

Testimony on House Bill 487 – MBR-K-12 Education Programs

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Ohio Senate Education Committee
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Chair Lehner, Vice Chair Hite, Ranking Member Sawyer and members of the Ohio Senate Education Committee, my name is Dan Krane and I am a professor of Biological Sciences and president of the faculty at Wright State University. I also have the honor of serving as the chair of the Ohio Faculty Council which represents the faculty at all of the four-year public universities in the State of Ohio. Thank you for allowing me to appear before you today to talk with you about the importance of including faculty on the advisory council proposed in HB487.

The Ohio Faculty Council unanimously passed a resolution at its April 2014 meeting that supports HB487 if it is amended to include at least one faculty member of an Ohio four-year public college or university chosen by the Ohio Faculty Council on the College Credit Plus advisory committee. A copy of that resolution which recommends a specific amendment is being provided with my testimony today.

HB487 was amended before it left the Ohio House to specifically include at least one school guidance counselor on the proposed advisory committee. The Ohio Faculty Council considers this to be an appropriate amendment in that guidance counselors will play an important role in the implementation of the College Credit Plus program and should therefore play a role in the development of performance metrics and the monitoring of the program's progress.

In much the same, university faculty will continue to play an important role in the development and approval of college credit courses. University faculty will also be in a unique position to assess the equivalency of College Credit Plus courses and those offered at universities in the State of Ohio. As a result, university faculty would bring a unique and invaluable perspective to the development of performance metrics and the monitoring of the program's progress.

I ask that you help guarantee the success of the College Credit Plus program by including at least one faculty member on the College Credit Plus Advisory Committee as proposed in the resolution from the Ohio Faculty Council.

Thank you Chair Lehner for the opportunity to testify today. I would be very happy to answer any questions from the Committee.