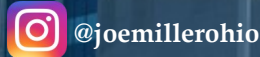


A Legislative Update from
STATE REP. JOE MILLER



House District 53

From the desk of Representative Miller

District Spotlights

Dear Neighbor,

August in Lorain County means it is finally time for the County Fair! I am excited to share with you some highlights from this year's Lorain County Fair.

As one of the largest and most beloved events in our community, the Lorain County Fair is a tradition that brings together friends, families, and neighbors from across the county to celebrate our agriculture and community spirit. I got to support the Jr. Fair participants through the Livestock Auction, and see what our local farmers and small businesses have worked on this year to make the fair a success.



Sincerely,

State Representative Joe Miller

- Brandon Dimacchia named the new Amherst Fire Chief
- Lorain Lions Club honors members for decades of service
- Ariel Burger, Lorain teenager, wins second rolling skating national championship

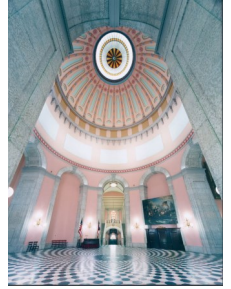
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Legislative Update & Summary

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.

Skylift Inc. Tour and New Product Line

On Thursday, August 15th, I got the chance to tour the Skylift Facility in Lorain. Skylift makes equipment for utility pole and transformer installations, tree trimming, and other applications. One of my former students, DJ Simonovich, is now an engineer for Skylift and designed Skylift's new articulating telescopic boom product line.

- The first two models created are the Skylift SBA-55i and Skylift SBA-47i.
- The photo to the left shows the first SBA-47i mounted on a Ford F550 chassis, which are produced right in the district in Avon Lake.



Ohio Tax Credit Authority approves Tax Credit for Camaco Lorain Manufacturing

This August, the Ohio Tax Credit Authority approved a 1.325%, eight-year Job Creation Tax Credit for the Camaco Manufacturing Facility in the City of Lorain.



This is as a result of an expansion project in Lorain, which expects to create 104 full-time equivalent positions generating more than \$5.2 million in new annual payroll. The proposed project involves acquiring a new facility that will allow for increased production capacity made possible by new contract. I am excited for this new economic growth in the district.

State Board of Education Controlling Board Funding

During the 8/19 Controlling Board Meeting, the members approved a on-time allocation in the amount of \$4.66 million to the SBOE's Teacher Certification and Licensure Fund. This allocation was made following a deficit with the SBOE's Licensure Fund that would have dramatically increase the amount that educators are spending out of pocket each year and could contribute to deterring new educators from joining the workforce and potentially push current one's out due to the cost.



While this funding is a step in the right direction, my **HB 516** would provide a yearly allocation to the SBOE's Licensure Fund, providing a more permanent solution to the deficit. The bill had its first hearing in the House Finance Committee on 6/12/2024, I am looking forward to future hearings. Visit <https://ohiohouse.gov/legislation/135/hb516> for more information.

Ohio Public Utilities Commission Meeting

PUCO will hold a briefing the first week of September, following the electric power outages resulting from the severe weather that began on August 6th, 2024 which impacted more than 300,000 homes & businesses.

WHEN: Wednesday, Sept. 4th 2024 (immediately following 1:30 Commission Meeting)

WHERE: 180 E. Broad St, Columbus OH 43215 Hearing Room 11-B

NOTE: PUCO Commission meetings are open to the public and livestreamed on the [PUCO YouTube channel](#).

Beginning Farmer Tax Credit

This tax credit was created by House Bill 95 in the 134th General Assembly. A beginning farmer is an Ohio resident who is looking to enter the farming industry or has less than 10 years of experience as a farm owner or operator. This program offers income tax credit opportunities in two categories:

- Beginning farmers who attend a financial management program.
- Individuals/businesses that sell or rent farmland, livestock, buildings, or equipment to beginning farmers.

Visit the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Page on the Ohio Dept. of Agriculture's website to learn more. (<https://agri.ohio.gov/programs/farmland-preservation-office/Beginning-Farmer-Tax-Credit-Program>)

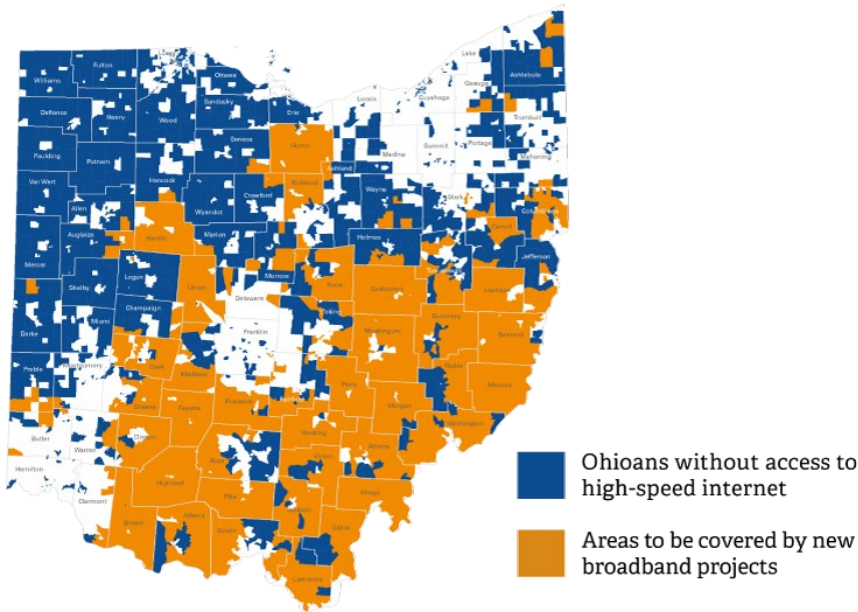
How to Apply

A Beginning Farmer should submit a complete application along with required attachments to ODA at BeginningFarmer@agri.ohio.gov.



Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Program

The Ohio Department Of Development recently announced a state investment of \$94.5 million that will provide affordable, high-speed internet access to more than 35,000 households across the state.



- ORBEG is a competitive grant program designed to fund last-mile broadband infrastructure projects in rural areas currently lacking access to reliable, high-speed internet.
- \$15,287,761 to provide access to 5,289 households in Ashland, Erie, Geauga, Lorain, Lucas, and Wood counties
- Visit <https://broadband.ohio.gov/grant-opportunities/broadband-expansion> for more information.

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- 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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