



OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

State Representative Jay Edwards

House Bill 428 Sponsor Testimony

Thank you, Representative Pavliga...and thank you for your work on this important issue.

Chair Carruthers, Ranking Member Boyd and members of the committee, I appreciate the opportunity to join with my joint sponsor, Representative Pavliga, in urging your support for House Bill 428.

Representative Pavliga is 100 percent correct: This bill will help remove barriers and improve the lives of young people. This will help children achieve their full potential.

What we're really talking about here is opportunity – opportunity for all of Ohio's children.

We are not willing to give up on any child...whether they're from Southeast Ohio, Northeast Ohio or anywhere in this great state – especially when Ohio holds so much promise.

The fact is, we have the expertise in this great state to solve problems and that's what we're doing with this bill: Bringing people together to solve problems and identify real solutions.

I think the proposal before you has the potential to be a tremendous resource and have a positive and meaningful impact on public policy and, more importantly, the lives of young people.

This isn't a Democrat issue or a Republican issue.

This bill is about helping Ohio children achieve their God-given potential.

That is something we can all agree on.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. Representative Pavliga and I ask for your support for House Bill 248.