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Chairman Blessing, Vice Chair Jones, Ranking Member Robinson, and my esteemed colleagues of the Primary and Secondary Education Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on House Bill 111.

House Bill 111, the “Expediting the Transfer of Student Records Act” clarifies and codifies a requirement for the timely transfer of a K-12 student’s records between schools when a student transfers from one school to another. Under this legislation, that timeframe will be within five school days.

Under current Ohio law, there is no timeframe for a primary or secondary school to follow when a request is made—usually by the parent of a student—to transfer that student’s records from the school the student is departing to the school in which the student is enrolling.

While most transfers of student records are done in a timely and efficient manner, that is not always the case, and there is no legal mechanism to enforce timely transfers.

This is commonsense, nonpartisan legislation that impacts and treats all schools—public, private, or charter—equally. All schools will be required to transfer student records in this timely manner.

Chairman Blessing, Vice Chair Jones, Ranking Member Robinson, and members of the Primary and Secondary Education Committee, I thank you for your time, and I will be happy to answer any questions at this time.

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