



Ohio House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
Written Proponent Testimony for Ohio Senate Bill 165
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Chairman Blessing, Vice-Chair Jones, Ranking Member Robinson, and members of the Ohio House Primary and Secondary Education Committee, I am Stephanie Stock, the President of Ohio Advocates for Medical Freedom (OAMF), an organization of citizens from all walks of life and all corners of the state of Ohio. Our mission is to protect and preserve medical freedom for all Ohio citizens. On behalf of our 12,000+ followers, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to offer opponent testimony in opposition of Ohio House Bill 165.

The State Board of Education wants the power to revise the health curriculum and teach and implement individual responsibility for health decisions beginning as early as pre-school.

Through standards defined by the Ohio Department of Health, in conjunction with federal organizations like the CDC, this curriculum grooms minors to choose medical interventions taught at school, encourages them to act independently from their parents, while granting access and providing incentive to use state promoted “products and services.”

HB165 also allows the Ohio Department of Education to insert these standards, without public oversight, to educate young children how to “identify trusted adults and professionals who can promote health,” and “identify characteristics of valid health information, resources, services and products,” undermining the internal relationships and values of Ohio families.

This bill would completely redefine our health education curriculum and standards and takes power away from our elected legislators, as well as Ohio citizens and parents. It would give the Ohio Department of Education sweeping control over how health education is presented to our children without appropriate checks and balances.

This attempt to shape the minds of our children would certainly be influenced by the Ohio Department of Health and other government agencies who are primarily comprised of former pharmaceutical company employees and deep-pocketed healthcare and pharmaceutical lobbying groups, taking Ohio in a dangerous direction, allowing those with self-enriching interests to sell our children products and services without parental and public consent.

Furthermore, HB165 would not only remove the existing legislative safeguards over subject sensitive curriculum, but would also eliminate the public’s opportunity to participate in the process through public hearing.

Ohio Advocates for Medical Freedom respectfully requests that the committee please support Parental Rights and OPPOSE Ohio House Bill 165.

Sincerely,

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