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Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments

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Senate Education Committee

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AM_135_2371-3

Services provided under special needs scholarship programs

- Allows services provided under the Jon Peterson Special Needs or Autism Scholarship Programs to be offered virtually by qualified credentialed providers.
- Adds certain credentialed professionals to the list of professionals who may provide services under the Jon Peterson Special Needs and Autism Scholarship Programs.
- Subjects any registered private provider approved to participate in the Jon Peterson Special Needs scholarship program to a criminal records check.

AM_135_2470-1

Participation in interscholastic athletics at a different school

- Permits a student subjected to certain qualifying offenses to participate in interscholastic athletics at a different school.
- Prohibits a district or school, interscholastic conference, or organization that regulates interscholastic conferences or events from imposing extra fees, rules, penalties, or restrictions on students who participate in interscholastic athletics at a different school under the bill.

AM_135_2552

Cash payments for tickets to school-affiliated events

- Expands the law regarding cash payments for school-affiliated events by:
 - Prohibiting a qualifying school from establishing different ticket prices for an event based on whether a ticket is purchased using cash or any other payment method; and

- Requiring a qualifying school to charge a student from a school participating in an event a ticket price that is less than the price charged to an adult for the event.
- Includes an interscholastic conference or organization that regulates interscholastic conferences or interscholastic competition among member schools (for example, the Ohio High School Athletic Association) in the definition of “qualifying school” for the purposes of the law regarding cash payments for school-affiliated events.

AM_135_2116

School district base cost calculation for FYs 2024 and 2025

- Requires the Department of Education and Workforce to calculate several cost components included in a school district's base cost calculation using the sum of the enrolled ADM of each school district that *reported* that data, rather than the enrolled ADM of *every* school district as otherwise required under continuing law.

AM_135_2580-1

High School Financial Literacy Fund

- Requires the Director of Education and Workforce to request, and the Director of Budget and Management to transfer, up to \$1.5 million from the General Revenue Fund to the High School Financial Literacy Fund during the biennium ending June 30, 2025.
- Changes the High School Financial Literacy Fund from a custodial fund to a state treasury fund.

AM_135_2307-3

Authorized private before and after school care programs

- Adds provisions to include each of the following individuals in the law requiring criminal records and other background checks for child care providers: an owner, director, administrator, and employee of an authorized private before and after school care program, a type of licensed school child program.

AM_135_2377

Literacy improvement professional development stipend

- Requires public schools to pay a pre-kindergarten teacher a \$1,200 stipend for completing professional development in the science of reading and evidence-based strategies for effective literacy instruction.