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**Sponsor Testimony- Senate Bill 361**  
**Ohio Senate Primary and Secondary Education Committee**  
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Chairman Brenner, Vice Chair Blessing, Ranking Member Hicks-Hudson and members of the Senate Primary and Secondary Education Committee – thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony regarding SB 361.

SB 361 allows school districts in the state of Ohio to hire qualified U.S. Armed Forces veterans as teachers without licenses. Our Armed Forces puts an emphasis on training. Our Cadre/Teachers Instructors are second to none. We have requirements to become an instructor. There is a process and the process involves leadership recommendations, educational programs like Master Training Specialists.

Imagine having to teach Airborne training and making sure your students survive. That instructor must be confident that a Student Jumping from 20,000 plus feet will know what they need to do in an emergency and how to calculate where they will land.

Launching a missile hundreds of feet below the waterline and having it land somewhere in the world within inches!

Maintenance on some of the most technologically advanced equipment in the world.

Writing an intelligence report that will be read by our decision makers.

This legislation is similar to Florida SB 896, which passed through their legislature with bipartisan support.

Over the past few years, there has been a major shortfall in teacher staffing across the country, and here in the state of Ohio we are no exception. This bill will allow veterans who have held training positions in their respective service branches to both teach and be positive role models to our kids.

The United States government produces some of the best-trained people in their respective field in high stress and fast-paced environments.

Those who have taught under those circumstances could certainly have a positive impact on our youth here at home. These veterans have taught other service members how to do their job, how to provide support to peers, and how to overcome seemingly impossible obstacles.

When they are in a teaching or leadership role, they also have to prepare a curriculum, prepare a proper learning environment, and have confidence that their students are be able to take what they learn and put it into real world action.

This bill would allow veterans who have a desire to teach K-12 when they return home to do so immediately. Should they enjoy the profession, they will have the opportunity to earn their degree and get their teaching license over time.

Not only would this bill help schools in Ohio gain teachers, but it would also give veterans meaningful and fulfilling careers when they get home.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and I would be happy to answer any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank Hoagland". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "F".

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