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HOMELAND SECURITY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes | November 28, 2023

Chairman Ghanbari called the committee to order at 11:00 a.m.

Chairman Ghanbari calls forward HB 230 for its 6th hearing.

Chairman Ghanbari recognizes Representative Abrams for an amendment.

Representative Abrams moves to amend the bill with AM_135_1312. She provides a description that explains the amendment will require education for students K-12 on the danger of fentanyl.

Ranking Member Thomas asks if she has received feedback from the Ohio Department of Education on the mandates.

Representative Abrams states she has received their feedback and the schools are already required to provide certain education for other drugs. Additionally, there will be no cost to the schools and there will not be a stress placed on the teachers.

Ranking Member Thomas asks if this only adds fentanyl to the current process.

Representative Abrams states this is true.

Representative Adam Miller states he appreciates the sponsor for the extra time for the amendment and with the good faith of the amendment, he will support it.

The amendment is accepted into the bill.

Chairman Ghanbari recognizes Representative Abrams for an additional amendment.

Representative Abrams moves to amend the bill with AM_135_1313-3. She provides a description that explains the amendment will add oral fluid test strips as a tool for law enforcement to use during traffic stops.

Ranking Member Thomas states he appreciates the extra time to review the amendment. He states he understands the amendment will determine the level of impairment by using the oral fluid test strips.

The amendment will be accepted into the bill.

Chairman Ghanbari calls forward HB 213 for its 1st hearing. He recognizes Representative Patton for sponsor testimony.

Representative Patton states his license plate for Purdue will provide scholarships for Ohio students who wish to attend Purdue University.

Representative Kevin Miller thanks the Representative for the bill.

Representative Patton offers Representative Kevin Miller to be a co-sponsor.

Chairman Ghanbari introduces HB 232 for its 1st hearing. Chairman Ghanbari introduces Representative Callender for sponsor testimony.

Representative Callender states the license plate will be used to support American patriotism and be used to clean grave sites of veterans.

Chairman Ghanbari introduces HB 287 for its 1st hearing. Chairman Ghanbari introduces Representative Baker for sponsor testimony.

Representative Baker states the license plate will provide funds for Terrace Park for them to upgrade, clean, and improve their park.

Chairman Ghanbari introduces HB 248 for its 1st hearing. Chairman Ghanbari introduces Representative Demetriou and Manchester for sponsor testimony.

Representative Manchester states the license plate will be used to bring awareness to suicide prevention and mental health. The Ohio Suicide Foundation plays a vital role in this initiative and 100% of the funds raised by this license plate will be used to support suicide prevention efforts across the state.

Representative Demetriou states the license plate will help spread a message of hope and healing to communities, reminding people that help through the 988 hotline.

Chairman Ghanbari states he was recently with military students at Bowling Green State University as they were doing a rucksack march to raise awareness for veteran suicide prevention.

The committee stands at ease.

The committee reconvenes.

Chairman Ghanbari recognizes HB 222 for its first hearing. Chairman Ghanbari introduces Representative Schmidt for sponsor testimony.

Representative Schmidt states the license plate will reflect the story of a young man named Ben who took his own life. Now, his mother, Tori Morrison created the Ben Morrison Memorial Fund that provides several lifesaving resources to children who are struggling with mental health and their stigmas.

Chairman Ghanbari recognizes HB 223 for its 1st hearing. Chairman Ghanbari introduces Representative Jim Thomas for sponsor testimony.

Representative Jim Thomas states the funds from the license plates would assist with furthering the education in the school of the Jackson Local Schools.

Chairman Ghanbari states there is another hearing tomorrow and there will be all testimony for these license plate bills.

Chairman Ghanbari adjourns committee at 11:36 a.m.

Chairman Ghanbari

Ranking Member Thomas