

Dear Neighbor,

With the House back in session, I made sure to hit the ground running. Two of my bills saw major movement this past month. HB 44 finally passed both chambers of the General Assembly and was signed into law by Governor DeWine (pg. 3). HCR 7, which supports the mission of the American Legion Buckeye Boys State and the Auxiliary Buckeye Girls State flew through Senate Committee and now awaits a Senate vote.

From the desk of Representative Mil

I also provided sponsor testimony for HB 367, which would designate dedicated organ recovery vehicles, and HB 389, which would eliminate the additional \$100 registration fee for hybrid vehicles. As we soon move into the holiday season, I will continue fight for all of you in Columbus, and look forward to advancing more of my legislation.

As always, do not hesitate to reach out to my office at 614-466-5141 or Rep53@ohiohouse.gov.

Sincerely,

State Representative Joe Miller

District Spotlights

- Ship to Shore Coffee, Books & Records celebrated its ribbon cutting
- Lorain County Task Force for the Homeless hosted its 12th annual Stand Down
- Broadway Trick-R-Treating returned with the help of local businesses, attracting over 1,000 participants

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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.

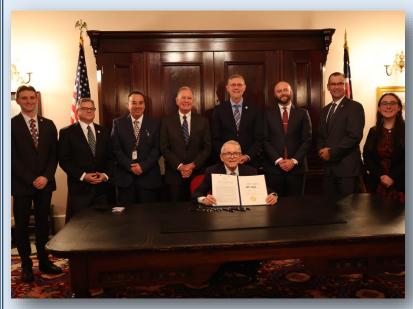


Bill Number	Title	Most Recent Activity in the Legislature
HB 416	Designate Police Officer Phillip Wagner Memorial Highway	Referred to Committee 9/15/2025
HCR 7	American Legion Resolution Buckeye Boys and Girls State	Awaiting Full Senate Vote 10/22/2025
НВ 362	Prohibit Deepfakes during Election Seasons	Referred to Committee 6/18/2025
HB 44	Police Lateral Transfer/Cadet bill	Signed into Law 11/5/2025
НВ 79	Increase assault penalties if the victim is a sports official	Opponent Hearing 3/26/2025
НВ 191	Increase Base Teacher Salary	Sponsor Testimony 4/8/2025
HB 165	Implicit Bias Training for licensed educators	Sponsor Testimony 4/1/2025
HB 164	Reinstate Joint Education Oversight Committee	Sponsor Testimony 4/1/2025
НВ 77	Regards Type 1 Diabetes Info	Added to HB 96, passed into law
		6/30/2025

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HB 44 signed into law

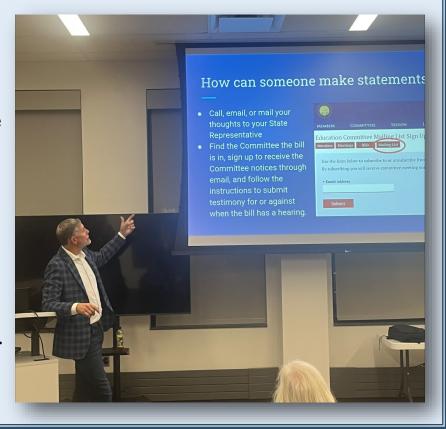


After 7 years, and 4 General Assemblies, I can proudly report that HB 44, a bill that streamlines the process of filling police officer positions and makes training more accessible, was finally signed into law by Governor DeWine. I am immensely thankful to my joint sponsor, Rep. Kevin Miller, as well Joseph LaVeck, Chief Heinz von Eckarts-

berg, Chief Jim McCann, Chief Ed Kinney, Corey Jordan, and Robert Butler for their support over the years in helping get this to the governor. With his signature, we are ensuring our police departments are properly staffed and well trained.

Town Hall Recap

On October 23rd, I hosted a town hall to update the district on what's happening in Columbus and how to engage with the legislature. Democracy works best when more people participate, which is why I showed everyone how to submit testimony for committees, and how to track legislation. I also spoke on the budget that prioritized Ohio's wealthiest, property taxes, and redistricting among other issues you all had questions and concerns on.



Staying Active in the Classroom



An important part of being a legislator is staying connected and engaged in the community. In that spirit, I have continued to substitute teach in local districts that need the extra hand, which lets me hear from teachers, administrators and students on the pressing issues in the education world. While I myself taught for

many years, it is good to stay connected to the classroom as I sit on the House Education Committee and the House Workforce and Higher Education Committee.

Ohio Farm Bureau Health Plans

The Ohio Farm Bureau recently announced that they launched new health plans for its members. If you are a member and are seeking coverage, you can go to https://ofbf.org/membership/
benefits/health-benefits-plan/ or call 833-468-4280 to apply for coverage. Ohio farmers, their families, and small businesses with 1-50 employees are eligible to apply.



Food Bank Information

As the federal government shutdown continues, more federal services have continued to lose their funding. Among the most consequential, SNAP will imminently run out of funding. It is unclear as to whether WIC will run out of money in Ohio, as some states have provided emergency funding. Regardless, some of the most vulnerable people are at risk of losing access to food.

In District 53, <u>Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio</u> serves as the primary food bank for the region. If you have time to volunteer, or are in need of food, all necessary information is as follows:

- Phone: (440) 960-2265
- Volunteer contact: Jenny Rivera jrivera@secondharvestfoodbank.org
- Address: 5510 Baumhart Rd, Lorain, OH 44053

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 and Suicide Hotline: 988
 - Non-Emergency Navigator: (440) 240 7025
- Lorain County Educational Service Center: 440-324-5777



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