



State Representatives Dontavius L. Jarrells and Brett Hillyer
Primary and Secondary Committee
House Bill 316 Joint Sponsor Testimony

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Rep. Jarrells:

Chairwoman Manning, Vice-Chair Bird, Ranking member Robinson, and members of the Primary and Secondary Committee – Thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony today on House Bill 316, also known as the 2020-2021 High School Education Recovery Act. This legislation allows any high school student who worked towards a high school credit during the 2020-2021 school year to have the option to use the upcoming 2021-2022 school year as a supplemental year to retake or supplement courses the student already has taken.

The 2020-2021 High School Education Recovery Act would also:

- Require public and chartered nonpublic schools to replace course grades on students' transcripts with the grades received for those courses that are retaken or supplemented through the program.
- Require that, if a public or chartered nonpublic school is a member of an organization that regulates interscholastic athletics, the school petition that organization during the 2021-2022 school year for up to two additional semesters of eligibility to participate in interscholastic athletics for students participating in the program.

I now turn it over to my colleague and joint sponsor, Representative Brett Hillyer, for his remarks.

Rep. Hillyer:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony today on House Bill 316, also known as the 2020-2021 High School Education Recovery Act.

Because of the stresses cause by the COVID-19 pandemic students saw their GPA's, extracurricular activity participation, and in person interactions suffer. Ohio's students should not lose opportunities to attend Colleges and Universities of their choice because of the overbearing effects of the pandemic. These kinds of barriers simply do not translate easily to remote learning platforms. That is why we face the reality that while some students have thrived during the pandemic, others have fallen behind tremendously.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify, and we would be happy to answer any questions that the committee may have at this time.