



**House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
HB 151 Proponent Testimony
Buckeye Association of School Administrators
Ohio Association of School Business Officials
Ohio School Boards Association
Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators
Ohio Association of Elementary School Administrators
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Chair Manning, Vice Chair Bird, Ranking Member Robinson, and Members of the House Primary and Secondary Education Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on House Bill (HB) 151. My name is Kevin Miller, the Director of Governmental Relations for the Buckeye Association of School Administrators (BASA). Joining me today to offer testimony and answer questions are Barbara Shaner representing the Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators (OASSA) and the Ohio Association of Elementary School Administrators (OAESA), Will Schwartz, Deputy Director of Legislative Services for the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA), and Katie Johnson, Deputy Executive Director for the Ohio Association of School Business Officials (OASBO). Our organizations represent public school principals, school district superintendents, public boards of education, and treasurers/CFOs, business managers and other school business officials from around the state.

HB 151 replaces the two-year Ohio Teacher Residency (OTR) Program with a two-year local new teacher mentorship program beginning with the 2023-2024 school year. The bill also eliminates measures of progression that have been requirements under the OTR, including the Resident Educator Summative Assessment (RESA), the elimination of which the members of our organizations have long requested.

HB 151 creates a system of support for new teachers, allowing them opportunities to observe veteran educators and discuss and reflect on instructional practices. We believe this mentorship approach will be much more valuable to new teachers than the current system focused on assessments.

We are also supportive of provisions in the current version of the bill which allow for district boards of education to devise a plan locally to narrow the program from the OTR's four years to two, as required through HB 442 from the 133rd General Assembly. Current law makes this a function of the state board of education.

We thank bill sponsor, Representative Jones, for continuing to work on this important issue and proposing legislation that will make improvements in Ohio's system for assimilating new teachers into the profession.

This concludes our testimony. We will be happy to address your questions.