



A Legislative Update from
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House District 53



From the desk of Representative Miller

District Spotlights

Dear Neighbor,

Another month in recess meant another month crisscrossing the district, going to the County Fair, and hearing from you. I have also taken this time, as a former educator who always told his students to be lifelong learners, to educate myself. I have gone to various conferences and events to hear from my colleagues and experts nationwide to get a grip on everchanging topics, such as AI.

With September, the Ohio House of Representatives will soon come back to session, and I look forward to hearing all your questions, thoughts, and concerns on the issues that will come forth. Importantly, the question of redistricting is on the table again. As I have done before, I will fight for fair maps that represent all Ohioans, and to ensure your voices are heard. This time, it is only the Congressional districts that are getting redrawn, but I will maintain my commitment to fairness and respect for the rule of law.

As always, do not hesitate to reach out to my office at 614-466-5141 or Rep53@ohiohouse.gov.

Sincerely,

State Representative Joe Miller

- Crooked Leaf Cigar Lounge celebrated its Grand Opening in Lorain
- Shavar Patrick, a proud student of Lorain High School, published his first book, "The Secrets Within"
- Countless district residents partook in festivities of the Lorain County Fair

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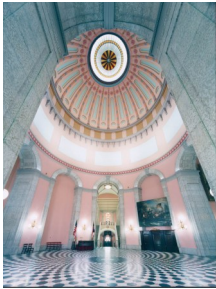
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Legislative Update & Summary

I am excited to provide you with a comprehensive overview of the progression of the legislation I have introduced over the course of this General Assembly.



Bill Number	Title	Most Recent Activity in the Legislature
HB 416	Designate Police Officer Phillip Wagner Memorial Highway	Introduced Bill 8/19/2025
HCR 7	American Legion Resolution Buckeye Boys and Girls State	Passes House Floor 6/11/2025
HB 362	Prohibit Deepfakes during Election Seasons	Introduced Bill 6/12/2025
HB 44	Police Lateral Transfer/Cadet bill	Voted out of Sen. Committee 6/25/2025
HB 79	Increase assault penalties if the victim is a sports official	Opponent Hearing 3/26/2025
HB 191	Increase Base Teacher Salary	Sponsor Testimony 4/8/2025
HB 165	Implicit Bias Training for licensed educators	Sponsor Testimony 4/1/2025
HB 164	Reinstate Joint Education Oversight Committee	Sponsor Testimony 4/1/2025
HB 77	Regards Type 1 Diabetes Info	Added to HB 96, passed into law 6/30/2025

Remembering Police Officer Phillip Wagner

On July 24, 2025, unimaginable tragedy struck close to the heart of our community. A deranged gunman ambushed a Lorain Police Cruiser, resulting in 2 injuries, and the death of Police Of-



ficer Phillip Wagner. A loving wife and three children were left without their rock, and a community was left stunned. In the face of such a random act of violence, I spoke with my colleagues and other community leaders on how best to help begin the long healing process. That is why I introduced a bipartisan bill, HB 416, to rename a section of State Route 6 in honor of Officer Wagner. Our police officers put their lives on the line everyday to defend our safety. We must remember and honor them when they give the ultimate sacrifice in service to our community.

Ohio National Guard Armory Tours

I was fortunate enough to have Colonel Stewart, Colonel Carbone, and the Ohio National Guard take me on a tour of their armories in Lorain and Norwalk. The Ohio National Guard is ready to respond to crises foreign and domestic, whether it be engagements with enemies abroad or natural disasters at home. Ensuring they have the resources to carry out their mission to serve Ohio and the United States in times of crisis is paramount to our safety, security and wellbeing.





The 2025 Lorain County Fair

I was proud to attend this year's Lorain County Fair. I especially enjoyed the Junior Fair Auction, where so many young farmers showcased their talents and immense pride in the work they do. I loved receiving all of your letters before the fair asking for my attendance: you did not disappoint! Having the chance to speak with so many of you reaffirmed what I already knew: farming is more than just a job, it's a way life. As the Ranking Member of the House Agriculture Committee, I am committed to supporting the agriculture community, and ensuring you have the opportunity to succeed, despite the many uncertainties expressed to me. Ohio, and frankly, the United States rely on your honest and hard work to function, and I will make sure my colleagues understand that as we head back to Columbus.

Free or Low Cost Flu Shots

Flu season is just around the corner, and its best to keep you and your loved ones protected. Thankfully, there are many locations in and around the district to get a free or low cost flu shots. These include:

- Lorain County Public Health - Call 440-284-3206 for an appointment
- Lorain County Free Clinic - When Immunization Clinics are announced
- The Cleveland Clinic
- Walgreens
- CVS
- Other local health providers and pharmacies

Stay protected and don't risk illness. Even if the strains are not 100% accurately predicted, it is still a safer call to get a flu shot than skipping it.

Lorain County Services Contact Information

- Lorain County Jobs & Family Services:
(440) 323 5726
- Lorain County Board of Developmental Disabilities:
(440) 329 3734
- Lorain County Income Tax Department:
(440) 204 1002
- Lorain County Veteran's Services:
(440) 284 4625
- Mental Health, Addiction & Recovery Services Board of Lorain County
 - Crisis and Suicide Hotline: 988
 - Non-Emergency Navigator: (440) 240 7025
- Lorain County Educational Service Center: 440-324-5777



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