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Chairman Brenner, Vice Chair Slaby, Ranking Member Fedor and members of the House Education and Career Readiness Committee, thank you for allowing me to come before you today and present sponsor testimony on House Bill 338.

This legislation works to amend section 3327 of the Ohio Revised Code regarding medical examinations for school bus drivers. Current Ohio law requires school bus drivers to complete an annual physical, which can be administered by a number of medical professionals including Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, Nurse Specialists, Nurse-Midwives, or any persons licensed under Chapter 4731 to practice medicine and surgery or Osteopathic medicine and surgery.

House Bill 338 would amend the aforementioned section by including licensed Chiropractors as medical professionals who are qualified to perform an annual physical. Currently in the state of Ohio there is a shortage of both health care providers and school bus drivers. House Bill 338 aims to increase the number of health care providers who can administer the physical exam. Ultimately, this legislation would allow current and future school bus drivers more accessibility when scheduling their annual physicals. Chiropractors are listed on the National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners established by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. This certification allows them the ability to perform physicals on truck drivers. House Bill 338 would essentially be codifying this current federal registry to allow Ohio chiropractors the ability to conduct examinations which they are certified to administer.

Once again, Chairman Brenner and members of the House Education and Career Readiness Committee, thank you for the opportunity to offer sponsor testimony on behalf of HB 338. I would be happy to answer any questions at this time.

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