



**House Education Committee
House Bill 62**

**Ohio School Boards Association
Ohio Association of School Business Officials
Buckeye Association of School Administrators**

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Chair Fowler-Aurthur, Vice Chair Odioso, Ranking Member Robinson and members of the House Education Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of House Bill (HB) 62. Collectively, our organizations represent public school board members, superintendents, treasurers/CFOs and other school business officials from around the state.

HB 62 proposes positive changes to the College Credit Plus Program, and on behalf of our members, we wish to thank Representatives Bird and Pizzulli for introducing this bill.

Since 2015, the College Credit Plus Program has provided students in all areas of the state the ability to earn high school credit and college credit at the same time, at no cost to the student. College credit is applied towards degrees and certifications providing students with the opportunity to earn both associate degrees and certifications while still in high school. Additionally, students who attend community colleges, four-year colleges and career technical schools after they graduate from high school can transfer the earned college credits towards their next degree.

The changes in HB 62 will further help the administration and cost effectiveness of the College Credit Plus Program. We appreciate the changes to the college textbooks provisions proposed in the bill. School districts want to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars and under current law have no decision-making in the textbooks that are required to be purchased for the students. We are also appreciative of the reduction in tuition for online College Credit Plus courses if that course is offered at the student's public school. In recent years the State of Ohio has incentivized the credentialing of high school teachers to bring more College Credit Plus courses into their classroom, giving even more students the opportunity to earn college credit. This discounted tuition rate recognizes the work of our teachers to expand educational programming while also



allowing students to take advantage of the flexibility of an online course if that is what they need.

Finally, we support the provision requiring notification to the public school district when a student drops a College Credit Plus class. Current law does not require this notification, which has led to administrative issues at the district level. For example, this is an issue when a student drops a course, and later in the year wishes to participate in school athletics only to learn that they are now ineligible due to not taking the required five credits. This commonsense amendment will increase communications between districts and our College Credit Plus partners for the benefit of our shared students.

We urge the committee to approve HB 62 and these positive improvements to the College Credit Plus Program. Chair Fowler-Arthur and members of the committee, thank you for your consideration. Please contact us with questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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