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PATTON INTRODUCES ROAD SIGN BILL TO PROTECT CHILDREN

Legislation will increase safety and protection of children with disabilities

COLUMBUS – On Wednesday morning, State Senator Tom Patton (R – Strongsville) offered sponsor testimony on Senate Bill 157. The measure would grant local authorities with the ability to approve the placement of roadside warning signs indicating the presence of a deaf or blind child nearby.

The bill calls for new standards as to how these signs are distributed and includes a provision requiring the state transportation director to establish a procedure to implement the placement of signs. In addition, the legislative body of a local authority will need to establish a program for signs that are to be placed anywhere under its jurisdiction. The established program must include a form allowing a parent or guardian to request a sign, as well as requiring a formal review process on behalf of the appropriate traffic or engineering personnel.

“This idea came after working with a constituent who was working tirelessly to have a sign placed on her street,” said Senator Patton. “Not only will this legislation offer better protection for our children with disabilities, but it will also provide a greater level of safety to local motorists.”

Patton serves as chairman of the Senate Highways and Transportation Committee and provided testimony before its members.