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Chairman LaRe, Vice Chair Swearingen, Ranking Member Leland and members of the House Criminal Justice Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Senate Bill 168.

Appointed by the Director of Public Safety, the Chief Mobile Training Officer will select 16 regional Mobile Training Officers to work hand in hand with the Governor's Ohio School Safety Center and the School Safety Designees of the schools in the those regions who have opted into this partnership.

This legislation would create the option of another tool in the toolbox: a partnership with the mobile training officers to assist with safety procedures, training, and, drills. Mobile Training officers will also stress the importance of communication, accountability, and reunification in their training and implement these elements when assisting schools and their staff.

Senate Bill 168 was crafted to empower administrators, teachers, and school resource officers to best serve and protect their schools through the partnership with Mobile Training Officers.

This legislation requires quarterly training and recertification. The Mobile Training Officer will be in charge of implementing the selection process, arms safety, manipulation and accuracy as well as threat ID and tactical application.

Safety is paramount, everything else is a planning consideration.

Thank you again for the opportunity to speak in favor of Senate Bill 168.