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Sponsor Testimony on House Bill 114

Before the Senate Education Committee

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Chairman Brenner, Vice Chair Blessing, Ranking Member Ingram, and members of the Senate Education Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on House Bill 114.

Ohio current law states that schools must adopt a policy that children will be enrolled for kindergarten if they turn age 5 by either August 1 or September 30.

This either/or situation causes confusion and frustration for parents. Furthermore, it is frustrating for parents when the school board's policy is August 1, then their child turns age 5 on August 2 and school doesn't start for 2 or 3 weeks.

We are asking the committee to consider this change so that there is consistency on kindergarten enrollment for every school in the state.

Chairman Brenner and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important resolution. I am happy to answer your questions.