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Conference Committee Synopsis

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The Conference Committee recommends the As Passed by the Senate with the following changes:

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Limitations on changing sponsors	Beginning December 31, 2015, prohibits a community school that has had more than one sponsor in the previous five years from entering into a contract with a new sponsor, unless it first receives approval from the Department of Education if that school either: (1) has received a grade of "D" or "F" for the performance index score and an overall grade of "D" or "F" for the value-added progress dimension or (2) primarily operates a dropout prevention and recovery program and has received a rating of "does not meet standards" for the annual student growth measure and combined graduation rates on the most recent state report card issued for that school. <i>(R.C. 3314.034.)</i>	On and after December 31, 2015, prohibits all poorly performing schools (as described in the As Passed by the House version) from switching sponsors regardless of whether they have had more than one sponsor in the previous five years, unless all of the following conditions are met: (1) The proposed sponsor is rated "effective" or higher on its most recent evaluation. (2) The community school submits a request to enter into a new contract to the Department of Education. (3) The community school has not submitted a prior request that was granted.	Same as Senate but removes the December 31, 2015, starting date. Same as Senate but includes the Department of Education's Office of Ohio School Sponsorship as a proposed sponsor. Same as Senate. Same as Senate.

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	No provision.	<p>(4) The Department conducts a public hearing on the matter at which the school and the proposed new sponsor submits reasons why the request should be granted, and grants the request. (R.C. 3314.034.)</p> <p>No provision.</p>	<p>Specifies that the Department grant the request pursuant to the following process:</p> <p>(a) The community school submits a request to change sponsors not later than February 15 of the year in which the school wishes to change sponsors.</p> <p>(b) The Department grants or denies the request within 30 days of receipt.</p> <p>(c) If the Department denies the request, the community school may appeal to the State Board of Education, but must file the notice to appeal not later than 10 days after receiving the denial from the Department.</p> <p>(d) The State Board must hold a hearing in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code not later than 30 days after receiving the school's notice of appeal. The State Board must act upon the determination of the hearing officer not later than June 25 of the year in which the school wishes to change sponsors. (R.C. 3314.034(C).)</p> <p>Specifies that factors to be considered during an appeal hearing include, but are not limited to: (1) the school's impact on the students and communities it serves, (2) academic and administrative support the school receives from its current sponsor, (3) the sponsor's annual evaluations of the school for the previous three years, (4) the academic performance of the school, accounting for student demographic</p>

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	Prohibits, beginning on the bill's effective date, all community schools from changing sponsors within the first four years of the school's operation, unless the Department of Education authorizes the school to do so. (R.C. 3314.039.)	No provision.	information, (5) the academic performance of alternative schools that serve comparable populations of students, (6) the fiscal stability of the school, (7) the results of any of the school's audits by the Auditor, (8) the length of time the school has been under the oversight of its current sponsor, (9) the number of times the school has changed sponsors, and (10) parent and student satisfaction rates. (R.C. 3314.034(D).) No provision.
Sponsor and governing authority contract	Clarifies that each contract between a sponsor and a governing authority must contain performance standards, including all applicable report card measures. (R.C. 3314.03(A)(4).) Requires that each contract between a sponsor and a governing authority contain an addendum with a detailed description of each facility, the annual costs associated with leasing each facility that are paid by or on behalf of the school, the annual mortgage principal and interest payments that are paid by the school, and the name of the lender or landlord identified as such, and the lender's or landlord's relationship to the operator, if any. (R.C. 3314.03(A)(9).) Requires that each contract between a sponsor and a governing authority contain a provision requiring that the school's attendance and	Same as House. Same as House. Same as House.	Same as House. Same as House. Same as House, except limits availability of attendance records to the Department, Auditor of State, and school's sponsor and only as

