



# March 2025 Legislative Update from STATE REP. JUANITA O. BRENT

From the desk of Rep. Juanita O. Brent  
Ohio House District 18

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It is March, Spring time is Here. We are excited to announce the introduction of the C.R.O.W.N. Act during this Women's History Month. This celebration of women's contributions and achievements aligns with our commitment to ensuring fair treatment and representation for everyone, particularly those who have been punished or marginalized because of their natural hairstyles.

This Month we will also be introducing the Demolish Academic Distress Commission Bill. This is a crucial step in addressing the educational challenges faced by our schools and communities. By dismantling the ADC, we put the decision power of our school back in the hands of our local school boards.

Ohio's State Budget has been introduced. The budget is for 2025-2026, totaling \$219.32 billion. House Committees have begun budget hearings and also receiving public testimony. To stay informed on the Budget committee meetings, please visit [ohiochannel.org](http://ohiochannel.org).

Let's work together toward building a stronger House District 18. Please contact my office with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely,  
State Rep. Juanita O. Brent  
House District 18



## Rep. Brent in The Community



Military Order of the  
Purple Heart & Disabled  
American Veterans



Pregnant with  
Possibilities  
Resource Center



Shaker Heights Mayor  
David Weiss



Village of Healing

## Rep. Brent Bills

### C.R.O.W.N ACT

- Bans public K-12 schools and public preschools from discrimination against any students because of traits associated with race

### Demolish A.D.C.

- Removes any mention of ADCs in Ohio law.
- Restores Youngstown and East Cleveland to normal status

**MAY 6TH SPECIAL ELECTION**

**APRIL 7 DEADLINE  
TO REGISTER TO VOTE**



**Register to  
VOTE**

## Helpful Contacts

**Public Safety:** [publicsafety.ohio.gov](http://publicsafety.ohio.gov)

Highway Patrol 877-7-PATROL  
DUI Hotline 800-GRAB-DUI

**Taxation:** [www.tax.ohio.gov](http://www.tax.ohio.gov)

Form Requests 800-282-1782  
Taxpayer Assistance 800-282-1780

**Jobs and Family Services:** [jfs.ohio.gov](http://jfs.ohio.gov)

Veteran Services 888-296-7541  
Unemployment 877-644-6562

**Bureau of Motor Vehicles:**

[www.bmv.ohio.gov](http://www.bmv.ohio.gov)  
Information 800-589-TAGS

## School Safety Grant

- This grant funding helps provide school leaders with flexibility in determining how to improve student safety
- Award Ceiling: \$40,000
- **Eligible Applicants:** County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Chartered Non-Public, Community, STEM, and and Public Schools.
- Email [SchoolSafetyGrants@OhioAGO.gov](mailto:SchoolSafetyGrants@OhioAGO.gov) with questions.

- **Step 1:** Go to [education.ohio.gov](http://education.ohio.gov)
- **Step 2:** Click Media Header
- **Step 3:** Click EdConnection Tab
- **Step 4:** Click School Safety Grant

### DEADLINE

**May 30**

## Small Government Program

- This program offers municipalities with populations under 5,000 to secure grants may be up to \$500,000 for new infrastructure projects or to enhance existing infrastructure.
- Eligible projects can include roads, bridges, water systems, and more.
- Eligible Applicants: Local Governments , Township, Village

- **Step 1:** Go to [publicworks.ohio.gov](http://publicworks.ohio.gov)
- **Step 2:** Click Programs Header
- **Step 3:** Click Infrastructure Tab
- **Step 4:** Click Small Government Tab

### DEADLINE

**March 31**

## Teacher of the Year Nomination

- Nominations for the Ohio Teacher of the Year are officially open
- Use this to recognize and celebrate the amazing work and dedication of your teachers
- Eligibility criteria for candidates:
  - Have an Ohio Professional Teaching License.
  - 10+ years of teaching grades PreK–12.
  - Employed full-time in a school
  - Work directly with students at least 50% of the time.
  - Self nominations are not accepted

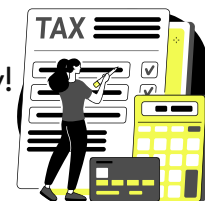
- **Step 1:** Go to [sboe.ohio.gov](http://sboe.ohio.gov)
- **Step 2:** Click Educator Standards and Programs Header
- **Step 3:** Click Ohio Teacher of the Year Tab
- **Step 4:** Click Teacher Nomination Program

## BUDGET DEADLINE 2025

- **March 31th** - Transportation Budget
- **June 30th** - Worker's Compensation
- **June 30th** - Industrial Commission
- **July 4th** - Operating Budget

## TAX DAY

- Tuesday, April 15th is Tax Day, the deadline to submit tax returns for tax year 2024.
- Stay organized, check your numbers, and file confidently!
- Don't wait until the last minute!



### E-file taxes for FREE

[tax.ohio.gov/individual/file-now](http://tax.ohio.gov/individual/file-now)

## TRANSPORTATION BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Eliminates daily pre-trip school bus inspections

Repeals enhanced driver's licenses and ID card

Expands who may sell a used adaptive mobility vehicles to include used and leasing motor vehicle dealers

Requires proof of U.S. citizenship before the BMV can offer a person the chance to register to vote in a driver's license or state ID card transaction.

Creates the Private Transit Voucher Pilot Program to share private transit vouchers to low-income ohioans

### **\$15 Million per FY**

Ohio Workforce Mobility Partnership Program to provide grants to RTAs for workforce mobility initiatives