

**Sponsor Testimony for Sub House Bill 319**  
**Representative Marlene Anielski**  
**House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee**  
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Thank you Chair Boose, Vice-Chair Green, Ranking Member Sheehy, and members of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee for the opportunity to speak today on behalf of Sub House Bill 319. The goal is to provide individual public school districts, which are listed in the legislation, with the opportunity for additional funding for programs, through the specialty license plates, to combat the emotional and mental issues of their students.

After working with the superintendents, we determined that creating a specialty license plate would be a unique and common sense option where the students would greatly benefit. Here is how it works. First, the specialty license plate would have an additional forty dollar fee on top of the original charge for a standards plate. Ten dollars of the additional forty dollars would be designated for administration fees at the BMV and the remaining thirty dollars would be distributed directly to the school district. Secondly, 100% of the funds distributed to the school district shall only be used in programs addressing the emotional and mental well-being of their students. The superintendents or their designees select the specific programs which are needed to assist their student body emotionally.

The specialty license plates already have overwhelming proven community support, of petition signatures of parents, alumni, community members, etc. who support the specialty license plate initiative for the emotional and mental well-being of their students. I am confident the legislation will open the door for life changing programs and training at the schools.

The bill has been reviewed by the Department of Public Safety as well as the Ohio State Highway Patrol and they see no safety concerns that the specialty plates would create. I feel Sub House Bill 319 is absolutely necessary due to undisputable facts that our young people are suffering in silence now more than ever from many different areas.

Chairman Boose and members of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, I am happy to answer any questions that you may have. Thank you very much for your consideration.