




A Legislative Update from  
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House District 53



From the desk of Representative Miller

## District Spotlights

Dear Neighbor,

Welcome to the latest edition of my Legislative Update Newsletter. As the holiday season winds down, I thought it would be a good time to review the year's accomplishments.

I am proud of what we were able to include in this year's Operating Budget, including: increased funding for the Fair School Funding Plan, increased Medicaid base payment rates, funding for the Doula Pilot Program, and major investments in public transportation.

Looking ahead to the new year, I'm optimistic for the future of our state. I am looking forward to working for you and your family every day in the halls of the Statehouse and our community.

With that, I hope you have a healthy, happy holiday season. Do not hesitate to reach out to my office at [Rep53@ohiohouse.gov](mailto:Rep53@ohiohouse.gov) or at 614-466-5141.

Sincerely,

State Representative Joe Miller

- The Golf Lounge in Amherst celebrated its Grand Opening
- Honor Wreaths placed over 2,400 wreaths to honor the final resting places of veterans across Lorain County
- 3rd annual Jingle All The Way 5k raises \$5,200 for Blessing House

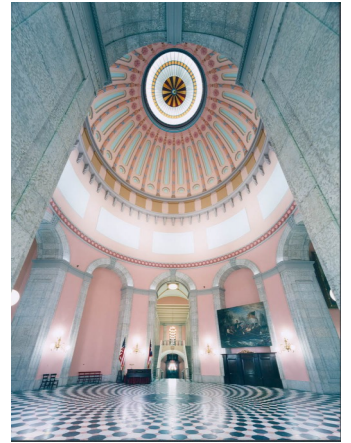
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# 2023 Legislative Update & Summary

With the start of the new General Assembly in January of 2023, a contentious vote for House Speaker, and the work on the State Operating Budget, it has been an incredibly busy year. As we navigate through the dynamic landscape of legislative changes, policy developments, and regulatory updates, I am excited to provide you with a comprehensive overview of the progression of the bills I have introduced over the course of this year.



Bill Number	Title	Most Recent Activity in the Legislature
House Bill 78	Regards State Teachers Retirement Board elections, membership	Passed Ohio House Floor 12/6/2023
House Bill 139	Increase assault penalties if the victim is a sports official	Passed Ohio House Floor 11/29/2023
House Bill 241	Regards Police Department Vacancies	Passed Ohio House Floor 12/13/2023
House Bill 224	Regards dedicated organ recovery vehicles and traffic laws	First Hearing 11/14/2023
House Bill 59	Provide counsel to destitute defendants facing eviction	1st Hearing 2/28/2023
House Bill 282	Require Director of Commerce to establish an indoor mold program	As Introduced
House Bill 123	Designate Honor and Remember Flag to honor fallen service members	As Introduced
House Bill 13	Redefine “hybrid motor vehicle” for registration fee purposes	3rd Hearing 11/15/2023

If you would like to learn more about these bills, please visit [ohiohouse.gov/legislation/search](https://ohiohouse.gov/legislation/search).

# Ohio Commission on Minority Health Grant

The Ohio Commission on Minority Health has a variety of biannual grant opportunities. This year, an Infant Mortality Hub Grant was awarded to the Lorain County Pathways HUB program, run by the Lorain County Community Action Agency. This funding allows for the replication and expansion of the Certified Pathways Community HUB model to try to address infant mortality rates in Ohio.

The Lorain County Pathways HUB is a free program seeking to reduce infant mortality and improve the health of at-risk moms and infants in Lorain County. The program is designed to link individuals with a local, trusted, and caring community health worker, who focuses on the health of mothers and children. The key goals are as follows:

- Reduce and eliminate Ohio's infant mortality rates and barriers that prevent mothers from receiving excellent pre-natal and post-partum care.
- Assist pregnant women throughout their pregnancy and up to their child's first birthday.

If you are a pregnant woman in need of help or a health care organization interested in partnering with LCPHUB, contact Nina Brooks at [nbrooks@lccaa.net](mailto:nbrooks@lccaa.net) or 440-457-0375. If your organization would like to apply for grant opportunities through the Ohio Commission on Minority Health, please visit <https://mih.ohio.gov/grant-opportunities/register-and-apply>.

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(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 Hotline: 1-800-888-6161
  - Non-Emergency Navigator: (440) 240 7025
  - Suicide and Crisis Lifeline: 988
- Lorain County Board of Education:  
(440) 233 2271
- Lorain County Office on Aging:  
(440) 326-4800
- Avon/Avon Lake Community Resource Services:  
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