



STATE REPRESENTATIVE
ASHLEY BRYANT BAILEY

newsletter

MARCH/APRIL 2026

Dear Neighbor,

March was a powerful month and the momentum isn't slowing down.

We capped off Women's History Month by introducing legislation to close real gaps for women and working families: the Ohio Menopause Coverage Act to remove insurance barriers to menopause care, and new legislation to support childcare providers and the parents who depend on them. That work doesn't stop when the month ends.

Speaking of work that doesn't stop — early voting is now open for the May 5th primary, and I need you in the voting booth. Every election is a chance to shape the decisions that affect your daily life, your family, and this community. That voice is yours. Use it.

We're currently on a short spring recess from Session until May, but the work continues. I'm in district, connecting with residents, pushing our legislative priorities forward, and making sure our community's needs stay at the center of everything.

As always, my office is here for you. Thank you for trusting me to serve.

Ashley Bryant Bailey
State Representative
Ohio House District 26

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH SPOTLIGHT: DRESS FOR SUCCESS

An organization founded on the purpose of strengthening women in the community. The purpose is to empower women to achieve economic independence through a network of support and to provide professional attire and development tools for work.

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**DRESS
FOR
SUCCESS**

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY: MAY 5TH

**EARLY VOTING IS UNDERWAY:
TUESDAY, APRIL 7TH**

**LAST DAY TO REQUEST MAIL-IN BALLOTS:
TUESDAY, APRIL 28TH**

**PRIMARY ELECTION DAY:
TUESDAY MAY 5TH**



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Meet State Rep. Bryant Bailey



4/02 BOND HILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Bond Hill Rec Center | 7:00pm

4/07 OAKLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Eastside Rec Center | 7:00pm

4/08 WALNUT HILLS DEMOCRATS
Walnut Hills Library | 6:30pm

4/21 GOLF MANOR COUNCIL MEETING
6450 Wiehe Rd | 7:00 pm



EVANSTON

Health, Housing, Education, and Employment Day

SATURDAY • APRIL 11 9AM-1PM

EVANSTON RECREATION CENTER
3204 WOODBURN AVE.
CINCINNATI, OH 45207



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The goal of the Evanston Health, Housing, Education and Employment Day is to engage the Evanston community to foster healthier futures for all by providing free health screenings and robust resources from community partners.

ACTIVITIES

- FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS
KROGER'S THE LITTLE CLINIC ON THE AMERICANHEALTH VAN
- SENIOR EDUCATION SESSION
WITH PACE, COUNCIL ON AGING, AND PROSENIOR
- FREE FOOD, PRIZES, AND MUSIC
FOOD BY FOOD FOR THE SOUL | MUSIC BY DJ RAY HOLIDAY



MARCH VOTE RECAP

✓ YES

- **HB 25** - Provides academic resources to support students placed in foster care.
- **HB 437** - Expands health & cardiac screenings for student-athletes before their season.
- **HB 646** - Creates a Data Center Study Commission, it will study economic, environmental, & energy impacts of data centers.
- **HB 372** - Establishes penalties for the murder of a peace officer under the Larry Henderson Act.

✗ NO

- **HB 249** - Creates criminal penalties for certain "adult cabaret performances," a policy that could target drag performances and LGBTQ+ expression.
- **HB 252** - Expands Ohio's burglary law by removing the requirement that a person use "stealth, force, or deception" to be charged with burglary.
- **HB 347** - Requires a 24-hour waiting period and physician consultation before an abortion procedure.

BILLS INTRODUCED BY REP. BRYANT BAILEY

[Minimum Standards for Detention Centers](#)

This bill will establish minimum standards for immigration detention facilities, including adequate meals, medical care, and weather-appropriate clothing. In addition, the bill reaffirms the rights of detainees to a reasonable wage for all labor a detainee renders, and reasonable access to communicate with family, friends, and the detainee's legal representative.

[Child Care for Child Care Workers HB 768](#)

HB 768 would help childcare workers access publicly funded childcare by allowing counties to exclude a worker's family income from eligibility. Childcare professionals make it possible for families across Ohio to work, yet many earn too little to afford care for their own children. This legislation helps strengthen the childcare workforce and improve stability for providers and working families.

[The Ohio Menopause & Hormone Therapy Act HB 767](#)

This bill would align Ohio's insurance standards with updated federal guidance and current clinical evidence regarding menopausal hormone therapy. It expands access to care and ensures patients can work with their doctors to make informed, individualized decisions about their health, without worrying about unaffordable out-of-pocket costs.

[The Childcare Tax Credit Act HB 804](#)

HB 804 would create a refundable state tax credit to help families offset the rising cost of childcare. Families with children under age five could receive up to \$2,000 for one child or \$4,000 for two or more children to help cover qualifying childcare expenses. By easing the financial burden of childcare, this bill helps families remain financially stable during their children's earliest years.

[Would you like to show support or give testimony?](#)

If you or your organization would like to share feedback, express support, or provide testimony on any of these bills, please get in touch with our office at rep26@ohiohouse.gov or **(614) 466-1308**. We welcome input from community members, local leaders, and anyone interested in these bills as they move through the legislative process. Your experiences and perspectives are needed and welcomed!



INTRODUCED BY: REPS. ASHLEY BRYANT BAILEY & DR. ANITA SOMANI

HOTTIE Hormone Optimization Treatment Through Insurance Expansion

The Menopause Coverage Act

Ohio women deserve options. HOTTIE makes sure they **have them.**

Nearly 800,000 Ohio women between 45 and 60 are in the workforce today — teaching our children, running small businesses, caring for patients, holding communities together. Menopause is a natural part of their lives. Being denied coverage for treatment shouldn't be.

WHAT THIS BILL COVERS

• **DOCTOR VISITS & LABS**

Clinical evaluations and lab work to diagnose and monitor your care

• **FDA-APPROVED THERAPY**

Oral, patch, vaginal, or injectable — the treatment your doctor recommends

• **YOUR INDIVIDUAL NEEDS**

Alternative formulations when standard options don't work for you

• **MEDICAID INCLUSION**

Coverage for all Ohio women — not just those with employer plans

4 in 5

WOMEN EXPERIENCE
MENOPAUSAL SYMPTOMS

\$1.8B

LOST WORKFORCE
PRODUCTIVITY ANNUALLY

1 in 4

CONSIDER LEAVING THEIR
JOB DUE TO SYMPTOMS

WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOU

- **Your insurer cannot call menopause treatment "cosmetic" or "elective."** It's medical. It gets covered.
- **Your doctor stays in charge** — not insurance company bureaucrats deciding what care you deserve.
- **No excessive out-of-pocket costs.** Menopause care is priced like any other medical benefit under your plan.
- **You stay in the room.** Treated symptoms mean better sleep, sharper thinking, and the ability to keep doing what you do best.

Add your voice to provide testimony to help pass this legislation:

Email: rep26@ohiohouse.gov Phone: 614-366-1408

"Because the women who hold Ohio together deserve a state that holds them up in return."

The Menopause Coverage Act

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REP. BRYANT BAILEY IN THE DISTRICT



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Are you, a family member, or a neighbor in need of assistance? My office is here to support you with a wide range of needs, from navigating state programs and agencies to resolving issues with unemployment benefits. If you have an issue you are passionate about, share it with us! Want to celebrate an outstanding accomplishment? Email my office and we are happy to recognize leaders in our community.

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