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Education Committee, Sponsor Testimony on House Bill 294
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Chair Fowler-Arthur, Vice Chair Odoiso, Ranking Member Robinson, and members of the Committee:

This legislation continues Ohio's thoughtful efforts to support students and families through improved access, clarity, and consistency in education policy. House Bill 294 is designed to give families more options within their local school systems, reflecting the reality that educational needs are not one-size-fits-all.

At its core, this bill helps promote fairness and transparency in how school opportunities are made available. It encourages a more open process that gives parents and guardians clearer information and a better sense of how to engage with their local schools when seeking the best fit for their child.

Importantly, House Bill 294 does not overhaul existing systems—it builds on them. It takes a practical approach to enhancing communication and decision-making within school districts, offering more predictability and structure while still allowing for flexibility at the local level.

As our education landscape continues to evolve, this legislation helps ensure Ohio remains focused on empowering families, supporting school communities, and creating policies that reflect real-world needs.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I'm happy to answer any questions you may have.