



# THE COACH HALL FOUNDATION

For The Protection Of Our School Children

## Substitute House Bill 318 Proponent Testimony 2018

Chairman Smith, Vice-Chair Ryan, Ranking Member Cera, and distinguished members of the House Finance Committee, thank you for the opportunity to offer sponsor testimony on Substitute House Bill 318, legislation that would establish basic qualifications and training requirements of school resource officers.

I am Frank Hall, a football coach and study hall moderator at Chardon High School on February 27, 2012.

That morning, a Monday, started like every morning, I was in the cafeteria talking to kids when the shooting started. My thoughts immediately were to protect my kids and get the shooter out of the cafeteria. I ran towards him and he took a shot at me and I ducked behind a Pepsi machine. He ran out of the cafeteria and for a brief moment I thought the kids were safe and then it hit me, he was in the hallway where students were running into lockdown. I gave chase until he ran out of the building, across the parking lot, and into the woods.

I returned into the building, it was in lockdown, not a sound in the hallways, not a sound in the building. When I got back to the cafeteria and I took care of Russell, Demetrius and Danny. I spoke to them, I asked them to hang on, we prayed. All three boys passed away.

I want my life back to the way it was on February 26th 2012.

I can't change the past, but we can, through this legislation make sure it is more difficult for these types of events to happen. Putting a School Resource Officer who is a police officer who has special training is the most important step in securing our buildings and protecting our children.

With passage of Substitute House Bill 318 schools can now invest and adopt proactive measures, services, and added layers of safety to protect our children.

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to speak and I hope you will all support this bill.

Respectfully,  
Frank Hall  
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