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	<p>participation policies and records will be available for public inspection. (R.C. 3314.03(A)(27).)</p> <p>Requires that each contract between a sponsor and a governing authority contain a provision requiring that all moneys the school's operator loans to the school must be accounted for, documented, and bear interest at a fair market rate. (R.C. 3314.03(A)(29).)</p>	Same as House.	<p>permitted under federal law. (R.C. 3314.03(A)(27) and (28).)</p> <p>Same as House. (R.C. 3314.03(A)(30).)</p>
Governing authority members	<p>Prohibits an employee of a school district or educational service center from serving on the governing authority of any community school sponsored by that district or service center. (R.C. 3314.02(E)(5).)</p> <p>Prohibits a community school governing authority member from being a member of a school district board of education, and prohibits a district board member from being a governing authority member. (R.C. 3313.131 and 3314.02(E)(7).)</p> <p>No provision.</p> <p>No provision.</p>	<p>Same as House. (R.C. 3314.02(E)(6).)</p> <p>Same as House. (R.C. 3313.131 and 3314.02(E)(8).)</p> <p>Prohibits any person who would otherwise be subject to continuing law with respect to refusal, limitation, or revocation of a license to teach, if the person were a licensed educator, from serving as a member of a community school governing authority. (R.C. 3314.02(E)(2)(a)(ii).)</p> <p>Prohibits any person who has pleaded guilty to or been convicted of theft in office (or who has pleaded guilty to or been convicted of a substantially similar offense in another state) from serving as a member of a community school governing authority. (R.C. 3314.02(E)(2)(a)(iii).)</p>	<p>Same as Senate.</p> <p>Same as Senate.</p> <p>Same as Senate.</p> <p>Same as Senate.</p>

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	<p>No provision.</p> <p>Requires each member of a community school governing authority to annually file a disclosure statement setting forth the names of any immediate relatives or business associates employed by any of the following within the previous three years: (1) the sponsor or operator of that community school, (2) a school district or ESC that has contracted with that community school, or (3) a vendor that is currently engaged in business or has previously engaged in business with that community school. (R.C. 3314.02(E)(6).)</p> <p>Requires each community school to post on the school's website the name of each member of the school's governing authority. (R.C. 3314.035.)</p> <p>Requires each community school to provide, upon request, the name and address of each governing authority member to the school's sponsor and the Department of Education. (R.C. 3314.035.)</p> <p>Requires each community school sponsor to annually verify that a finding for recovery has not been issued by the Auditor of State against any</p>	<p>Prohibits any person who has not submitted to a criminal records check from serving on the governing authority or engaging in the financial day-to-day management of the community school under contract with the governing authority. (R.C. 3314.02(E)(2)(b).)</p> <p>Same except that it changes number (3) to "a vendor that is or has engaged in business with that community school." (R.C. 3314.02(E)(7).)</p> <p>Same as House.</p> <p>Same as House.</p> <p>Adds to the list of individuals a sponsor must annually verify that no finding of recovery exists any individual or individuals who propose to</p>	<p>Same as Senate.</p> <p>Same as Senate.</p> <p>Same as House.</p> <p>Same as House.</p> <p>Same as Senate.</p>

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	<p>governing authority member of that community school. (R.C. 3314.02(E)(8).)</p> <p>No provision.</p> <p>No provision.</p>	<p>create a community school, the operator, or any employee of a community school. (R.C. 3314.02(E)(2)(c).)</p> <p>Limits the compensation for a governing authority member to \$125 per meeting (rather than \$425 per meeting as under current law), but permits each member to be paid compensation not to exceed \$60 a day for attendance at an approved training program of three or fewer hours and \$125 for more than three hours, in the same manner as school district board members. (R.C. 3314.02(E)(5).) (Maintains the current law limiting members to \$5,000 per year.)</p> <p>Requires the governing authority of a community school to adopt an annual budget by October 31 of each year, that includes the following information: (1) administrative costs for the community school as a whole, (2) instructional services costs for each category of service provided directly to students, compiled and reported in terms of average expenditure per pupil receiving the service, (3) the cost of instructional support services, such as services provided by a speech-language pathologist, classroom aide, multimedia aide, or librarian, provided directly to students, (4) the cost of administrative support services, such as the cost of personnel that develop the curriculum and the cost of personnel supervising or coordinating the delivery of the instructional services, (5) the cost of support or extracurricular services costs for services directly provided to students, (6) the cost of services provided directly to students by a</p>	<p>Same as Senate, but specifies that this limit also applies to governing authority members of conversion community schools. (R.C. 3314.02(E)(5).)</p> <p>Same as Senate, but specifies that the provision regarding the school budget is effective with the 2016-2017 school year, and that the budget must be adopted with the assistance of the school's designated fiscal officer. The conference report also requires the Department to develop a format for annual budgets of community schools, which must require inclusion of the seven types of costs prescribed by the Senate passed version of the bill. (R.C. 3314.032(C).)</p>

