

OACSA testifies before Senate Education Committee

Buckeye Community Hope Foundation Education Division Associate Director Jennifer Schorr – who recently assumed the Ohio Association of Charter School Authorizers (OACSA) chair position – testified before the Senate Education Committee last month.

OACSA seeks amendments to an education bill (H.B. 21) currently moving through the legislative process to address concerns related to the Ohio Department of Education's (ODE) sponsor evaluation system.

The first proposed amendment would apply to the scoring rubric which, if implemented for the 2017-2018 school year as previously intended, would have assigned an overall ratings of “ineffective” despite passing scores in all three components. ODE recently announced that the tougher rubric will not be used for the current school year.

The second relates to process, with OACSA seeking a reasonable deadline for ODE to make all details related to the assessment available, as well as a reasonable public comment period and reporting.

No action was taken on the proposed amendments at the committee hearing.

