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Education and Career Readiness Committee
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Proponent Testimony of Kip Crain

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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 submit written testimony today. My name is Kip Crain and I am superintendent of Wayne County Schools Career Center.

When the state established a CTE Report Card, it used many of the components/requirements from the K-12 report card. As a result, we feel there is, in part, a misguided evaluation of our career-technical schools that does not accurately measure the success of the career-technical education community.

Our career center has received national award recognition from “High Schools That Work” for rigorous academics and extra help provided. Two thirds of our students voluntarily join “Drug Free Clubs of America” to be drug tested, and most receive certificates for demonstration of excellent work ethic in “Bring Your A Game to Work.” While only 3 of our 27 programs have had their national competitions this year – most will be held this coming summer – our students have already received two national gold medals and a silver. Our distinguished alumni have received many industry awards, and many now have their own successful businesses or have achieved leadership positions.

But, like almost all of Ohio’s career centers, the Wayne County Schools Career Center has received a “D” or “F” on our CTE Report Card on the “Prepared for Success” component. This component is heavily (non-CTE) test-based. Students receive points under this component by achieving passing scores on AP exams, college entrance exams, and International Baccalaureate exams. It is difficult to explain and justify to our Business and Industry Partners and parents why our schools are evaluated based primarily on academic criteria.

I have 35 years of experience in Career and Technical Education (CTE) as a CTE teacher, supervisor, director/principal, and 14 of those as Superintendent of the Wayne County Schools Career Center. This year, I am President of the Administration Division of Ohio Association for Career and Technical Education (Ohio ACTE), and our CTE community whole-heartedly

supports the HB591 provisions that reform the CTE report card methodology and require the state to judge our students on relevant CTE measures.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kip Crain, Ph.D.", written in a cursive style.

Dr. Kip Crain, Superintendent
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