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	No provision.	<p>nonlicensed employee related to support or extracurricular services, such as janitorial services, cafeteria services, or services of a sports trainer, (7) the cost of administrative services related to support or extracurricular services, such as the cost of any licensed or unlicensed employees that develop, supervise, coordinate, or otherwise are involved in administrating or aiding the delivery of services. (R.C. 3314.032(C).)</p> <p>Prohibits the governing authority of a community school from delegating to any operator the drafting and establishment of the annual budget but permits the governing authority to consult with the operator regarding that budget. (R.C. 3314.032(D).)</p>	Specifies, instead, that the governing authority is the sole entity responsible for the adoption of the school's annual budget, but the governing authority must adopt the budget with the assistance of the school's designated fiscal officer. (R.C. 3314.032(D).)
Designated fiscal officer	<p>Requires that the statutorily designated fiscal officer must be employed by the governing authority of the community school, unless the governing authority adopts an annual resolution waiving the requirement and provided that the sponsor also approves the resolution. (R.C. 3314.011.)</p> <p>Requires, in the event a resolution is adopted, the fiscal officer to annually meet with the governing authority to review the school's financial status. (R.C. 3314.011.)</p> <p>Specifies that, if a community school closes or is permanently closed, the school's fiscal officer must deliver all financial and enrollment records to the school's sponsor within 30 days of the school's closure. If the fiscal officer fails to</p>	<p>Same as House.</p> <p>Same as House.</p> <p>Same as House, but includes any failure to faithfully perform the fiscal officer's other duties within the right of action and requires the sponsor, if necessary, to seek recovery of any funds owed as a result of any finding of recovery</p>	<p>Same as House.</p> <p>Same as House.</p> <p>Same as Senate.</p>

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	<p>provide the records in a timely manner, the bill grants the sponsor right of action against the fiscal officer to compel delivery of all financial and enrollment records of the school. (R.C. 3314.023.)</p> <p>No provision.</p>	<p>by the Auditor of State against the fiscal officer. (R.C. 3314.023.)</p> <p>Requires (rather than permits as under current law) the Auditor of State to require the fiscal officer to execute a bond conditioned on the faithful performance of all official duties required of the fiscal officer. (R.C. 3314.011(B)(1).)</p>	<p>Same as Senate.</p>
Employment of independent attorney	<p>Requires the governing authority of a community school to employ an attorney, who must be independent from the school's sponsor or operator, for any services related to the negotiation of the school's contract with the sponsor or operator. (R.C. 3314.036.)</p>	<p>Same as House but adds that each contract between the sponsor and governing authority must contain a provision requiring that, if the governing authority contracts with an attorney, accountant, or entity specializing in audits, the attorney, accountant, or entity shall be independent from the operator with which the school has contracted. (R.C. 3314.03(A)(30) and 3314.036.)</p>	<p>Same as Senate. (R.C. 3314.03(A)(31) and 3314.036.)</p>
Internal financial controls	<p>Requires that when a community school submits to the sponsor its comprehensive plan for the school, as required by law, the school must also submit copies of all policies and procedures regarding internal financial controls adopted by the governing authority of the school. (R.C. 3314.03(B).)</p>	<p>Same as House.</p>	<p>Same as House.</p>
Training on Public Records and Open Meetings Laws	<p>Requires the members of the governing authority of a community school, the school's designated fiscal officer, the chief administrative officer and other administrative employees of the school, and all individuals performing supervisory or administrative services for the school under a contract with the school's operator to complete</p>	<p>Same as House.</p>	<p>Same as House.</p>

