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**Senator Patton**

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**A B I L L**

To enact section 4511.111 of the Revised Code to 1  
authorize the use of traffic signs warning of the 2  
presence of a child with a disability. 3

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That section 4511.111 of the Revised Code be 4  
enacted to read as follows: 5

**Sec. 4511.111.** (A) Upon request by a local authority, the 6  
department of transportation shall place and maintain on a state 7  
highway a warning sign advising of the presence of a deaf or blind 8  
child if the department considers the sign necessary for public 9  
safety and welfare. The director of transportation shall establish 10  
guidelines and procedures as necessary to implement this section 11  
and may require supporting information, including medical 12  
verification of the child's disability and proof of the child's 13  
residence near the state highway. 14

(B)(1) The legislative authority of a local authority shall 15  
establish a program for the placement on any street or highway 16  
under its jurisdiction of warning signs advising of the presence 17  
of a deaf or blind child. The program shall include a form 18  
allowing the parent or guardian of a deaf or blind child to 19  
request the placement of a warning sign and a process for the 20

appropriate traffic or engineering personnel to approve or 21  
disapprove with an explanation, the placement of the sign based on 22  
public safety and welfare considerations. The form may require the 23  
parent or guardian to provide medical verification of the child's 24  
disability and may require the parent or guardian to notify the 25  
local authority in writing when the family moves, the child no 26  
longer lives at home, the child's disability improves, or the 27  
child reaches a specified age indicative of personal safety 28  
awareness. 29

(2) If a parent or guardian submits a request to a local 30  
authority and the request is for placement of a warning sign on a 31  
state highway, the local authority shall forward the request to 32  
the department of transportation in accordance with the procedures 33  
established under division (A) of this section. 34