



A Legislative Update From
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FROM THE DESK OF REPRESENTATIVE JARRELLS | MAY NEWSLETTER

Dear Neighbor,

Last month I joined the majority of my colleagues and voted “no” on HB 110, the state’s two-year budget. After a year in which the pandemic has taken a toll on Ohio families, businesses, and communities, We wanted to see a budget that created opportunity for Ohio’s future and ensured our recovery benefits all Ohioans. This isn’t that budget.

This budget was a missed opportunity to invest in everyday Ohioans still struggling amid the health and economic crisis. It fails to invest in the health, safety and security of all Ohioans by not including investments to modernize outdated public health systems to respond to this crisis and be ready for the next one before it happens.

It also doesn’t do enough to invest in the tools people need to live a better life, like childcare, rental assistance, affordable college, and better wages.

It’s our job to create a fiscally responsible budget that supports Ohioans. As this budget process continues, I’ll continue to fight for a budget that works for you , your family, and all Ohioans.

If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to my office at Rep25@ohiohouse.gov or 614-466-5343.

Sincerely,

Rep. Dontavious L. Jarrells



Happy Independence Day to Eritrea!

On May 24th, Rep. Jarrells stood with constituents as they celebrated 25 years of Eritrea’s development towards a more inclusive economy and society.



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LEGISLATION UPDATE



HOUSE BILL 281 — MENTAL HEALTH AND DISABILITY TERMINOLOGY ACT

Rep. Jarrells went before the House Health Committee this month and gave sponsor testimony on his alongside his colleague and joint sponsor, Rep. Tom Young as he advocated for **House Bill 281**.

House Bill 281 replaces derogatory language related to people with disabilities and updates statutory provisions relating to assistance dogs, braille teacher standards, the Children with Medical Handicaps Program, and accessible parking spaces. This legislation is a comprehensive update to the terminology regarding mental health and disabilities in the Ohio Revised Code.

Rep. Jarrells hearing for H.B. 281 was comprised of six proponent testimonies coming from many organizations representing many advocates and members of Ohio's disability community such as Deaf World Against Violence Everywhere, Mental Health America Ohio, Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health, and more. We are expecting a second hearing for this legislation in the coming weeks.

HOUSE BILL 316 — 2020-2021 HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION RECOVERY ACT

Understanding the detrimental affect COVID-19 had on students this past school year, Rep. Jarrells worked with his colleague Rep. Hillyer to propose emergency legislation— **House Bill 316**, also known as the 2020-2021 High School Education Recovery Act. This legislation allows any high school student who worked towards a high school credit during the 2020-2021 school year to have the option to use the upcoming 2021-2022 school year as a supplemental year to retake or supplement courses the student already has taken.

It would also require public and chartered nonpublic schools to replace course grades on students' transcripts with the grades received for those courses that are retaken or supplemented through the program. This bill was referred to the Primary and Secondary Committee and had its first hearing.

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