

Testimony from Mark M. Tyler, Superintendent Hamilton Local School

Honorable Chairman McCain, Vice Chair Dobos and Ranking Member Grim, thank you for hearing my testimony in reference to HB 140 - penalty enhancement for failure to stop for school bus sponsored by Representative Brown. I am in support of this Bill after researching this issue with my district transportation coordinator. Multiple times each week we experience motorists illegally passing our school buses as they are attempting to drop off/pick up students. In at least one situation a student was nearly struck. There is a form that we can file with law-enforcement but we have never received feedback about any of these reports. Our school buses do have the capability to provide video evidence to the legal system. I would appreciate the opportunity to share this video evidence with law-enforcement and believe that the increased penalties in this Bill would have a positive impact on reducing the number of occurrences. I also believe that some individuals are unaware of the proper protocols and the educational component contained in this Bill would positively impact that further reducing the number of occurrences.