

Legislative Update

I have the honor of spearheading a number of important bills this General Assembly. Here's where they are in the legislative process.

House Bill 11 - Backpack Scholarship Program

The bill establishes the program to provide eligible students with an educational savings account (ESA) beginning in the 2024-2025 school year for those enrolling in K-12 nonpublic schools or receiving home education. The program will allow a student's parent to apply, which could result in them receiving \$5,500 for grades K-8, or \$7,500 for grades 9-12.

Ultimately, the Backpack Scholarship Program will empower families to find the best educational environment for their child.

The bill has received two hearings in the House Primary and Secondary Education Committee.



House Bill 14 - Equal Shared Parenting

The legislation establishes that parents share time and responsibility equally, unless there is evidence that an equal arrangement would not be in the best interest of the child. If such evidence is presented, the courts can use their discretion to formulate a more appropriate arrangement.

Ultimately, House Bill 14 encourages parents to work together instead of incentivizing them to fight against each other.

The bill awaits consideration by the House Families and Aging Committee.



House Bill 23 - Historic State Transportation Budget

I voted in favor of the historic state budget. As a result of this legislation, the state will invest \$13.5 billion in Ohio's transportation system over the next two years, the largest infrastructure investment in Ohio's history.

This historic budget promotes job growth and infrastructure development throughout Ohio.

For more information, please click below.

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House Bill 52 - EMS Training

The Governor recently signed House Bill 52 into law. This law will ensure that EMS personnel can receive training locally.

The changes House Bill 52 will enact are as follows:

- Allowing assistant EMS chiefs to continue offering the required training for local EMT's
- Allowing training to be received at APPROVED and accredited sites, not just accredited sites

District Spotlight The Village of Butler



The Village of Butler is located in Richland County. The village was founded on January 12, 1848. Before this, it was the site of the Delaware Indians hunting ground. The town's name was changed to Butler in the 1870s, after a Mexican war hero, General William Butler.

Today, the village is home to many family owned businesses and family oriented activities, such as the annual Apple Festive in October. I am thankful to serve a community like Butler and hope to always be a strong voice for our families.

Happening at the Ohio Statehouse...

I serve as the Chairwoman of the House State and Local Government Committee. The committee hears a wide range of bills that address a number of different policy issues - from House Concurrent Resolution 7, which would urge Congress to make daylight savings time permanent, to House Bill 101, which would clarify the process of village dissolution.

To follow along with the House State and Local Government Committee, please visit the committee webpage by clicking below.

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