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Proponent Testimony on SB 276**

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Chair Brenner, Vice Chair Blessing, Ranking Member Ingram and members of the Senate Education Committee, my name is Jennifer Glenn and I am the Immediate Past President of the Ohio School Psychologists Association, which represents more than 900 school psychologists across the state.

I am before you today to voice OSPA's strong support for SB 276, to ratify an Interstate Compact for School Psychologists. School psychologists like myself are uniquely trained to help children and youth succeed academically, socially, behaviorally, and emotionally. We are typically involved in designing the interventions that help students overcome academic and behavioral struggles and achieve improved outcomes such as higher academic performance, as well as conducting multi-factored evaluations to determine eligibility for special education and other support services. Many school psychologists also serve on school and district crisis teams.

The National Association of School Psychologists recommends a ratio of 1 school psychologist for every 500 students; however, in Ohio the ratio in law is closer to 1:2500. Some districts, particularly in rural areas, are unable to meet even that ratio. In some cases, they contract out to private agencies to provide staffing, or they use practitioners in other states via telehealth services. In both situations, it can still be difficult to locate a licensed school psychologist to fill these positions. Most school psychologists with such a high ratio would only be providing minimal services to ensure compliance with federal and state special education laws, not the full breadth and depth of services in our areas of expertise.

The Interstate Compact for School Psychologists streamlines the systems of licensure mobility in member states while upholding a high standard of school psychology practice and would benefit our state, the State Board of Psychology, school psychologists, and ultimately the students and families in Ohio. This legislation would increase our ability to recruit school psychologists to Ohio. This compact is similar to PsyPact, but because that compact only applied to doctorate-level psychology practitioners, it did not cover school psychologists, the majority of which hold degrees at the specialist level.

Streamlining the licensure process promotes efficiency within the State Board of Psychology for licensure, and within districts for hiring. Importantly, this legislation benefits our military families and enables military-connected school psychologists to easily continue in their career following a permanent change of station. Thank you for considering supporting this legislation.