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	annual training on the Public Records and Open Meetings Laws. (R.C. 3314.037.)		
Sponsor oversight and monitoring	<p>Requires each sponsor to annually report (and submit to the school's operator) the amount and type of expenditures made in providing oversight and technical assistance to each community school that it sponsors, and requires the State Board of Education to establish requirements for that reporting procedure. (R.C. 3314.025.)</p> <p>No provision.</p>	<p>No provision.</p> <p>Specifies that a sponsor must provide monitoring, oversight, and technical assistance to each</p>	<p>Reinstates the House provision, with the following changes:</p> <p>(1) Requires each sponsor to submit the report to the Department by August 15 of each year, beginning with the 2016-2017 school year;</p> <p>(2) Requires each sponsor to also submit the report to the governing authority, rather than the operator, of the school;</p> <p>(3) Requires the Department, rather than the State Board, to establish requirements for the reporting procedure;</p> <p>(4) Adds that the following types of expenditures must be included in the report: (a) employee salaries, wages, benefits, and other compensation, (b) all purchased or contracted services, (c) materials and supplies, (d) equipment, furniture, and fixtures, (e) facilities, and (f) other expenditures; and</p> <p>(5) For purposes of the Department's evaluation system for sponsors, requires the report to be used as a factor when evaluating a sponsor's compliance with all applicable laws and administrative rules, and permits it to be used when evaluating a sponsor's adherence to quality practices. (R.C. 3314.025.)</p> <p>Same as Senate, except requires that annual monitoring and evaluation of fiscal performance</p>

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	No provision.	<p>school that it sponsors and includes the following in the definition of "monitoring, oversight, and technical assistance": (1) monitoring the community school's compliance with all laws applicable to the school and with the terms of the contract (R.C. 3314.023(A)), (2) monitoring and evaluating the academic and fiscal performance and the organization and operation of the community school on at least an annual basis (R.C. 3314.023(B)), (3) reporting on an annual basis the results of the sponsor evaluation to the Department of Education and to the parents of students enrolled in the community school (R.C. 3314.023(C)), (4) providing technical assistance to the community school in complying with laws applicable to the school and terms of the contract (R.C. 3314.023(D)), (5) taking steps to intervene in the school's operation to correct problems in the school's overall performance, declaring the school to be on probationary status, suspending the operation of the school, or terminating the contract of the school as determined necessary by the sponsor (R.C. 3314.023(E)), (6) having in place a plan of action to be undertaken in the event the community school experiences financial difficulties or closes prior to the end of a school year (R.C. 3314.023(F)), (7) other activities designed to specifically benefit the community school the entity sponsors. (R.C. 3314.023(G).)</p> <p>Requires that payments made to a sponsor must only be used for duties of a sponsor under the Community School Law. Under continuing law, the total amount of such payments may not</p>	<p>in (2) must be based on requirements in the sponsor contract, state report card results, and other analysis by the Department. (R.C. 3314.023.)</p> <p>No provision.</p>

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	<p>Requires that copies of financial and enrollment records be furnished on a monthly basis to the sponsor, members of the governing authority, and the designated fiscal officer. (R.C. 3314.023.)</p> <p>Specifies that a community school's sponsor is the party responsible for communicating and meeting with the Auditor of State regarding an audit of the school or the condition of financial and enrollment records of the school, regardless of whether the sponsor has entered into an agreement with another entity to perform all or part of the sponsor's oversight duties. (R.C. 3314.019.)</p>	<p>exceed 3% of the total amount of payments for operating expenses that the school receives from the state. (R.C. 3314.03(C).)</p> <p>Same as House.</p> <p>Instead, requires the sponsor to communicate with the Auditor of State regarding audits and the condition of financial and enrollment records of the school and requires the sponsor to maintain a presence at any and all meetings with the Auditor and requires the Auditor to provide written notice to the sponsor regarding any action taken against or upcoming audits of a community school to assist the sponsor in complying with these requirements. (R.C. 117.105 and 3314.019.)</p>	<p>Same as House.</p> <p>Same as Senate.</p>
<p>Internet- or computer-based community schools (e-schools)</p>	<p>Requires the sponsor of each Internet- or computer-based community school (e-school) to monitor and ensure compliance with the online learning standards for those schools. The sponsor of an e-school must report a school's failure to comply with the standards to the Department. (R.C. 3314.23.)</p> <p>No provision.</p>	<p>Removes the provision specifically requiring a sponsor to report a school's failure to comply and, instead, requires general reporting of compliance. (R.C. 3314.23.)</p> <p>Permits each e-school to provide its students with a location within a 50-mile radius of the student's residence at which the student may receive counseling, instructional coaching, and testing assistance. (R.C. 3314.251.)</p>	<p>Same as Senate.</p> <p>Same as Senate.</p>

