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ABATE of Ohio, Inc. is in support of amending this bill to remove the added language (lines 11419-11427) in section 4508.08 of this bill.

The curriculum used for motorcycle training in Ohio needs to be more than the blanket training currently in use across the country. A curriculum needs to be maintained that not only teaches the skills that apply universally throughout motorcycling, but also addresses many of the challenges more specific to the terrain, weather and other riding conditions here in Ohio. Other states are moving to state specific training, fostered by NHTSA's National Training Standards for Beginning Riders.

ODPS has had regular meeting of the "Motorcycle Ohio Stakeholders" to solicit input on issues that need addressed in Ohio. This group contains members representing: Motorcycle Ohio, the Ohio Highway Patrol, and Ohio Department of Transportation, various riding groups, trainers, motorcycle manufactures and other interested parties. The experience and talent that provides input at these, and other meetings, helped develop the Ohio MORE curriculum, and will continue to further develop and maintain the program in the future.

The time and cost involved also needs to be addressed. To implement multiple curricula, trainers and educators would need to be trained to teach the proposed required curriculum, in addition to the accepted Ohio specific curriculum. This would increase the cost of training and stretch an already limited budget.

Our goal is to help foster an effective training program here in Ohio, and improve the safety of the motorcyclist here in Ohio. We seek that lines 11419-11427 be removed from this bill.

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