



# April 2023 Legislative Update from **STATE REP. JUANITA O. BRENT**

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

Dear Neighbor,

April is World Autism Month. Since 2019, I have been fighting for autism to be considered a qualifying medical condition. We must keep supporting the autism community, from the caretakers, families and all of the Ohioans with autism.

This month we also observe Earth Day. Observe this day by recycling, planting a tree, anything you can do to make the world around you better for the future generations. Make sure to attend advocacy events learn ways to best be an advocate. Recently, I attended the Hunt Institute to converse and learn more about key issues in education.

Things to anticipate this April: The State Budget will be leaving committee for a House Vote before moving to the Senate. The \$13.5 Billion Transportation budget has been signed into law. I have sponsored and co-sponsored multiple amendments that will better support our Ohio House District 22.

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

Sincerely,  
State Representative Juanita O. Brent  
House District 22

Hunt Institute for  
Education Conference



## **Out In The Community**

### East Cleveland Public School



### Cleveland Heights Event about Public Education



## **Helpful Contacts**

<b>Public Safety:</b> <a href="http://www.publicsafety.ohio.gov">www.publicsafety.ohio.gov</a>	<b>Taxation:</b> <a href="http://www.tax.ohio.gov">www.tax.ohio.gov</a>	<b>Jobs and Family Services:</b> <a href="http://www.jfs.ohio.gov">www.jfs.ohio.gov</a>	<b>Bureau of Motor Vehicles:</b> <a href="http://www.bmv.ohio.gov">www.bmv.ohio.gov</a>
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	

## Transportation Budget Highlights

The 2024-2025 Budget for Transportation is \$13.5 Billion. The Governor has signed it into law. This bill takes effect July 1

- \$1 Billion for Rural Highway Construction
- \$74 Million in Public transportation
- \$50 Million for road improvements (Systemic Safety Program), and safety features for greater use of pedestrian walkways.
- Two person crew, Wayside Detector systems , Train Hazardous waste transportation report

## Should Police Age Decrease

House Bill 84 and Senate Bill 53 lower the minimum age of police offers from **21** to **18**. House Bill 84 is currently in House Homeland Security Committee. Ohio needs to focus on how to retain police. Currently no Police Chief from the House District supports this legislation. To keep up with these Bills in committee go to [ohiochannel.com](http://ohiochannel.com)

## MetroHealth Minority Men's Health

**Purpose:** The Metro Health Minority Men's Health Fair is offering free health screenings at convenient Metro Health locations near you: Main Campus, Cleveland Heights, or Ohio City.

**To Register:** Call 216-957-3862

# April 27, 2023

5PM TO 8:30 PM

## Who Took My Money (HB 1)

House Bill 1 creates a flat state income tax rate of 2.75%. This would lower the income tax rate of wealthy Ohioans more than any other group. Ohioans making less than \$26,050 per year would continue to pay no income tax.

The state would make up for the lost income-tax revenue by ending some state property tax rollbacks, which stops \$1.2 billion per year in state payments to schools and Local Governments. The flat-tax rate would negatively affect your cities, your schools and roads. This will disinvest less into public library and resources that municipalities can use for police and fire departments. HB1 makes Ohio more reliant on property tax.

## Cleveland Hts-University Hts School Board Members Beverly Wright and Dan Heintz



## Rep. Brent 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.

**Time:** 5PM TO 7PM

**April 24: Cleveland Hts Library**

2345 Lee Rd. Cleveland Heights, OH

5PM TO 7PM