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	No provision.	Requires each e-school to keep an accurate record of each individual student's participation learning opportunities in each day. The information must be kept in such a manner that it can be produced upon request by the Department and the Auditor of State. Under continuing law, if an e-school student participates in more than ten hours of learning opportunities in any period of 24 consecutive hours, the additional time does not count toward the annual minimum hours required to be provided to that student. <i>(R.C. 3314.27.)</i>	Same as Senate.
	No provision.	Requires each e-school to offer a student orientation course, and to notify each student of that offering. <i>(R.C. 3314.271.)</i>	Same as Senate.
	No provision.	Requires the Department of Education to provide guidance to e-schools for developing and delivering the orientation course. <i>(R.C. 3314.271.)</i>	Same as Senate.
	No provision.	Requires that if a student who attends an e-school is failing only one course, the school must notify the student's parent or guardian of record. <i>(R.C. 3314.271.)</i>	No provision.
	No provision.	Requires that if a student who attends an e-school is failing two or more courses the student's parents or guardians, the student's teachers, and the principal or lead teacher of the school must confer to evaluate the student's performance and specifies that the conference may take place via telephone or other electronic means. <i>(R.C. 3314.271.)</i>	No provision.

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	<p>No provision.</p> <p>No provision.</p> <p>No provision.</p>	<p>No provision.</p> <p>No provision.</p> <p>No provision.</p>	<p>Requires each e-school, on a periodic basis throughout each school year, to communicate with each student's parent, guardian, or custodian regarding the performance and progress of that student. <i>(R.C. 3314.271.)</i></p> <p>Requires each e-school to provide opportunities for parent-teacher conferences, to document the school's request for conferences, permits the school to permit the students to participate in the conferences, and permits those conferences to be conducted through electronic means. <i>(R.C. 3314.271.)</i></p> <p>Permits each e-school, at the time of a particular student's enrollment in that school, to ask the student's parent or guardian to estimate the length of time the student will attend the school, and requires this information to be included in an aggregate format in the school's annual report. <i>(R.C. 3314.271.)</i></p>
Blended learning	<p>Requires the sponsor of each community school that operates using the blended learning method to annually provide to the Department of Education, not later than ten business days prior to the opening of the school, assurance that the sponsor has reviewed the following information submitted by the school: (1) an indication of what blended learning model or models will be used, (2) a description of how student instructional needs will be determined and documented, (3) the method to be used for determining competency, granting credit, and promoting students to a higher grade level, (4) the school's attendance requirements, including how the</p>	<p>No provision.</p>	<p>Same as House. <i>(R.C. 3314.19(N).)</i></p>

