

**OHIO SENATE**  
**Committee on Education Minutes**  
**April 23, 2024**  
**135th General Assembly**

The Senate Committee on Education was called to order pursuant to the meeting notice at approximately 3:04 p.m. in the Senate South Hearing of the Statehouse.

Attendance was taken. A quorum was present.

The minutes of the April 17, 2024 committee meeting were approved.

The Chair called up H.B. 250 for its fourth hearing.

No testimony was provided.

Senator O'Brien moved to amend with AM 1852-2 (creates a pilot transportation program consisting of the Central Ohio and Montgomery County Educational Service Centers. The program will add vans to the list of vehicles ESC's may use to provide transportation, expanding the ease of providing transportation of students. The ESC of Central Ohio will provide transportation to Chartered-nonpublic and community schools students, choosing those who they transport based on need. The ESC of Montgomery County will provide transportation to students of both public and private schools as well as special education students that require additional transportation needs). The motion was agreed to without objection.

Senator O'Brien moved to amend with AM 1865-1 (requires that schools create a policy governing the use of cellular devices in schools. Requires DEW to create a model policy for schools to adopt should they choose not to create one themselves. The amendment includes exceptions for cell phone use if the device is used as a learning tool or is being used to monitor a health condition, or necessary for a student's IEP). The motion was agreed to without objection.

Senator O'Brien moved that H.B. 250 be favorable reported to the Committee on Rules and Reference. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 7-0.

The Chair called Canton Local School District up for invited testimony on academic recovery provided by:

Jeffrey S. Talbert, Superintendent

The Chair called up Logan-Hocking Local School District for invited testimony on academic recovery provided by:

Monte Bainter, Superintendent  
Trina Barrell, Curriculum Director

The Chair called up Strongsville Local School District for invited testimony on academic recovery provided by:

Erin Green, Director of Curriculum  
Amy Pinney, Supervisor of Elementary Curriculum

Jenni Pelko, Assistant Superintendent

The Chair called up ACCEL Schools Columbus for invited testimony on academic recovery provided by:

Dr. Chad Carr, Chief Academic Officer and Executive Vice President

The Chair called up ACCEL Schools Cleveland for invited testimony on academic recovery provided by:

Sherree M. Ray-Dillions, Vice President of Turn-Arounds Schools

The Chair called up H.B. 8 for its third hearing.

Senator O'Brien moved to that a substitute bill (I\_135\_0545-6) be accepted by the committee. The motion was agreed to with a vote of 3-1.

The following testimony was provided:

Jeanne Ogden, Self - Opponent (Written Testimony)

Maria Bruno, Equality Ohio - Opponent (Written Testimony)

Liam Strausbaugh, NASW Ohio - Opponent (Written Testimony)

Dara Adkison, TransOhio - Opponent (Written Testimony)

Rob Hofmann, American Atheists - Opponent (Written Testimony Only)

Gabrielle Doyle, Trevor Project - Opponent (Written Testimony)

Mallory Golski, Kaleidoscope Youth Center - Opponent (Written Testimony)

Melissa Cropper, Ohio Federation of Teachers - Opponent (Written Testimony)

Troy McIntosh, Ohio Christian Education Network - Proponent (Written Testimony)

Cam Ogden, Self - Opponent (Written Testimony Only)

Halle Martin, Self - Opponent (Written Testimony Only)

Autumn Kintner, Self - Opponent (Written Testimony Only)

Jeffrey Remaklus, Self - Opponent (Written Testimony Only)

Linda Harvey, Mission America - Opponent (Written Testimony Only)

Faye Macrae, TransOhio - Opponent (Written Testimony Only)

Ross Widener, Elected and Community Leader in Summit County - Opponent (Written Testimony Only)

Lis Regula, Self - Opponent (Written Testimony Only)

Jennifer Morin-Williamson, Self - Opponent (Written Testimony Only)

Tanya Salyers, YMCA Columbus - Opponent (Written Testimony Only)

Cara Habermehl, Ohio School Counselors Association - Opponent (Written Testimony Only)

Dr. Christina Collins, Honesty of Ohio Education - Opponent (Written Testimony Only)

Harley J.D. Rubin, Self - Opponent (Written Testimony Only)

James Knapp, Self - Opponent (Written Testimony Only)

John Stover, Ohio Value Voters - Opponent (Written Testimony Only)

Kat Scaglione, Self - Opponent (Written Testimony Only)

Ashley Dudinsky, Self - Opponent (Written Testimony Only)

Stephanie L. Ash MSW LSW Esq., Self - Opponent (Written Testimony Only)

Elizabeth Rieger, Self - Opponent (Written Testimony Only)

Dr. Rhea Debussy, Equitas Health - Opponent (Written Testimony Only)

The committee adjourned at approximately 5:20 p.m.

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Andrew O. Brenner, Chair