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Esteemed Resident and Stakeholder of District 22,

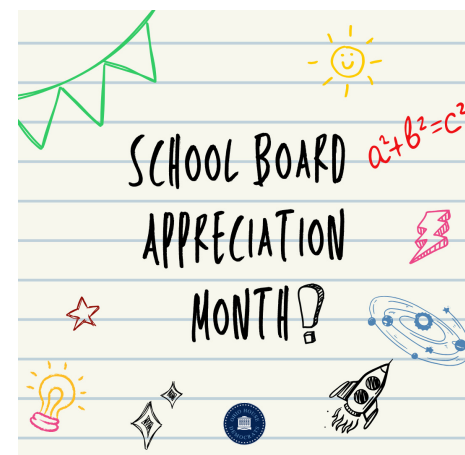
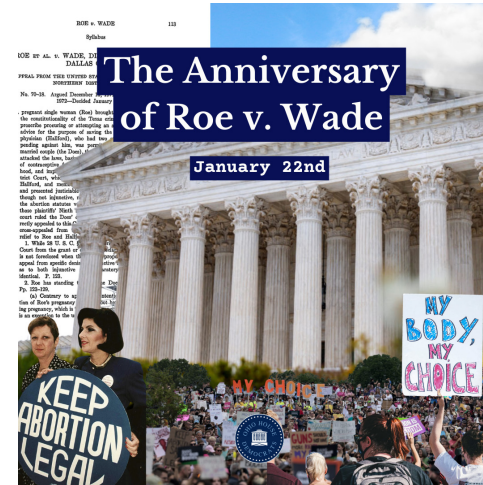
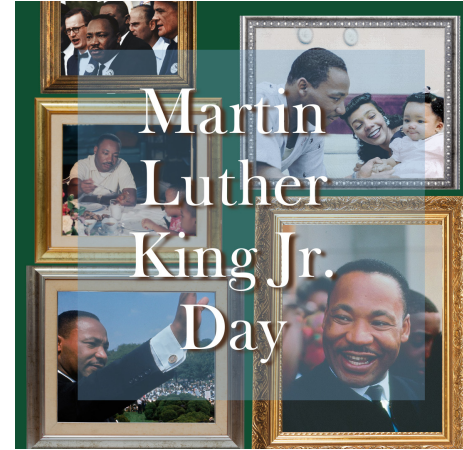
As we embark on the transition to District 22, it is important to note that this district will encompass areas of Cleveland Wards 1, 2, 4, and 6, as well as the cities of Garfield Heights, Maple Heights, Bedford Heights, and Bedford. To our new residents, a warm welcome awaits you! Together, we will persist in our efforts to foster stronger, healthier, and more dynamic communities.

I remain unwavering in my dedication to empowering our communities. During this term, I will propose legislation to tackle pressing issues such as gun violence, trauma response, and conflict mediation. This endeavor involves initiatives to secure tax exemptions for gun safety devices, encourage municipalities to recognize gun violence as a public health concern, and allocate funding to grassroots organizations actively engaged in community initiatives. Furthermore, I will advocate for responsible gun ownership, promoting initiatives like CCW training while respecting the rights of lawful gun owners.

Our office is committed to keeping you updated through newsletters, email notifications, and community gatherings. Successful initiatives such as "Columbus to District 18" will be expanded in District 22, with the inclusion of departments like the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles, the Department of Corrections, and the Department of Youth Services to address local needs directly. Furthermore, we are actively working on a district-wide health initiative to promote wellness and will soon unveil the "Taste of District 22."

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the privilege of serving as your State Representative. My team and I are dedicated to commemorating your achievements, providing support in times of need, and ensuring that your voices are heard. If you require commendations, acknowledgments, words of encouragement, or any other form of support, please do not hesitate to reach out to our office.

As we transition to the new district, our contact information will remain unchanged. Feel free to reach out to us at 614-466-1414. From January 1, 2025, you can connect with us via email at [REP22@Ohiohouse.gov](mailto:REP22@Ohiohouse.gov). Should you find yourself in Columbus, we warmly welcome you to visit our office and explore the Statehouse. Let's unite in our efforts to empower our communities and fortify our district.



## First Term Highlights

# HB 29 Regarding Drivers License Suspension: Child Support and Financial Responsibility

- Removes the possible penalty of a driver's license suspension for a drug abuse offense unless the offender used a vehicle to further the commission of the offense or, as retained from current law, the offense occurs under the same circumstances as an OVI-offense. Failure to pay a court fine or appear
- Eliminates the driver's license suspension for failure to pay a court fine or fee.
- Eliminates the option of submitting a valid and unexpired driver's license, in lieu of bail or another form of security, as a guarantee that the licensee will appear in court.
- Specifies that a person can enter into a payment plan with the clerk of court in order to avoid an arrest warrant for failure to appear or failure to pay a fine.
- Requires, rather than authorizes as under current law, a court to issue a supplemental citation to a person who fails to appear in court, and delays issuance of a summons or arrest warrant by the court for failure to appear until 30 days after the supplemental citation is issued.

- Authorizes the supplemental citation to be sent through electronic means to the offender.

Requires the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to automatically remove any driver's license suspensions or motor vehicle registration suspensions imposed by the Registrar for failure to pay a court fine or fee and to create a list of individuals whose license was suspended by a court for that offense and send the list to the applicable courts.

