

February 2024 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,

The Capital Budget process is ongoing. The \$1.2 Billion Capital Budget Project Worksheets need to be submitted to the Senate before the April 8th deadline.

Since the approval of Issue 2 last November, Cannabis has been a pressing issue. The House Finance Committee has been slowly working through Cannabis Bills such as HB354.

This Black History, I celebrate bills I authored to advocate for black people: HB 178, HB 190, Money in the Operation budget for Birthing Beautiful Community, and Medicaid covering doula services.

Election Day is March 19th, and Ohio's election laws have changed. These new voter suppression laws are in effect for the March 2024 primary. Make sure you utilize page 2 for additional details of the Election Timeline and acceptable voter ID.

As always, please reach out to my office with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely,
State Representative Juanita O. Brent
House District 22

Rep. Brent in The Community

**Dr. Airica Steed
(MetroHealth CEO)**



**Orange Village Mayor
Judson Kline**

**Machinist Union Local
Lodge 1363 Picket Line**



**SIX Beyond Borders
Conference**

Helpful Contacts

Public Safety: www.publicsafety.ohio.gov

Highway Patrol 877-7-PATROL

DUI Hotline 800-GRAB-DUI

Taxation: www.tax.ohio.gov

Form Requests 800-282-1782

Taxpayer Assistance 800-282-1780

Jobs and Family Services:

www.jfs.ohio.gov

Veteran Services 888-296-7541

Unemployment 877-644-6562

Bureau of Motor Vehicles:

www.bmv.ohio.gov

Information 800-589-TAGS

March 2024 Election: Timeline

Early Voting Accepted ID's:

US Passport	State of Ohio ID	Ohio Driver's License
Passport Card	US Military ID	Ohio interim ID

Voting Schedule

- **Feb. 20th** --- Last Day of Voter Registration
- **Feb. 21st** --- First Day of Early Voting /Vote By Mail
- **Mar. 12st** --- Vote by Mail Ends
- **Mar. 17th** --- Early In-Person Voting Ends
- **Mar. 19th** --- Election Day



Gun Prevention Summit

Come and Join the Gun violence Prevention Summit to have open discussion on commonsense Gun control.

Time: 10am—12:30pm

Where: Ohio Statehouse

Thursday, February 15th

MetroHealth Minority Men's Health Fair

MetroHealth is providing free health screenings, community resources and education.

Time: 11am—4pm

Location:

Tri-C Metro Campus	10 Severance Center Cleveland Heights, Ohio
MetroHealth Cleveland Heights Medical Center	2900 Community College Ave, Cleveland, Ohio (Room 201)

Saturday, April 27th

Rep. Brent's Bills

House Bill 387

HB387, the Demolish Academic Distress Commission (ADC) Bill repeals ADC's to bring school districts back under local control.

HB 387 Bill Breakdown

- Removes the Academic Distress Commissions from Ohio law
- School Districts will no longer be subject to Academic Distress Commissions in Ohio
- Restores Youngstown and East Cleveland to normal status

House Bill 277

HB277, the Pet Friendly Rental Act has had a few changes. The tables below summarizes the differences between the new and the original HB277 bill.

Remained The Same

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| • Provides a tax credit for landlords with pet friendly policies | • Total credit claimed per year is \$7500 |
| • Landlords claiming the credit can not have breed or size restrictions (unless dangerous) | |

Changed

- Landlords claiming the credit can have a limit on the number of pets
- The amount of the credit is \$62.50 per month for each month the companion animal lived in the unit
- 10 million dollar Tax Credits Cap per calendar year.



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