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**Remarks Before House Primary and Secondary Education Committee Regarding HB 147.
(As Prepared)**

Thank you Chair Bird, Ranking Member Robinson and members of the committee for allowing us to testify today on this important piece of bi-partisan legislation.

I also want to thank my dear friend, colleague, ranking member, and joint sponsor – Representative Fowler Arthur.

The other provisions recommended by ODE that are included in the bill are:

- Adds engaging in prostitution to the list of crimes for which the State Board must deny renewal of an educator license.
- Requires public and chartered nonpublic schools to report to ODE when a substitute teacher is removed from the eligible substitute list for conduct unbecoming to the teaching profession.
- Prohibits an educator whose license has been revoked from being an employee or contractor of a community school.

These are common sense provisions and while I'm grateful for ODE for providing us with guidance, I'm a bit flummoxed on why they are not already in law. We can fix that.

These provisions improve the ability of ODE to hold school employees accountable for misconduct. It closes loopholes and adds protections for students and parents.

I thank the committee for their time and we are happy to answer any questions.