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Chairman Brenner, Vice-Chairwoman Slaby, and Members of the House Education Committee, thank you for allowing me to provide sponsor testimony on House Bill 426.

HB 426 is intended to empower prospective students with current job placement rates of Career Colleges and Schools. This information will help prospective students make career and education decisions and connect students with “in demand job” opportunities.

Currently, Career Colleges and Schools are required to report their job placement statistics to the Ohio State Board of Career Colleges and Schools. Under the proposed legislation, the board would now be required to report the statistics on their website and make it searchable by college/school, associate, certificate, diploma, and program type. Additionally, it would require the board to include said information in their annual report to the General Assembly.

This legislation also requires the Department of Higher Education to provide a link on their website to the website of the Ohio State Board of Career Colleges and Schools, in order to aid prospective students to make sound career and educational decisions, while helping them pursue “in demand job” opportunities. The purpose of my legislation is to ensure prospective students have timely, appropriate, and helpful information when making their educational and career decision.

We are in a time where more and more jobs are being created in our state, but many remain unfilled. Our career colleges are one avenue for Ohioans to gain the skills needed to obtain these good paying jobs. However, we want to ensure Ohioans are empowered with the information to make good decisions. A big factor on choosing a career path for Ohioans should be whether they will obtain a job or not once completing the educational program. Creating the database that this bill calls for will give Ohioans information so that they can choose career paths that will actually lead to good paying jobs that are in demand.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 426. I would be happy to answer any questions at this time.