



State Senator Mark Romanchuk
Senate Bill 67 Sponsor Testimony
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Chair Manchester, Vice Chair Brenner, Ranking Member Weinstein, and members of the Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee, thank you for inviting Senator Liston and I to share our testimony in support of Senate Bill 67.

This legislation aims to establish Child Support Pass -Through Payments. This is a vital initiative that empowers parents who qualify for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) through Ohio Works First (OWF) to retain a portion of their child support payments rather than giving up their rights to these payments and seeing them handed over to the state and the federal government.

The passage of this bill is essential for countless families across our state who depend on child support to meet their children's basic needs. Allowing parents to retain a portion of these payments, \$100 a month per child and up to \$200 a month per family staying with the child, we can encourage better parenting approaches.

The passage of Senate bill 67 has the potential to reduce reliance on government assistance programs by motivating non-custodial parents to seek employment, knowing that keeping a portion of child support payments will directly benefit their children.

When financial resources remain with the children, it strengthens families by having a little more support to make ends meet. Less financial stress on parents will encourage children to be able to focus on their education, ultimately creating a brighter future to break the cycle of dependency on the government.

Passage of Senate Bill 67 will make a difference in the lives of families throughout our state. Senator Liston and I look forward to working with this committee as this bill continues through the committee process, and we look forward to soliciting feedback from the public on this bill.

Thank you for allowing my testimony on Senate Bill 67. We welcome any questions you may have.