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State & Local Government Committee

Room 122 at the Ohio Statehouse

HB 399

Chairman Wiggam, Vice Chair Stephens, Ranking Member Kelly, and members of the House State and Local Government Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak in support of House Bill 399, on behalf of the Ohio Cosmetology Career Technical School Association (OCCTA). 87 School districts and 100 + Educators, represent both secondary and post-secondary Career Technical Schools in Ohio. The proposed changes would greatly improve the hardships for our students both in time and money, reducing student debt for the adult learner.

Currently most Career-Technical high school programs are completing a 1,000-clock hour program and doing this with great success. We are making up the difference using the academic courses, and internships. This is due to the graduation requirements in each local school districts. This streamlined approach has proven successful.

The average lab and theory hours are about  $3 \frac{1}{2}$  hours per day x 180 days = 630 x 2 years = 1260 clock hours.

This change would let students complete early and work in their career field.

Once again thank you for you time and consideration on this matter.

Are there any questions or comments?

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