



House Health Committee
Sub. HB 90 Opposition Testimony
Ohio School Boards Association
Buckeye Association of School Administrators
Ohio Association of School Business Officials

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Chairman Merrin, Vice Chair Manning, Ranking Minority Member Boyd and members of the Health Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in opposition to Substitute House Bill (HB) 90 on behalf of public school district boards of education, superintendents, treasurers, and school business officials from around Ohio.

The proposal would require the State Board of Education, in collaboration with the Ohio Department of Health, to develop an instructional program on the development of an unborn child. The bill then mandates that all public schools be required to implement the instructional program as part of each year's science curriculum in grades three through eight and in a health course for grades nine through twelve.

Public education is the responsibility of the state and locally elected boards of education. Governance must be vested in the locally elected board of education that is accountable to the local community. The primary responsibility for approving courses of study, instructional programs and selection of instructional materials must remain with the locally elected board of education, with input from the local community.

Our organizations strongly support local control and the responsibility of the school administration and the board of education to determine the appropriate course of study and the allocation of time to meet the demands of a particular course of study. We oppose state and federal mandates that require school districts to devote limited resources and time to such requirements. As such, we cannot support Substitute HB 90.

Respectfully submitted.