

House Bill 311 – Rep. Pizzulli

Chairman Peterson, Vice Chair Thomas, Ranking Member Humphrey, and esteemed colleagues of the House Government Oversight Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on House Bill 311, legislation to ensure students are not priced out of watching their high schools participate in playoff games.

Fall sports are a pillar of Ohio communities and some of the most cherished memories of the high school experience.

Just prior to the kickoff of high school playoff season, it was brought to our attention that drastic increases in ticket prices for high school playoff games are keeping our students from attending these games—a fundamental experience for many students. Students are also experiencing increased difficulty when trying to purchase tickets at games using cash.

House Bill 311 will directly address ticket price gouging by requiring student tickets to athletic playoff games to be priced lower than those of adults and ensuring the price of student tickets will be the same whether they are purchased online or with cash.

High school football is Americana at its best and is something that should be accessible to every student to enjoy. The cost of a game ticket shouldn't be an obstacle.

This legislation not only benefits our students but promotes community pride and unity.

I appreciate your time and attention. I am here to address any questions or concerns you may have. Thank you.