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	<p>school will document participation in learning opportunities, (5) a statement describing how student progress will be monitored, (6) a statement describing how private student data will be protected, (7) a description of the professional development activities that will be offered to teachers. (R.C. 3314.19(N).)</p> <p>Requires that each contract between the sponsor and the governing authority of a community school that operates using the blended learning method to contain the information described above. (R.C. 3314.03(A)(28).)</p>	Same as House.	Same as House. (R.C. 3314.03(A)(29).)
Selling goods or services by a sponsor	Prohibits the sponsor of a community school from selling any goods or services to that school. However, the sponsor is not required to comply with this requirement with respect to any contract for involving the sale of goods or services entered into prior to the bill's effective date until the expiration of the contract. (R.C. 3314.46.)	Same as House, but also permits a school district that sponsors a community school to sell goods or services to that school at no profit. (R.C. 3314.46.)	Same as Senate but adds authority for a state university that sponsors a community school to sell services to that school at no profit. (R.C. 3314.46.)
Termination of sponsor contract	<p>Moves, from February 1 to December 1, the deadline by which a sponsor who intends to terminate or take actions to not renew the contract of a community school must notify the school of the proposed action in writing. (R.C. 3314.07(B)(3).)</p> <p>No provision.</p>	<p>Makes the deadline the December 1 "prior to the year" in which the sponsor intends to terminate or take action not to renew the contract. (R.C. 3314.07(B)(3).)</p> <p>Removes a current law provision for appeal to the State Board of a sponsor's decision to terminate a school's contract. (R.C. 3314.07(B)(4).)</p>	<p>Changes the deadline to January 15 in the year in which the sponsor intends to terminate or take action not to renew the contract. (R.C. 3314.07(B)(3).)</p> <p>Same as Senate.</p>

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	No provision.	Specifies that nothing in the automatic closure provisions or other provisions of the Revised Code prohibits the sponsor of a community school from exercising its option not to renew a contract for any reason or from terminating a contract prior to its expiration for any reason permitted under continuing law. <i>(R.C. 3314.35(D) and 3314.351(E).)</i>	Same as Senate.
Sponsor evaluation system	No provision.	<p>Requires the Department to annually rate all sponsors based on compliance with all applicable laws and administrative rules and academic performance of students enrolled in community schools sponsored by the same entity. <i>(R.C. 3314.016(B)(1)(a) and (c).)</i></p> <p>Requires the Department to rate every third year a sponsor's adherence to quality practices. <i>(R.C. 3314.016(B)(1)(b).)</i></p>	<p>Restores to current law the components rated under the evaluation system so that the following components are annually rated and receive an overall rating:</p> <p>(1) Academic performance of students enrolled in community schools sponsored by the same entity;</p> <p>(2) Adherence by a sponsor to the quality practices prescribed by the Department of Education;</p> <p>(3) Compliance by a sponsor with all applicable laws and administrative rules. <i>(R.C. 3314.016(B)(1).)</i></p> <p>Authorizes the Department, for a sponsor that was rated "exemplary" or "effective" on its most recent rating, to evaluate that sponsor's adherence to quality practices once over a period of three years, and if that authority is exercised, the most recent rating for a sponsor's adherence to quality practices must be used when determining an annual overall rating. <i>(R.C. 3314.016(B)(1)(b).)</i></p>

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	No provision.	No provision.	Specifies that the academic performance component must be derived from the performance measures that comprise the state report card and must be based on the performance of the schools for the school year for which the evaluation is conducted. Also specifies that, in addition to performance for a specific year, this component also includes year-to-year changes in the "overall sponsor portfolio." (R.C. 3314.016(B)(1)(a).)
	No provision.	Establishes a new rating of "poor." (R.C. 3314.016(B)(6).) (See " Restrictions for sponsors " below.)	Same as Senate.
	No provision.	No provision.	Requires the Department, if a community school does not have graded report card performance measures, to use nonreport card performance measures specified in the contract between the community school and sponsor to determine the student academic performance component. (R.C. 3314.016(B)(1)(a).)
	No provision.	No provision.	Maintains a current law prohibition on the academic performance of community schools that primarily serve students with disabilities from being used as a factor when determining a sponsor's rating, but also requires such performance to be reported under the evaluation system. (R.C. 3314.016(B)(2).)
	No provision.	Eliminates an obsolete historical reference that prohibited the Department from including adherence to quality practices in the sponsor evaluation system until the Department	Same as Senate.

