

A legislative update from
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From the desk of Rep. Humphrey

Dear Family,

March was a busy month at the Statehouse! The House and Senate passed Ohio's \$13.5 billion Transportation Budget, which includes railroad safety improvements, infrastructure investment projects and job creation programs. This bipartisan budget puts people over politics and improves the lives of all Ohioans. That is why I was honored to join all of my Democratic colleagues in voting for this budget.

April is National Minority Health Month, a time to focus on the health disparities in minority communities across the state and country. Latina and Black women are more likely to be diagnosed with breast cancer at a later stage than white women. In addition, infant mortality rates among Black Americans and Native groups are higher than other racial or ethnic groups in the United States. Improving healthcare in minority communities is one of the most important issues facing our state. Democrats will continue to support quality, equitable healthcare so that everyone, no matter their zip code, can thrive here in Ohio.

Also in April, we turn our attention to the 2024-2025 Operating Budget. We will be hard at work ensuring Ohio's budget puts people first by supporting working families, small businesses, and our children.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely,

Representative Latyna M. Humphrey
State Representative
Ohio House District 02

Black Maternal Health Week

April 11-17, 2023

Please join Ohio's BMHC



More info: <https://www.facebook.com/OhioBMHC/>

The week of April 11-17 is Black Maternal Health Week. Black mothers are 3 times more likely to die from pregnancy-related complications compared to white women. We must address this injustice by supporting Doula services, the Strong Foundations Act and removing barriers many Black mothers face to receiving quality healthcare.



DONT FORGET TAX DAY

April 18, 2023

For federal taxes, visit
[usa.gov/file-taxes](https://www.irs.gov/efile)

For state taxes, visit
tax.ohio.gov

Taxes are due by April 18th this year! Make sure you file your taxes and take advantage of any returns you may be offered. If you cannot file your taxes by April 18th, make sure to request an extension which will give you until October 16th to file your tax return.



State Representative Humphrey Legislative Update

It has been a hectic quarter in the statehouse this General Assembly. With the budget season rapidly closing out, controversial legislation, and numerous session and committee dates, there has been a lot going on in the State capitol. Through it all, the office of Representative Humphrey has been working tirelessly on behalf of you! Please take a look at this legislative update below.

Legislation Passed out of committee:

H.B. 29

Authorizes a person who is in default on child support payments to present evidence that a driver's license suspension would prevent that person from paying child support or the arrearage due under the child support order. Authorizes child support agency to consider that evidence in determining whether to notify the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to terminate a driver's license suspension on the person in default. Authorizes the person whose driver's licenses is suspended for failure to pay child support to petition a court for limited driving privileges in all circumstances.

HB 29 Was Passed out of the Homeland Security committee.

H.B. 50

Create a mechanism by which an individual who is subject to a collateral sanction for housing may obtain a certificate of qualification for housing that may provide relief from certain bars on housing.

HB 50 Was Passed out of the criminal Justice committee.

Child Care and Families

H.B. 7

The "Strong Foundations Act", expresses the General Assembly's intent to support strong foundations for mothers and babies in order to address maternal and infant mortality and improve health and developmental outcomes.

H.B.114

Allowing candidates running for office to use campaign funds for childcare.

Health and Wellness

H.B. 28

The month of March is designated as "Triple Negative Breast Cancer Awareness Month".

Criminal Justice

H.B. 44

Require electronic recordings to be made of all parole board hearings, excluding certain personal identifying information, and to make those electronic recordings "public records" under the Public Records Law.

H.B. 62

Limit the locations at which a person has no duty to retreat. In other words this legislation will repeal the stand your ground law.

H.B. 83

Remove criminal penalties for the use and possession of drug paraphernalia and drug abuse instruments.

H.B. 30

Require municipal and county correctional facilities and state correctional institutions to provide inmates experiencing a menstrual cycle with an adequate supply of feminine hygiene products.

Representative Humphrey is staying true to her key initiatives of criminal justice reform, Housing Equity, and workforce development.

To keep track of introduced and co-sponsored legislation use this link : <https://ohiohouse.gov/members/latyna-m-humphrey/legislation>





State Representative Humphrey Announces HB7 The Strong Foundations ACT

National Minority Health Month is observed in April and focuses on the health disparities minority communities experience in the United States. This General Assembly representative Humphrey strongly emphasizes maternal Health and, more specifically, black maternal Health. Black mothers are 3X more likely to die from pregnancy-related complications compared to white women. Last Month, state Representatives Humphrey and White held a press conference to discuss bipartisan HB7. This press conference was held with Senator Hicks Hudson (D) and Senator Reynolds (R) to discuss their Doula and Medicaid services bill, SB93.



HB 7, or the Strong Foundations Act, was introduced by Humphrey and White last Month. This legislation marks the effort of the Ohio House of Representatives to stand on a bipartisan front to address issues such as childbirth and motherhood in the state of Ohio. Their legislation will be an omnibus bill that targets various matters, from Mental Health to Medicaid, childcare, and doula services.

Working in a bipartisan and bicameral fashion, legislators are confident that this legislation will make history and change how childcare is approached in Ohio. Supporting Ohio's mothers and families has been a long-withstanding priority of the Democratic caucus. Nonetheless, this is only the first step in turning the idea of what an adequate state looks like to raise a family into a reality.

You can watch the live press conference here: <https://ohiochannel.org/video/press-conference-3-22-2023-discussing-legislation-to-provide-medicaid-coverage-for-doula-services>.



April Is National Reentry Month

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) estimates that between 650,000 to 750,000 people are released annually. Many of them face significant reentry challenges. This Month is a time to commend and bring resources to returning citizens for coming home and being persistent regardless of how hard it is to get back acclimated into society.

In light of National Reentry month, our office would like to highlight HB50; this bill will help to return citizens find Housing by creating a certificate of qualification for Housing.

This legislation passed out of the Ohio House Criminal Justice committee last Month! With the passing of this legislation, an individual who is subject to collateral sanctions for Housing as a result of being convicted of or pleading guilty to an offense and who either has served a term in a state correctional institution for any offense or has spent time in a department-funded program for any offense may file a petition for a CQH.

The certificate will provide extra support for returning citizens when renting from landlords who would be otherwise reluctant beforehand. You can find more information on this bill and its status in the OHR here: <https://ohiohouse.gov/legislation/135/hb50>

135th General Assembly

House Bill 50

As passed by the Criminal Justice Committee, HB 50 would create a mechanism by which an individual who is subject to a collateral sanction for housing may obtain a certificate of qualification for housing that may provide relief from certain bars on housing.

Proudly serving the people of District 2: East Columbus and parts of East-Central Ohio.

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