



October 2022 Legislative Update from
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How to Help Unemployed Ohio

In Ohio, employers can receive tax credits of \$2,400 to \$9,600 per eligible employee under the Work Opportunity Tax Credit. Since January, ODJFS has approved nearly 80,000 WOTC applications. This translates to a total tax credit of approximately \$192 million. Certain tax-exempt organizations also can take advantage of the program, by receiving a credit against the employer's share of Social Security taxes.

WOTC applications must be submitted online at jfs.ohio.gov/wotc within 28 days of individuals' start-to-work date.

For more information, including a list of targeted groups, visit jfs.ohio.gov/wotc. Employers with questions should email wotc_contact@jfs.ohio.gov or call (614) 595-4096

Hand Washing Day: October 15th

Since October 15th represents Global Handwashing Day, it is an opportunity to revisit the importance of House Bill 284. This bill would impose hand hygiene education and guidelines for the patients and residents of health care facilities.

These guidelines would mandate that hand hygiene products must be available at meal times, when entering and exiting areas of the facility, where patient or resident care is provided, before and after touching a wound or medical device, after coughing or sneezing, and after urinating or a bowel movement.

The Right Way to Wash Your Hands



Wet hands under running water



Apply soap and rub palms together



Spread the soap lather over the backs of hands



Make sure soap gets in between fingers



Grip fingers on each hand



Make sure to clean thumbs



Press fingertips into palm of each hand



Dry thoroughly with clean towel or paper towel

creakyjoints

From the desk of Rep. Brent

Dear Neighbor,

We have many things to celebrate this October! National Coming Out Day takes place on October 11th, a day to support the LGBTQ+ community in expressing their true identities. October 12th marks the beginning of early voting for the November 8th election. Global Handwashing Day is celebrated on October 15th, and World Stroke Day takes place on the 29th. Finally, on October 31st, we celebrate Halloween. Be sure to be safe while out you're trick-or-treating, and have fun!


Rep. Adam Miller and I have recently introduced H.B. 719, which would amend the services offered by the Educational Regional Service System to include services related to reading and literacy and services for English learners.

Throughout the month of September, I hosted a series of town halls to update my constituents and answer their questions or concerns. I have one town hall left, details can be found below.

I look forward to continuing to serve the people of District 12 this month. Please do not hesitate to reach out to my office with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely,

State Representative Juanita O. Brent
 Ohio House District 12

TOWN HALL
 with State Representative
Juanita O. Brent
 Tuesday
 October 4, 2022 | 6:30pm
 Fellowship Church of God
 24821 Columbus Rd, Bedford Hts, OH 44137
 or Watch Live  @JuanitaOBrent

with special guest
 Rep. **Phill Robinson**

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School District Report Cards

The Ohio Department of Education has released its school district report cards for the 2021-2022 school year. Overall, these reports show that achievement results in the State of Ohio are moving in the right direction. Below is a table of the ratings received by the school districts in my area. Schools are given a one to five rating in the categories of achievement, progress, early literacy, gap closing, and graduation, with five being the highest.

School District	Achievement	Progress	Early Literacy	Gap Closing	Graduation
Warrensville Heights	2	4	2	5	4
Cleveland Heights & University Heights	2	3	2	4	2
East Cleveland	1	1	1	2	1
Cleveland Municipal	2	4	1	4	1
Orange	5	5	4	5	5
Shaker Heights	3	2	3	5	4
Maple Heights	2	5	1	4	4
Bedford	2	4	2	4	1
Mayfield	4	5	3	5	5

Out and About with Rep. Brent

Representative Brent has been using her summer break to engage with the communities and organizations in both her current district, H.D. 12, her new district, H.D. 22, and Ohio as a whole. Here are some of the things she has been up to!



Spoke at the NAACP Wealth Symposium event



Spoke at the Youngstown & Warren Black Caucus Annual Dinner



Spoke at the 200th Anniversary of the Geauga County Fair