

**Dear Transportation and Safety Committee,**

**I must take exception to the proposed changes to the Ohio motorcycle safety and education program. This is a bad deal for Ohio, Ohio motorcycle training and Ohio motorcycle riders and this proposed amendment should be struck in its entirety.**

**Impact and Concerns:**

- **This proposal will allow multiple end-of-course evaluation testing which will be confusing to the trainees and allow or delete any components without state oversight or uniformity. In effect the tests could be made to be "no fail". Motorcycle dealers that offer training and motorcycle sales and others would not have oversight opening the door for fraud.**

- **Presently there are at least 5 major curricula and multiple variations with more being developed. Acceptance of the changes would allow anyone to open a site with no oversight and does not define "nationally recognized"**

- **Anyone could develop a curriculum, open sites and expose the public to risk and**

**possibly be immune from liability because the state, under this proposal, would not be able to conduct background checks and driving records checks on these instructors. Need I point out that the program trains a significant number of minors.**

- **Ohio Chief instructors would need to be trained on multiple curricula and more Chiefs would be required adding more expense.**

- **This proposal is an attempt to circumvent all Ohio Revised codes dealing with instructor oversight, training and certification-decertification and other requirements. It allows the creation of multiple autonomous programs.**

- **Depending on curriculum, training sites would have their own range and standards and this would require new quality control programs to be developed. Expensive personnel would need to be hired to fund these vendor programs.**

- **This proposal would require expensive database development and additional personnel along with more complex data evaluation including crash and fatality for each curriculum. Additionally, how would programs be evaluated for quality, effectiveness and customer satisfaction.**

- **Importantly, this proposal dismantles the Motorcycle Ohio program and removes the Director of Public Safety authority to manage the program, and elevates a provider or a 501c(6) corporation above the director.**

**The list could go on, and this proposal requires public funds, set aside for motorcycle rider training, be used for the private sector. Any legitimate provider would, should and be able to comply with the standards already in place. This is a bad deal for Ohio.**

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