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Chairman Jones, Vice Chair Manchester, Ranking Member Robinson, and colleagues of the Primary and Secondary Education Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 465. This bill would authorize a school zone around a preschool.

HB 465 was brought to me by the superintendent of the Lorain County ESC. The Lorain County Early Learning Center, a preschool in Lorain County, sits on a State Route where traffic is traveling at a high rate of speed. The speed limit in front of the Early Learning Center is 45 MPH, but often times, motorists cannot slow-down in time for cars, often times transporting small children that are turning into the parking lot. Some accidents can be frightening for all involved.

The need for HB 465 is because current law allows school zones to be established for buildings serving students grades K-12. Since the Early Learning Center does not serve students of these ages, by law, they cannot install flashing lights and speed limit signs for a school zone. Thank you for the opportunity to testify, and I am happy to respond to questions.