

**OHIO SENATE**  
**Committee on Workforce and Higher Education Minutes**  
**May 21, 2024**  
**135th General Assembly**

The Senate Committee on Workforce and Higher Education was called to order pursuant to the meeting notice at approximately 4 00 pm in the Finance Hearing Room of the Statehouse.

Attendance was taken with a quorum present. The Committee proceeded to its first order of business.

The minutes of the May 8 2024 meeting were approved.

The Chair called for SB60 to have its 6th hearing.

The following testimony was provided:

Monica Hueckel, OSMA & OPPA, opponent, written and verbal

Michell McDiffett, Ohio Association of Physician Assistants, opponent, written and verbal

John Stilliana, Northeast Ohio Medical University, proponent, written and verbal

Randon S. Welton, Northeast Ohio Medical University, proponent, written only

Following testimony, Chairman Cirino provided remarks on the importance of the mental health crisis in Ohio and nationwide. He also highlighted the fact that SB 60 can act as part of the solution but feels more time is needed before favorably reporting out of committee. He asked for the opponents to submit to his office a list of suggested changes and will review them before the next hearing on SB 60.

With no objections, SB60 was amended with an LSC technical amendment 5-0

With no further business to come before the committee Chairman Cirino adjourned the committee at approximately 4 45 pm

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Jerry C. Cirino, Chair