- Requires those courts to lift any driver's license suspensions previously imposed for failure to pay a court fine or fee.
- Prohibits the Registrar from charging any reinstatement fees for the reinstatement of a driver's license or motor vehicle registration associated with those suspensions. Failure to pay child support
- Authorizes a person who is in default on child support payments to present evidence that a driver's license suspension would effectively prevent that person from paying child support or the arrearage due under the child support order.
- Authorizes the child support enforcement agency to consider that evidence in determining whether to notify the Registrar to terminate a driver's license suspension on the person in default.
- Delays the implementation of a driver's license suspension on a person who is in default on child support payments for 30 days after the child support enforcement agency sends notice to the person.
- Authorizes a person whose driver's license is suspended for failure to pay child support to file a motion with a court with jurisdiction over the child support order for limited driving privileges in all circumstances, not just when the motion is made during contempt proceedings as under current law. Truancy
- Removes a driver's license suspension or a denial of the opportunity to obtain a driver's license as possible penalties for a student who is habitually truant from school.
- Authorizes a student whose license currently is suspended or who currently is denied the opportunity to obtain a license because of the student's habitual truancy to apply to have the suspension or denial removed. Proof of financial responsibility penalties
- Regarding the imposition of increased penalties for multiple violations of the offense of operating a motor vehicle without proof of financial responsibility, reduces the lookback period from five years to one year within which repeat violations must occur.
- Eliminates the suspension of motor vehicle registration rights and impoundment of a motor vehicle's certificate of registration and license plates as penalties for operating a motor vehicle without proof of financial responsibility but retains a driver's license suspension as a penalty.

Eliminates the \$50 financial responsibility noncompliance fee when a person fails to voluntarily surrender the person's license, certificate of registration, or license plates.

- Increases from 15 days to 45 days the grace period, starting at the date the Registrar mails notification of the pending suspension order, during which a person may present the Registrar proof of financial responsibility in order to avoid a driver's license suspension.
- Reduces the amount of time from either three or five years down to one year that a person whose license was suspended for failure to provide proof of financial responsibility must continually file such proof after the offense (a.k.a., an SR-22 form).
- Eliminates the additional criminal penalties and license suspension imposed on a person who operates a motor vehicle without proof of financial responsibility while the person is within the period of continually filing an SR-22 form. Random Selection Verification Program
- Requires the Registrar to remove any remaining driver's license suspensions associated with the Financial Responsibility Random Verification Program (which was repealed through H.B. 62 of the 133rd General Assembly).
- Prohibits the Registrar from charging any reinstatement fees for the reinstatement of a driver's license associated with the program.

Stopping for on-track equipment at a railroad crossing

- Requires a vehicle operator to stop for on-track equipment that may be approaching a railroad crossing.
- Requires school vehicle operators, hazardous materials transporters, and certain construction equipment operators to stop, watch, and listen for on-track equipment that may be approaching a railroad crossing in the same manner as for trains.
- Applies existing penalties to the requirements specified above.
- Generally authorizes a court to order an offender to attend and successfully complete a remedial safety training or presentation regarding rail safety in lieu of a fine or jail term for failing to stop appropriately at a railroad crossing.



Regards driver's license suspensions-failure to pay child support





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OUT AND ABOUT





# Delivering Results, Driving Resources: Fighting for Every Dollar for Our District!"

135th GA  
**First Year  
Highlights**

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I dedicated myself to serving as an effective state legislator during my initial tenure. My efforts were focused on empowering our district, delivering constituent services, and implementing policies to enhance our community by maximizing the utilization of taxpayers' funds to address their needs.

During my first term, we hosted three events under the theme "Bringing Columbus to District 18." These comprised: 1.) A town hall session focused on driver's licenses, featuring BMV Registrar Charlie Norman, 2.) An educational town hall with representatives from the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Department of Children and Youth, addressing educational issues in Ohio and their relevance to Districts 18 and 3.) A town hall meeting with Vanessa Womack, Director of the State of Ohio Department of Minority Development, and Vaughn Johnson, Director of the Cuyahoga County Office on Small Business. Both highlighted funding opportunities available at the state level and in District 18 and Cuyahoga County.

We organized two health fairs, both focused on tackling health inequalities and advocating for Minority Health. We invited the Director of Minority health, A.ngela Dawson, who discussed funding opportunities within the department.

We have assisted numerous constituents who have contacted our office

1 Bill signed into law by Governor DeWine

**HB 29- regards driver's license suspensions-failure to pay child support.**

100s and 100s of constituents assisted who contacted our office

Sponsored numerous bills in the Ohio General Assembly, including working bi-partisan with other members to address the concerns of Ohioans.

Served on five committees and two commissions

- \*Behavioral Health (Ranking Member)
- \*Family and Aging
- \*Health Provider Services
- \*Civil Justice
- \*Infrastructure
- \*Commission on Fatherhood
- \*Community Health Worker Excellence Board of Directors

After a lengthy budget process, I am happy to report that I assisted in funding \$100.5 Million Dollars to Cuyahoga County, and a substantial portion of that is heading to District 18

- \$500,000 Karamu House Capstone Capital Improvements
- \$250,000 Jennings' Center for Older Adults
- \$100,000 Haven Home Renovations
- \$2.5 Million per years authorized creation of The Center of Community Health Worker Excellence
- \$13,500,000 Job Creating Transportation Funding
- \$100,400,000 State Capital Funding for Projects Throughout Cuyahoga County
- \$500,000 Cleveland Metroparks Zoo
- \$2,000,000 Cleveland Metroparks Zoo Primate Forest Rainforest Renovation Project
- \$6,700,000 Disaster Recovery Following Tornadoes in Cuyahoga County
- \$18,800,000 Brownfield Cleanup in Cuyahoga County
- \$44,300,000 Building Demolition and Site Remediation in Cuyahoga County
- \$23,000,000 Building Demolition and Site Remediation in Cleveland
- \$2,000,000 Irishtown Bend Park



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