

July 2026 Legislative Update from
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House District 53



From the Desk of Representative Miller

District Spotlights

Dear Neighbor,

The General Assembly is out of Columbus for the summer. Just before leaving, the Capital Budget, SB 450, was passed and signed into law. I am pleased to say that Lorain County will have some exciting projects coming its way in the near future (page 3).

My office, as always, will be fully operational and ready to help as the summer months come on. Whatever issue you have, my office is here to tackle it. While our office has a more direct effect at solving issues with state agencies, for example, we also know who can assist you with local or federal issues. So, as always, if you are unsure where to start or go to, we are happy and prepared to connect you with the right resources.

You can reach my office at 614-466-5141 or Rep53@ohiohouse.gov: we will help you.

Sincerely,

State Representative Joe Miller

- The Lorain Schools Alumni Association inducted 15 alumni into its Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame
- Lorain County celebrates the 58th International Festival

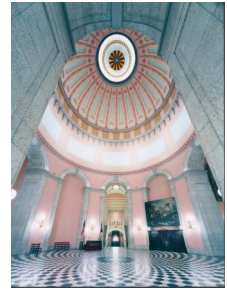
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Legislative Update & Summary

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	1st Hearing 3/17/2026
HCR 7	American Legion Resolution Buckeye Boys and Girls State	Adopted and Enrolled 6/3/2026
HB 790	Designate the Honor and Remember Flag; encourage flag display	Introduced 3/24/2026
HB 44	Police Lateral Transfer/Cadet bill	Signed into Law 11/5/2025
HB 813	Regards AI-generated products, AI systems acting as humans	Referred to Committee 5/13/2026
HB 955	Expand homestead exemption—disabled veteran’s surviving spouse	Introduced 5/27/2026
HB 841	Enact the Healthy Homes Program Act	Referred to Committee 5/13/2026
HB 164	Reinstate Joint Education Oversight Committee	Sponsor Testimony 4/1/2025
HB 77	Regards Type 1 Diabetes Info	Added to HB 96, passed into law 6/30/2025

Lorain County and the Capital Budget

Whether on social media or the news, you have likely seen someone discuss the 2026-27 capital budget. So, what is the capital budget, and how will it help Lorain County?

During even numbered years, the State of Ohio traditionally enacts a capital budget to help fund the infrastructure needs of state agencies, construction and maintenance of public higher education facilities and K-12 public schools, grants for local infrastructure, and funding for local community projects. Many great organizations in District 53 and Lorain County submitted proposals for community projects to our office, many of which were funded. Below is the full breakdown of what SB 450, this capital budget, is bringing to Lorain

County: **\$10,428,301 in total**

- **\$6,392,301** to Lorain County Community College
- **\$650,000** for East Park Pool and Rec Improvements
- **\$500,000** to the Neighborhood Alliance Early Childhood Enhancement Initiative
- **\$500,000** to the Avon Traxler Preserve Project
- **\$450,000** to the Palmer Field Youth Safety Project
- **\$250,000** to Riveon Primary Care Services
- **\$195,000** to the Historic Grafton School Renovation
- **\$175,000** to Cleveland Clinic Richard E. Jacobs Health Center Cancer Services
- **\$160,000** to the Amherst Patriots Park Memorial Project
- **\$150,000** to Lorain County Safe Harbor
- **\$150,000** to the McGregor PACE Landing Walking Trails
- **\$150,000** for Miller Road Boat Launch Improvements
- **\$150,000** for Showse Park Revitalization
- **\$100,000** for Brownhelm Township Schoolhouse Park Improvements
- **\$100,000** for Union School Park Improvements
- **\$75,000** to IConnect – Lorain
- **\$75,000** to the Wilson Bruce Evans Historical Project
- **\$56,000** for the North Ridgeville Fire Museum Restoration
- **\$50,000** for the Carnegie Center Roof Replacement
- **\$50,000** to the James Day Park Renovation Project
- **\$40,000** to the Amherst Quarry Museum
- **\$10,000** for the Lorain County Fairgrounds Helipad



Protecting our Neighbors

Everyone has dignity, it is inherent to us all. The Founders believed it self-evident that all are created equal with certain inalienable rights. When the disabled community found that their rights to life, liberty, and pursuing happiness were under threat, they showed up to fight to preserve the care they need and

deserve. Despite the derision and baseless attacks levied against them, they remained firm and I am proud to have been there with them.

Farewell to Nick

We will soon be bidding farewell to my Legislative Aide, Nicholas Glahn. He first started in my office as an intern early in his college days, later becoming my Legislative Aide after finishing his undergraduate degree. An Amherst native, he has been invaluable in assisting me on all matters,

whether it be constituent casework, research, legislative drafting, social media, and simply keeping the District 53 Office running smoothly. He is now heading off to the Donald P. Klekamp College of Law at the University of Cincinnati for the upcoming school year. While I am saddened to lose his talents, I am excited for opportunities law school will present him. I know he is committed to the same core ideas of justice, opportunity, and freedom that I hold myself to, and I look forward to seeing what he can do with this education.



Summer Crisis Program

With the summer heat and weather showing itself, cost of living will go up as we try to stay cool. If you are struggling, the Lorain County Community Action Agency is launching its Summer Crisis Program starting July 1st for those seeking relief from the heat. eligible households with a one-time benefit to assist with electric bills, central air conditioning repairs and air conditioning unit and/or fan purchases.

The primary qualification for the program is a gross annual income at or below 175 percent of the federal poverty line (\$57,750 for a family of four in 2026). You must also meet one of the below criteria to qualify:

- At least one household member is age 60 or older.
- A household member has a documented medical condition worsened by extreme heat.
- Electric service has been disconnected or they have received a disconnect notice.
- Resident is trying to establish new service.

For more details or to apply, visit www.lcaa.net.

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

- General Helpline and Resource Guide:



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