



Ohio School Counselor Association

Chair Fowler-Arthur, Vice Chair Odioso, Ranking Member Robinson, and members of the House Education Committee thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on HB 62.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on behalf of the Ohio School Counselors Association. The College Credit Plus Program has allowed students all over Ohio to earn high school and college credit simultaneously, at no cost to the student.

HB 62 aims to address the rising costs associated with the College Credit Plus program for Ohio's schools. While increased CCP enrollment is encouraging, it has created financial strain for school districts. This bill ensures the sustainability of CCP programs by implementing sensible reforms that protect resources, minimize costs, and help the program's administration.

House Bill 62 has three key reforms in an effort to reduce unnecessary costs on school districts. First, it adjusts the default state payment structure for students taking a CCP course through a public or private college. Second, it requires colleges to share textbook costs and encourages the use of free or low-cost source materials. Finally, this bill requires timely notification to school districts when students stop attending CCP courses, preventing academic and financial consequences. House Bill 62 also promotes local CCP participation by prioritizing local CCP enrollment to keep students engaged in their home schools.

I urge this committee to pass House Bill 62, which is necessary to make CCP more sustainable and affordable for all Ohio school districts.

Sincerely,

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