



**Senate Primary and Secondary Education Committee
Senate Bill 166 - Proponent Testimony
Buckeye Association of School Administrators
Ohio Association of School Business Officials
Ohio School Boards Association
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Chair Brenner, Vice Chair Blessing, Ranking Member Fedor, and members of the Senate Primary and Secondary Education Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of Senate Bill (SB) 166. Our organizations represent public school district boards of education, superintendents, treasurers/CFOs, business managers, and other school business officials from around the state.

On behalf of our members, we write to express our support of SB 166, which would help provide the necessary learning opportunities and skill development for our students in career technical programs and other work-based learning experiences. Some of the benefits of this legislation include:

- Provides incentives to Ohio businesses to provide work-based learning experiences for students enrolled in an approved career-technical program to help ensure sufficient opportunities are available to students;
- Permits a student to receive credit for a driver education course conducted by a school or district as either an elective or as an approved industry-recognized credential;
- Permits a career-technical planning district to use a portion of career-technical education funds to make a driver education course available to high school students enrolled in the district;
- Allows approved career-technical education programs to provide remote or digital learning opportunities to students on a full-time or hybrid basis to the extent practicable; and
- Extends the authority under current law applied to a city, local, or exempted village school district with respect to a commercial or industrial project subject to a community reinvestment area tax exemption to a joint vocational school district.

Our members support the opportunities provided for under SB 166 that will enhance career technical education for Ohio students.

Again, thank you for considering our testimony. Feel free to contact us with questions.

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