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## **OHIO EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**

Ohio Senate – Primary and Secondary Education Committee

Senate Bill 233 – Proponent Testimony

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Good afternoon Chair Brenner, Ranking Member Fedor, and members of the Ohio Senate Education Committee. My name is Scott DiMauro and I am a high school social studies teacher from Worthington with 16 years of classroom teaching experience and currently serving as President of the Ohio Education Association (OEA). Thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony in support of SB 233.

SB 233 supports students by requiring the State Board of Education to establish student-centered and school-specific minimum qualification requirements for school nurses.

K-12 students have unique health needs that are not present in hospitals. SB 233 ensures school nurses demonstrate certain knowledge and skills necessary to handle a variety of student-service requirements. For example, school nurses play a critical role in supporting Ohio’s compliance with a wide-range of federal student health services mandated under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Under SB 233, the State Board of Education will be authorized to establish student-centered minimum requirements that ensure state-licensed school nurses are prepared to meet all student health responsibilities established by the state of Ohio and the federal government.

SB 233 is good public policy and OEA recommends passage of the bill.

