

A legislative update from
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From the desk of Rep. Baker

Dear Neighbor,

May was a very busy month for my office. Both in legislation and in the District 27 community! In May, we also commemorated Memorial Day. In the spirit of Memorial Day, we would like to honor those who have given the ultimate sacrifice to protect our country.

May is Mental Health Awareness month. This reminds us to acknowledge the importance of supporting the mental health and wellness of all Ohioans.

Throughout the different session and committee days, six of my House Bills (HB) were presented in committee. HBs 300, 362, 388, 397 and 452 were heard in committee while HB 352 was passed through the House and is on its way to the Senate!

On May 13th, Abigail and I visited all thirty one public schools in District 27 to thank our teachers, staff and administration for all that they do for our students.

If you ever have any questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me and I would be happy to assist you.

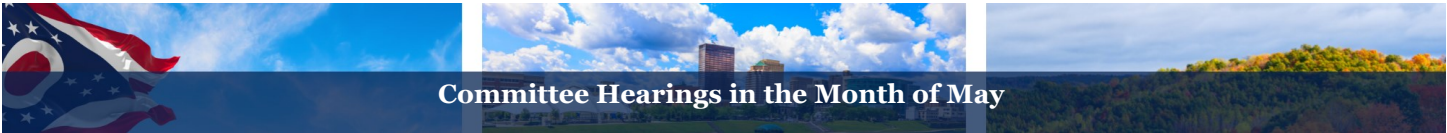
Sincerely,
Rachel Baker

Here are some ways my office can assist you:

- Disputes with state government agencies;
- Ohio House commendations, condolences, and congratulatory letters;
- Proposing bill ideas and law changes;
- Connecting you or your business to state programs or services

Helpful Contacts:

- BMV: (844) 644-6268
- Hamilton County Board of Elections: (513) 632-7000
- Hamilton County Job and Family Services: (513-946-1000)
- Legal Aid of Greater Cincinnati: (513) 241-9400
- Ohio Consumers' Counsel: (614) 466-8574
- Unemployment Compensation Hotline: (877) 644-6562



Committee Hearings in the Month of May

House Bill 397

Regards increasing education, awareness, and understanding of cognitive impairment, Alzheimer's, and dementia.



Representative Rachel Baker (D-Cincinnati)
Representative Jim Hoops (R-Napoleon)

In May, I had the opportunity to present six of my bills in the Behavioral Health, Health Provider Services and Public Health committees.

On May 7th, both HB 300 and 352 had their third hearings. HB 300, a bill in which I am working alongside Representative Sharon Ray, would establish a pilot program for remote treatment of opioid use disorder was scheduled for opponent testimony—and there were no opponents! HB 300 is a bill that would provide the opportunity to study whether offering remote monitoring of methadone treatment results in more successful care. HB 300's legislation would benefit many people and make healthcare more accessible. The second bill heard in committee was HB 352. This bill would establish the Adverse Childhood Experiences Study Commission and it was passed unanimously in committee!

House Bill 388

Regards enforcement of Renovation, Repair, and Painting Rule.



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Representative Andrea White (R-Kettering)

Also, on May 7th, in the Health Provider Services committee, HB 362 had its fourth hearing with proponent, opponent and interested parties testimony. HB 362, a bill in which I am working alongside Representative Monica Robb Blasdel, would revise the law governing certified registered nurse anesthetists. HB 362 would change the current law requirement that a certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA) practice under supervision of a physician, podiatrist, or dentist to allow a consulting relationship.

House Bill 452

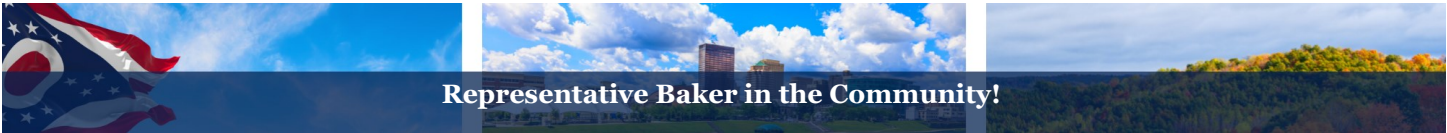
Regards hospital violence prevention, training and security plans.



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On May 16th, three of my House Bills, HB 388, 397 and 452 had their first hearings. HB 388, regards enforcement of the federal Renovation, Repair, and Painting Rule. I am working alongside Representative Andrea White on this bill that would authorize the Ohio Department of Health to enter into agreements with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the administration and enforcement of the federal Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP) Rule. This would allow more local education around the rule with the goal of decreasing Ohio children's exposure to lead. HB 397 would require the Department of Health and Aging, Commission on Minority Health, and community organizations to incorporate Alzheimer's disease and dementia awareness information into relevant public health outreach. I am working with Representative James Hoops on this bill. Finally, HB 452 had its first hearing and would require hospitals to establish a security plan for preventing workplace violence and managing aggressive behaviors. I am working with Representative White on this bill as well. We believe that this bill would help prevent violence toward healthcare workers. This bill would help create safer hospitals in our districts and in Ohio for hospital staff and nurses.

If you are interested in learning more about any of these bills, I have included links into this email below.



Representative Baker in the Community!

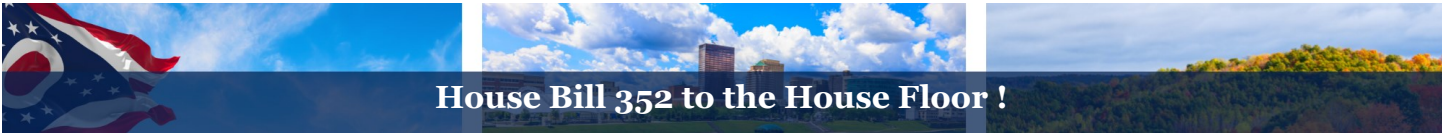


On Monday, May 13th, Abigail and I visited all thirty one public schools in District 27! We passed out cookie trays and thank you letters to all of the teachers, administration and staff to thank them for all of their hard work supporting our children over this past school year.

I want to thank each and every teacher, administrator and staff for their unmatched service to our community. Because of you, our children can find community, security, and care at school. The commitment and dedication that each of you have allows for learning to flourish in our district.

Abigail and I had a really fun time visiting the schools and it was great to see all of the hard work that you do.





House Bill 352 to the House Floor !

HB 352, which would establish the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Study Commission, went to the Ohio House floor on May 22nd. As a reminder, this piece of legislation seeks to build a study commission with the goal of collaboratively developing legislative priorities to address the prevalence and effects of adverse childhood experiences. HB 352 is a very important bill, not only to me and Representative Sara Carruthers, but also for the future of Ohio. I believe that supporting our children in Ohio is one of the most important things that the General Assembly can do.

HB 352 would take the first steps in preventing and reducing exposure to ACEs and additionally, would mitigate the long-term impact of ACEs and promote protective and compensatory experiences (or PACEs). The study commission would compile experts and individuals with lived experiences to discuss and recommend legislative strategies for addressing the prevalence and long-term effects of ACEs. This study commission would consist of twenty six members, one from each party in each chamber and various professionals involved in ACEs work, including law enforcement, mental health professionals, medical professionals and judges. There would be quarterly meetings and the commission would be required to submit annual reports to the General Assembly beginning within one year of the bill's effective date.

We were thrilled that HB 352 passed on the Ohio House floor and we thank everyone who voted yes on this important piece of legislation. I also want to thank Chair Gail Pavliga for all her work on this bill in previous General Assemblies (GAs) and Representative Carruthers for her partnership on this legislation during this GA.

HB 352 will now head to the Senate for further committee hearings.

