

Legislative update from **Rep. Beryl Brown Piccolantonio**

District 4

House Minority Whip



Dear Neighbor,

I hope you and your family have a happy and healthy Thanksgiving! I am thankful to be your state representative. I hope that you enjoy this time with friends, family and great food!

It has been a busy couple of weeks at the legislature, culminating in an hours-long session on November 19 where we considered a wide-ranging assortment of policies. There were some bills that would help all Ohioans including: HB 303 which establishes a Community Energy Program and HB 247 which would provide more protection from vicious dog attacks. Many of the bills that passed are significant setbacks in the areas of Education, Marijuana and Hemp, Reproductive Rights, Property Taxes, and Voting Rights. I will continue to fight against harmful policies which take our state backwards.

When we return, I will continue working on bills that support our communities, including in the areas of education, healthcare and safety and including the following pieces of legislation I am currently working on.

Rep. Mohamed (D-Columbus) and I introduced HB562 which would provide grants to school districts and universities to increase the availability of food for students with religious dietary restrictions. We gave sponsor testimony on this bill in the House Community Revitalization Committee on Nov. 18.



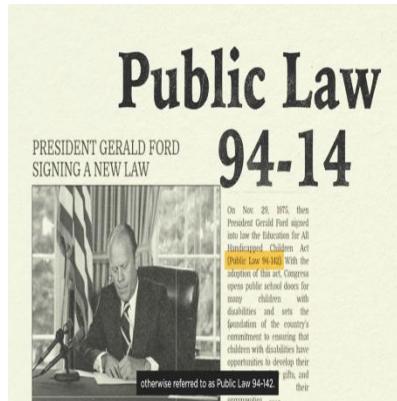
I have also recently introduced HB573, legislation with Rep. Synenberg (D-Beachwood) which would create the Ohio Pediatric Cancer Research Fund. This would support Ohio hospitals conducting pediatric cancer research and increase the information available

about the importance of pediatric cancer research and would be funded by optional contributions.



November 16 was the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims. This date is marked in communities worldwide, including Columbus. This date is an opportunity to remember all who have been killed and seriously injured on the road and commit ourselves to safer driving. Rep. Sigrist (D-Grove City) and I introduced HB494 to formally designate this observance in the State of Ohio.

November 29 is the 50th Anniversary of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Rep. Andrea White (R-Kettering) and I introduced a House Concurrent Resolution to recognize this milestone anniversary and urge The U.S. Congress to fully fund education for students with disabilities. More about the history and evolution of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act is in the video linked [here](#).



Are you or your business or organization celebrating a milestone event? Do you know of a remarkable achievement by a member of our community? Please contact my office to let us know so that we may acknowledge and celebrate with you.

If there is anything my office can do, or if you have any questions, comments or concerns please reach out to us by email at Repo4@ohiohouse.gov or by phone at (614) 466-4847. Sincerely,



Rep. Beryl Brown Piccolantonio
House District 4

Upcoming Public Hearings on Utilities Prices and Winter Resources

AEP has proposed to increase rates for their electric distribution service. Under AEP's proposal, a typical residential consumer's monthly bill, would increase by about \$4 a month or nearly \$50 annually. The PUCO has scheduled public hearings regarding this proposal:

December 4, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., 96 S. Grant Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43215

December 9, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., 180 East Broad Street,
Hearing Room 11-B, Columbus, Ohio 43215

In addition to attending the public hearings, consumers can submit online comments in the case at the PUCO [here](#).

More information on this rate increase and hearings in Zanesville, Marietta, and Findlay may be found [here](#).

If you are seeking assistance with your current utility payments or would like to better weatherize your home in anticipation of winter, there are a number of programs that may be of interest to you and linked.

[Percentage of Income Payment Plans \(PIPP\)](#)

[Home Energy Assistance Program \(HEAP\)](#)

[HEAP Winter Crisis Program](#)

[Ohio Utility Assistance Program](#)

[HeatShare](#)

[Columbus Power & Water](#)

[Home Weatherization Assistance Program \(HWAP\)](#)

[Electric Partnership Program](#)

Recent Events

Recognizing Gahanna Girls Cross Country on winning the State Championship
~ Speaking to Ohio School Counselors Association ~ Touring Dreams on Horseback ~
Recognition as Legislator of the Year from AAUP - Ohio ~ Diwali in New Albany



November 2025 Dates of Note

November 1 - Open Enrollment through the Affordable Care Act Began
November 1 & 2 - Dia de los Muertos
November 2 - National Ohio Day
November 2 - Daylight Saving Time Ends
November 4 - Election Day
November 11 - Veterans Day
November 16 – World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims
November 16-22 - Ohio Public Education Appreciation Week
November 20 - Transgender Day of Remembrance
November 25 - International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
November 27 - Thanksgiving
November 29 - Small Business Saturday
National Alzheimer's Awareness Month
Military Family Month
National Diabetes Month
National Adoption Month
National Epilepsy Awareness Month
National Native American Month





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