representative Joe Miller

- St. George Serbian Orthodox Church celebrates 100 years of service
- Lorain County Solid Waste Management District holds ribbon-cutting for new Sustainability Center
- Jacob Morris promoted to Lorain Police Department Captain

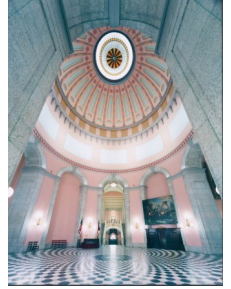
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Legislative Update & Summary

I am excited to provide you with a comprehensive overview of the progression of the legislation I have introduced over the course of this General Assembly.



Bill Number	Title	Most Recent Activity in the Legislature
House Bill 123	Designate Honor and Remember flag to honor fallen service members	Sponsor Testimony 4/23/2024
House Bill 646	Authorize digital driver's licenses	As Introduced 7/29/2024
House Bill 516	Require Annual Transfer of Funds to education licensure Fund	Sponsor Testimony 6/12/2024
House Bill 241	Regards Police Department Vacancies	First Senate Hearing 5/8/2024
House Bill 224	Allow Dedicated Organ Recovery Vehicles to utilize lights and sirens	Opponent Testimony 4/9/2024
House Bill 139	Increase assault penalties if the victim is a sports official	First Senate Hearing 5/7/2024
House Bill 282	Require Director of Commerce to establish an indoor mold program	Sponsor Testimony 2/13/2024
House Bill 78	Regards State Teachers Retirement Board elections and membership	Second Senate Hearing 6/12/2024
House Bill 633	Requires Dept . Of Health to distribute informational materials on type 1 diabetes to parents/guardians of Ohio's students	Introduced 6/24/2024

If you would like to learn more about these bills, please visit ohiohouse.gov/legislation/search.

Lorain County Crisis Receiving Center Site Visit

The planning and construction of the Lorain County Crisis Receiving Center has been a joint effort from many community partners: The Mental Health, Addiction and Recovery Services Board, the LC Board of Commissioners, Riveon Mental Health and Recovery (formerly LCADA Way and the Nord Center), and the Lorain County Community Foundation, to name a few. This Center will be the first of its kind in the county, offering a “no wrong door” approach for individuals facing mental

health or addiction crises. The facility will have 32 beds, 16 dedicated to mental health care and 16 for addiction recovery. In addition, it will be the new home to Lorain County's 988 Crisis Services center which handles over 2,000 calls monthly. Federal and state earmarks coupled with local levy funds and philanthropic support from the community has provided the necessary support to build this center, slated to open in September 2025.



Fostoria Ethanol Plant Tour

I toured the Fostoria Ethanol Plant on Monday, October 7th. The state-of-the-art bioethanol production facility consumes about 24 million bushels of locally-grown corn to produce 90 million gallons of bioethanol annually. As a member of the House Agriculture Committee and House Agriculture Finance Subcommittee, it is important for me to hear from businesses that partner with farmers and the community to bolster the economy through ethanol production. Visit <https://poet.com/fostoria> for more information.



Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging 'Nails It' Program Funding Opportunity to help Seniors Remain in their Homes

Western Reserve's Area Agency on Aging's 'Nails It' Program offers a funding opportunities for ADA compliant modifications such as grab bars and wheelchair ramps for those living with a disability or mobility issues. Visit westernreserveworks.com or call (216)-453-8359 to apply.

Eligibility Requirements:

- **Must** be a Cuyahoga or Lorain County Resident
- **Must** own & live in a home
- **Must** be age 60 or older or an adult living with a physical disability

Available Modifications:

- ADA Toilets
- Grab Bars
- Toilet Rails
- Stair safety rails (indoor & outdoor)
- Easy to open windows



Lorain County Services Contact Information

- Lorain County Jobs & Family Services:
(440) 323 5726
- Lorain County Board of Developmental Disabilities:
(440) 329 3734
- Lorain County Income Tax Department:
(440) 204 1002
- Lorain County Veteran's Services:
(440) 284 4625
- Mental Health, Addiction & Recovery Services Board of Lorain County
 - Crisis Hotline: 1-800-888-6161
 - Non-Emergency Navigator: (440) 240 7025
 - Suicide and Crisis Lifeline: 988
- Lorain County Educational Service Center: 440-324-5777



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