




June 2026 Legislative Update from
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House District 53



From the Desk of Representative Miller

District Spotlights

Dear Neighbor,

We are in the final flurry of action before the House recesses for the summer, and I have had no shortage bills introduced and advanced. From supporting veterans and their families, to advocating for healthier homes, and reigning in the Wild West that is AI regulations, there are many issues to tackle.

Even as the House begins to wrap up business for the summer, my office works for you no matter the “official schedule.” Please keep reaching out with any issues you are experiencing. Even if it is not directly related to the legislature or a state agency, we know plenty of community partners we can connect you to.

So, you can reach my office at 614-466-5141 or Rep53@ohiohouse.gov: we will help you.

Sincerely,

State Representative Joe Miller

- The Lorain Historical Society celebrated its 45th Anniversary
- Elias Nicely obtained his Eagle Scout rank

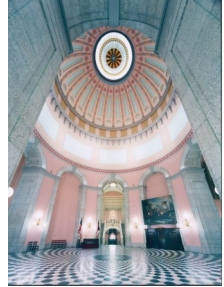
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Legislative Update & Summary

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	1st Hearing 3/17/2026
HCR 7	American Legion Resolution Buckeye Boys and Girls State	Awaiting Full Senate Vote 10/22/2025
HB 790	Designate the Honor and Remember Flag; encourage flag display	Introduced 3/24/2026
HB 44	Police Lateral Transfer/Cadet bill	Signed into Law 11/5/2025
HB 813	Regards AI-generated products, AI systems acting as humans	Referred to Committee 5/13/2026
HB 955	Expand homestead exemption—disabled veteran’s surviving spouse	Introduced 5/27/2026
HB 841	Enact the Healthy Homes Program Act	Referred to Committee 5/13/2026
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

As Introduced

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H. B. No. 955

Representatives Miller, J., Glassburn

To amend sections 323.151, 323.152, 4503.064, and 4503.065 of the Revised Code to expand the enhanced homestead exemption for the surviving spouse of a disabled veteran. 1
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Continuing to Honor and Remember

Just before the end of May, myself and Rep. Glassburn introduced HB 955 to expand the homestead expansion for the surviving spouse of a disabled veteran. The way laws are written can

drastically effect their execution, and our bill seeks to correct a wrong present in the code. Right now, if the surviving spouse were to move homes after the death of their disabled veteran spouse, they would lose the exemption. This bill is a simple clean up so that the exemption can follow them if they moved. I also introduced HR 447 which calls on Congress to pass H.R. 1363, which would designate the Honor and Remember Flag as a national symbol to honor service members who died in the line of duty. This is a necessary follow-up to my own HB 790, which would do the same at the state level.

JVS Success

The Lorain County JVS offers many programs that sets its students up for successful careers. Its many partnerships with local businesses and organizations have helped build a pipeline to the workforce that strengthens and diversifies our local economy. I was

pleased to see hundreds of stories of success enter into their next chapter at the JVS Signing Day. Here, these students committed to their future employers who the JVS helped connect them to. As an educator, I know just how hard these students worked to get to this day, and I look forward to seeing their careers unfold as they get their roots truly established.





Amherst Steele Military Commitments

This time of year is always very exciting for the young folks in District 53, and it was no exception at Marion L. Steele. A number of them committed to the United States Armed Forces, and I am very proud of their decision to defend our nation and our freedoms. Without brave

young men and women like them through this nation's history, it is difficult to say where we would be today. To all the students in the district who committed to our military this year, thank you.

Standing up to Government Overreach

One of the aspects of District 53 I am most proud of is the commitment all of you have to holding us accountable. Your voices are loud and clear, and government overreach is a major concern of yours. HB 698 is an example many of you have reached out

about. It is unfortunately before myself and my colleagues in the House Education Committee. It would worsen the effects of the disastrous SB 1, which limits what can be taught in our universities, limits collective bargaining among professors, and drives both students and faculty members out of Ohio. History shows us that they may start with one collective bargaining group, or one academic subject, but it always targets everyone by the end. I called a spade a spade, and will continue to do so. Ohio was once top in the nation for its quality in higher education and its labor protections. This is an Ohio you deserve, and one I strive to make a reality.



211 Highlight

For a long time, Ohio lacked a centralized helpline to help get someone to the exact resource they need. The 211 hotline will soon cover the entire state, and is a fantastic resource everyone should know about, especially for those who do not know where to begin with a problem.

- Examples of areas where they can help:
- Food and Meals
 - Housing
 - Utilities Assistance
 - Income and Financial Support
 - Clothing, Personal, and Household Items
 - Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders
 - And much more

You can dial 211 or visit <https://ohio211.org/> to help get the first steps to whatever issue you may have. My office is also always here to support you.

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
- General Helpline and Resource Guide:
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