

A legislative update from
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Dear Neighbor,

I hope 2024 has been treating you well! We are already more than halfway through the 135th General Assembly, which means I am over halfway through my first term serving the people of House District 24! It is an honor to serve the people of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, and I hope to continue our positive momentum through the rest of the year!

The first few months of 2024 have been incredibly busy in our office. In early February, I helped pass [House Bill \(HB\) 2](#), appropriating \$2B of state funds for economic development and community investments that will help drive economic growth and generate opportunities across Ohio. **HB 2** now awaits further consideration in the Senate.

Individually, I have introduced and continue to work on numerous bills addressing rising property taxes, gun violence, alarming trends of student absenteeism, and housing shortages in Ohio (see pages 2-3 for more info).

As always, my job is to serve you! Please do not hesitate to contact me or my office if you ever need any assistance with state services or have thoughts about a piece of legislation. Your opinions help guide my work in the legislature, so I always welcome your feedback!

Sincerely,

Dani Isaacsohn
State Representative
Ohio House District 24

March 19th Primary Election

- 1 Check your voter registration
- 2 Make a plan to vote:
-Vote by mail
-Early in-person
-Election day
- 3 Vote with a friend

The 2024 Ohio Primary Election is on March 19th! Don't forget to let your voice be heard—make a plan to vote now!

Women's HISTORY MONTH

MARCH 2024

OHIO HOUSE DEMS

From First Lady of Blues Mamie Smith to Hollywood legend Doris Day to Civil Rights pioneer Marian Spencer, Cincinnati and Ohio are home to many impactful women. This March, we honor those who made history, and celebrate their strength, courage, and unwavering spirit. Happy Women's History Month!

Legislative Update: HB 263—Senior Property Tax Freeze



Rep. Isaacsohn and Rep. Hall at a press conference following the introduction of HB 263.

My office has heard from numerous constituents concerned about their sharply-rising property taxes. One solution I have offered, HB 263, would freeze property taxes for eligible seniors.

Every Ohioan deserves to retire in comfort and dignity. Rising costs of living present a number of problems for Ohioans living on a fixed income, particularly our seniors. This targeted relief will allow us to address one of Ohio's most vulnerable populations first.

The proposal would allow for older Ohioans to plan ahead and budget for their property taxes, and not be blindsided by large increases, such as what we saw this year with property valuations.

HB 263 has received four hearings thus far in the House Ways & Means Committee, and we hope to continue advancing the bill toward a floor vote.

My bipartisan co-sponsor, Rep. Thomas Hall, and I continue to explore tweaks to the bill that would maximize the benefit for our seniors. Taking care of our elderly is a bipartisan issue, and I hope that my colleagues on both sides of the aisle will join me in passing this measure.

Gun Violence Prevention—HB 418 and HB 419

On February 15th, the Ohio House Democratic Caucus held its first annual Gun Violence Prevention Summit in conjunction with numerous local, state, and national groups including Moms Demand Action, the Brady Campaign, and the White House.

At the summit, I had the opportunity to hear from those who have been personally affected by the gun violence epidemic, as well as hearing from experts offering their ideas to curb this crisis.

In that vein, I was able to introduce two separate pieces of common-sense gun control legislation that will positively address the crisis at hand.

HB 418, jointly sponsored with fellow caucus member Rep. Richard Brown, would repeal permitless concealed carry laws and reinstate Ohio's previous laws regarding concealed carry that were in effect until 2022.

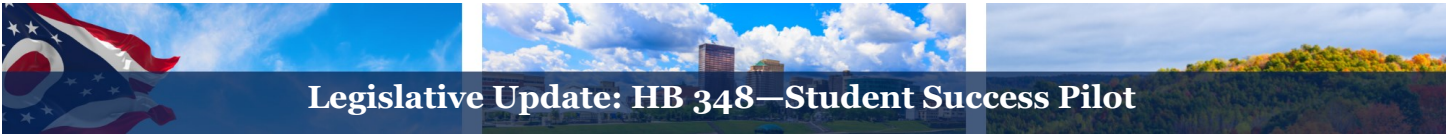
HB 419, jointly sponsored with fellow caucus

member Rep. Phil Robinson, would require universal background checks on all firearms purchases.

Over 80 percent of Ohioans agree that something must be done to address this crisis, and I will fight for these bills to be given the consideration that they deserve in the House.



Rep. Isaacsohn and Rep. Brown introducing HB 418 following the Gun Violence Prevention Summit.



Legislative Update: HB 348—Student Success Pilot

On January 16th, I had the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on HB 348 with my bi-partisan joint sponsor, Rep. Bill Seitz. This legislation would authorize a pilot program intended to reduce chronic absenteeism in our schools through conditional cash transfers (CCTs) to students who meet attendance requirements.

HB 348 would test CCTs in just a few schools around the state to allow for the Department of Education and Workforce to determine the best practices for a program such as this.

Rep. Seitz and I are keenly aware of the urgent need to address chronic absenteeism—chronic absenteeism is defined as missing 10 percent or more of days in a school year, and over 30 percent of Ohio students were chronically absent from school in 2022.

HB 348 is an innovative, evidence-based proposal to getting kids back in school. New York City, Chicago, Brazil, Mexico, and many other places have had success with similar programs. The goal is to raise attendance, grades, and graduation rates, all through one program.



Rep. Seitz and Rep. Isaacsohn during sponsor testimony for HB 348.

The bill received quite a lot of media attention after its introduction—it has been great to start the conversation around this important issue, and Rep. Seitz and I hope to continue the conversation while providing solutions to the problem. Though we have only received one hearing, we are optimistic that this bill can move forward.



Committee Update



Rep. Isaacsohn studying testimony during a recent meeting of the Ways and Means committee.

I am pleased to announce two new committee assignments for the 135th General Assembly.

I am very excited to take on my new role as the Ranking Member of the Civil Justice Committee, where I will be able to put on my lawyer hat and advocate on behalf of Ohioans for better and more robust legal protections and a fairer legal system here in Ohio.

Additionally, I have also been appointed as a member of the Constitutional Resolutions committee.

These duties will be in addition to my existing responsibilities as Ranking Member of the Finance Subcommittee on Primary and Secondary Education, and as a member of the Finance, Ways and Means, Government Oversight, and Technology and Innovation committees.



In and Around District 24



Congratulations Zariyah! Rep. Isaacsohn presents Zariyah Brown with a commendation after she was named the 2024 Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Cincinnati Youth of the Year on Feb. 29.



Rep. Isaacsohn, joined by Rep. Bill Roemer, Sen. Michelle Reynolds, and Sen. George Lang at an Ohio Chamber of Commerce panel discussing housing needs in Ohio on Feb. 1.



Rep. Isaacsohn with students and administrators during a visit to Akron Public Schools Helen Arnold CLC on March 11.



Rep. Isaacsohn, with Rep. Jean Schmidt, at a panel with St. Xavier and St. Ursula students on Feb. 23.



Rep. Isaacsohn volunteering with Saturday Hoops on March 2. Saturday Hoops is a free program for that includes activities, speakers, and other programs for Cincinnati children.



Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Cincinnati CEO Bill Bresser hosted Rep. Isaacsohn at the Sheakley Club on Feb. 13 to highlight some of the Boys & Girls Clubs after-school programs.