



March 2023 Legislative Update from STATE REP. JUANITA O. BRENT

(614) 466-1408 | rep22@ohiohouse.gov
@Juanita_Brent
fb.com/JuanitaOBrent

From the desk of Rep. Juanita O. Brent HOUSE DISTRICT 22

Dear Neighbor,

March is Women’s History Month and National Disability awareness Month. If we want to support women this month, look at what they’ve been fighting for. Things like affordable child care, equal pay for equal work, paid family leave and better access to menstrual care products.

This month we also observe National Disability awareness Month by making your community more inclusive for people of every ability.

This month I am focusing on being in District. I am taking tours of District public servant offices like Police and Fire Stations. I am also visiting school districts as well as local businesses.

As a notice, Ohio’s 2024-2025 Budget has been proposed. The Budget totals 202.1 Billion Dollars. Finance committee hearings concerning the Budget started in February. To remain up to date with finance committee meetings visit Ohiochannel.org.

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

Sincerely,
State Representative Juanita O. Brent
House District 22

**Cleveland Hts
Fire Department**



Out In The Community

Shaker High School



Shaker Hts Fire Department



Warrensville Hts Elementary School



Helpful Contacts

Public Safety: www.publicsafety.ohio.gov	Taxation: www.tax.ohio.gov	Jobs and Family Services: www.jfs.ohio.gov	Bureau of Motor Vehicles: www.bmv.ohio.gov
Highway Patrol 877-7-PATROL	Form Requests 800-282-1782	Veteran Services 888-296-7541	Information 800-589-TAGS
DUI Hotline 800-GRAB-DUI	Taxpayer Assistance 800-282-1780	Unemployment 877-644-6562	

Introduced State Budget

Education

- \$6000 yearly maximum for Ohio College Opportunity Grant (OCOG). \$1,000 per year in addition to PELL funding for First time students at community colleges
- \$5,000 per year merit scholarship for students graduating in the top 5% of their class and attending college in Ohio
- Continuation of Cupp-Patterson Fair School Funding

Tax

- \$2,500 income tax exemption per child
- Increase of the Local Government Fund share of the General Revenue Fund from 1.66% to 1.7%
- Allows taxpayers with minor children claimed as dependents on their income tax returns to receive an Ohio income tax

Mother and Child Support

- Exempts sales of children’s health care products such as lotions, cribs, car seats, and strollers.
- All COVID related Programs no longer funded.
- 119.4 M for Help Me Grow funding (formerly ODH home visitation program providing parent education, encouraging early prenatal and well-baby care)

Fight for Public Education

SB 1, SB 14, SB 17, HB 6, and HB 11 are recently proposed bills I would vote No if on the House Floor for a vote as currently written. These Bills are breaking down the trust that students, parents and educators have in the education system. HB 10 is Ohio’s current form of school funding and if brought to the floor of the Ohio House I would vote YES

Senate Bill 1	Senate Bill 11	Senate Bill 14	Senate Bill 17	House Bill 6	House Bill 10	House Bill 11
DEW takes most of the powers of the State Board of Education	Removes criteria for Educational Choice scholarships allotted to low-income students	Makes an exception for veterans to teach without a license.	Requires Free Market Capitalism be incorporated into High school Curriculum	Require schools, to separate single-sex teams and sports for each sex.	Continue the phase-in of the Fair School Funding Plan	State employs a “Funds follow students approach” rather than funding our public school system

Job Openings: 2024 Fellows

New positions are open for recent graduates of bachelors degrees looking for job opportunities in the Legislative or Media fields.

Step 1: Go to [Career.ohio.gov](https://career.ohio.gov)

Step 2: Click Search for State Government Jobs

Step 3: Search in Keyword: LSC Fellow or Media Fellow

Step 4: Click Apply and fill out Application

Application Deadline: Friday, April 14, 2023
(check your political party affiliation preference on your application)

Rep. Brent Office Hour

Office Hour

What is an Office Hour: A monthly open invite event hosted in a public location

Purpose: For constituents of House District 22 to speak with Rep. Brent about their comments, question and concerns.

March 27: Motiv

3427 Lee Rd. Shaker Heights, OH
5PM TO 7PM

Office of State Rep. Juanita O. Brent
(614) 466-1408 | rep22@ohiohouse.gov
77 S. High St., Columbus, OH 43215

