



February 4, 2020

Chairman Schuring, Vice Chair Rulli, Ranking Member O'Brien and members of the Senate Government and Agency Review Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the legislative process and voice my support for SB 187.

Children should not be performing sexually suggestive routines in a bar for tips.

This bill adds and defines the term "sexually suggestive" regarding the performances of minors and includes the penalty of removing the liquor license from an establishment which permits such a performance. There is nothing in this bill which denigrates any section of our society or a specific group of people. It amends current law to prohibit a minor from performing in a sexually suggestive manner in a bar. A simple and straightforward procedure which will close a loophole in the existing statute.

This should be such an easy choice to make and should pass through committees and both houses with wholehearted bipartisan support. Pastors across our state are incredulous that there is even opposition to this bill. Children should not be performing sexually suggestive routines in bars for tips.

Don't allow the specifics of the event in Lancaster to cloud the main issue: a minor was performing a sexually suggestive performance for adults late at night in a bar. It doesn't matter the sex of the performer, the composition of the audience or the overall theme of the event. A child was performing a sexually suggestive routine for adults in a bar for tips.

We are not speaking of a toddler in a living room mimicking a dance move seen on television or children being silly and trying to make someone else laugh. Children don't come up with a plan to perform in a bar on their own. Someone else assists in the promotion, choreography, costuming and transportation.

I believe there have been 266 bills and 461 resolutions introduced in the senate alone – besides all of the bills for consideration which pass the house. That is a lot of reading. I also understand that it is normal procedure that when a bill is brought from the committee to a vote that many other members of that body will add their name as co-sponsors of that bill.



In spite of all of the bills under consideration by this body, I am disappointed that this bill does not have more co-sponsors. I am also curious to discover if any senators believe that children **should** be performing sexually suggestive routines in bars for tips, even though it is highly unlikely that very many of their constituents will agree with them.

As Ohioans we benefit from many natural resources. In order to preserve those natural resources, we have many restrictions in place:

- To ensure the cleanliness of our lakes and rivers
- To preserve our wildlife and plants
- To specify procedures for fracking and drilling for gas and oil
- To regulate emissions from vehicles and factories in order to protect our air quality

We spend billions of dollars annually to preserve our natural resources for the benefit of future generations - our children.

But **this bill** helps to protect our children, for they are, indeed, our greatest natural resource.

We must not permit children to perform sexually suggestive routines in bars for tips.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. L. Wolvin', is positioned above the printed name.

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