



**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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Good afternoon Chair Brenner, Vice Chair Blessing, Ranking Member Hicks-Hudson, and Members of the Senate Primary and Secondary Education Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on House Bill (HB) 151. My name is Tom Perkins, the Deputy Executive Director 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), Jennifer Hogue, 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 makes modifications to the two-year Ohio Teacher Residency (OTR) Program beginning with the 2023-2024 school year. The OTR, including the Resident Educator Summative Assessment (RESA), would remain intact, but provide additional supports for participants.

HB 151 creates a system of support for new teachers, allowing them opportunities to connect online with highly qualified mentors. Participants who fail the RESA to meet with an instructional coach to review scores and discuss improvement strategies. Another benefit for participants in the bill would be to allow them to retake the RESA multiple times.

HB 151 also allows for participants to observe veteran educators and discuss and reflect on instructional practices. The time spent observing a veteran educator could be applied to the required hours needed for license renewal.

We believe the provisions in the bill will be much more valuable to new teachers, and make the OTR less punitive. 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.

However, as you are aware, the House added a controversial bill (HB 61) to HB 151 through a floor amendment. We urge the Senate to remove the provisions of HB 61 from HB 151 and address the two issues separately. The two are very different in both subject area, and in the stakeholders who have an interest in the proposals.

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