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Chairman Brenner, Vice-Chairman Blessing, ranking member Hicks-Hudson, and members of the Senate Primary & Secondary Education Committee, thank you for allowing me to present sponsor testimony on HB 151.

The Ohio Teacher Residency Program is just over 10 years old and in HB 151 we are making some much needed improvements.

Our young teachers should not feel burdened in their first few years of teaching. This program in some cases is seen not as a helpful tool, but an unnecessary burden.

Today we are taking steps to ensure that every educator in the State of Ohio new and veteran receives top-quality mentorship to ensure our children are receiving the best education possible.

House Bill 151 will do the following:

- Make the Summative Assessment less high-stakes by allowing for more attempts and expanding the time when teachers can submit their assessment
- Allows for online mentoring so a young teacher has a wider pool of mentors to choose from so they can find the perfect match
- Requires the Ohio Department of Education to provide counseling to someone who fails the assessment
- Requires the Assessment results to be returned within 30 days so the teacher is not left waiting and may make any corrections
- Requires every teacher in the State of Ohio-not just Resident Educators- every teacher- to be granted one day of professional development per year to shadow a veteran teacher in the classroom

With HB 151 we are making a much needed investment in our teachers and by doing so make an investment in our students. We have worked long and hard on this bill and all the interested parties agree that this is a good piece of legislation moving forward to help our teachers and to ensure quality education for our students.

Chairman Brenner, Vice-Chairman Blessing, Ranking-Member Hicks-Hudson and members of the Senate Primary & Secondary Education committee, I ask for your support of HB 151, thank you for your time, and will answer any questions you have.