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Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The bill allows Ashtabula Area City School District to continue to receive state foundation aid payments in FY 2026 without meeting minimum hours of instruction requirements for Ashtabula Lakeside High School for the 2024-2025 school year.

Detailed Analysis

The bill waives the minimum hours of course instruction for Ashtabula Lakeside High School for the 2024-2025 school year, as a result of the building being unusable due to winter weather damage. Specifically, the bill requires the Department of Education and Workforce (DEW) to waive both the minimum hours of instruction for twelfth graders and the minimum number of hours that the school building must be open. While the building is undergoing repairs, the Ashtabula Area City School District has temporarily relocated students attending the school to other buildings.

Under continuing law, school districts can only receive state funding via foundation aid payments if all their buildings meet the requirement for minimum hours of instruction in the preceding fiscal year. Without the waiver provided by the bill, Ashtabula Area City School District may not receive foundation aid payments in FY 2026. Additionally, the waiver effectively means the district does not need to add additional days to the school year, and incur the costs of doing so, to meet the instructional time requirements for foundation aid and graduating seniors.