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	No provision.	prescribed quality practices and developed an instrument to measure adherence to those practices. <i>(R.C. 3314.016(B)(1)(b).)</i>	
	No provision.	Removes the requirement that compliance with applicable laws and rules, academic performance of students, and sponsor's adherence to quality practice be weighted equally and, instead, requires that both an annual overall rating and separate rating be given for each component "according to the established timeline." <i>(R.C. 3314.016(B)(6).)</i>	Instead, (1) removes the requirement that each individual component rating be given "according to the established timeline," (2) restores to current law the provision requiring each component to be weighted equally, and (3) requires that each separate component rating be given by the Department. <i>(R.C. 3314.016(B)(6).)</i>
	No provision.	Specifies that if the Department determines the data submitted by a sponsor is insufficient to assess the annual academic performance component, the sponsor may not receive a rating of "exemplary" for that rating year. <i>(R.C. 3314.016(B)(6).)</i>	No provision.
	No provision.	Removes the provision permitting first-time sponsors to be assigned an overall rating of "emerging" for only the first two consecutive years of sponsorship. <i>(R.C. 3314.016(B)(6).)</i>	Same as Senate.
	No provision.	No provision.	Requires the Department to provide training on an annual basis regarding the sponsor evaluation system, which shall describe methodology, timelines, and data of the system. The first training session must occur not later than 30 days after the effective date of the bill. <i>(R.C. 3314.016(B)(6), third paragraph.)</i>
	No provision.	No provision.	Limits the peer reviewers that are authorized under continuing law to review a sponsor's

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<p>Incentives for sponsors</p>	<p>Permits "exemplary" sponsors to take advantage of the following incentives:</p> <p>(1) The ability to extend the term of the contract between the sponsor and the governing authority beyond the term described in the written agreement the sponsor has with the Department. (R.C. 3314.016((D)(2)(a).) (Except for certain grandfathered sponsors, those that were sponsoring schools prior to April 8, 2003, each sponsor must be approved by the Department and enter into an agreement with the Department specifying the scope of its sponsorship authority.)</p> <p>(2) An exemption from the preliminary agreement and contract adoption and execution deadline requirements. (R.C. 3314.016(D)(2)(b).) (A community school governing authority and school sponsor must adopt their contract by March 15 and must sign it by May 15 prior to the school year in which the school will open for operation.)</p> <p>(3) An exemption from the automatic contract expiration requirement, should a new community school fail to open by September 30 of the calendar year in which the community school contract is executed. (R.C. 3314.016(D)(2)(c).)</p> <p>Permits the Department to add additional years, not to exceed 12 years, to any renewal agreement with "exemplary" sponsors who continue to meet the sponsor requirements under continuing law. (R.C. 3314.015(B)(1)(b), second paragraph.)</p>	<p>Same as House, but changes the trigger to only sponsors who have been rated "exemplary" for at least two consecutive years and specifies the following incentives (in addition to those in the As Passed by the House version) (R.C. 3314.016(B)(7)(a)):</p> <p>(1) No limit on the number of community schools the entity may sponsor;</p> <p>(2) No territorial restrictions on sponsorship;</p> <p>(3) Renewal of the agreement with the Department, not to exceed 12 years, provided the sponsor consents to continued evaluation of the adherence to quality practices component.</p> <p>Authorizes the renewal of a sponsor's written agreement with the Department, not to exceed 12 years, based on the academic performance of students enrolled in each community school sponsored by the entity and the sponsor's adherence to quality practices, as determined by</p>	<p>Same as Senate, but changes the maximum year amount for a renewal agreement from 12 years to 10 years. (R.C. 3314.016(B)(7)(a)(i).)</p> <p>Same as Senate, but reduces maximum extension from 12 to 10 years.</p>

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	<p>No provision.</p> <p>Permits the Department to establish an incentive system based upon overall rating given to each sponsor, in addition to the ones described above. <i>(R.C. 3314.016(D)(1).)</i></p>	<p>the Department under the sponsor evaluation system. <i>(R.C. 3314.015(B)(2)(a).)</i></p> <p>Permits a sponsor that was rated "exemplary" for at least two consecutive years and that exercises specified incentives to continue to exercise those specified incentives even if the sponsor later receives a lower overall rating. <i>(R.C. 3314.016(B)(7)(a)(vi), second paragraph.)</i></p> <p>No provision.</p>	<p>Same as Senate.</p> <p>No provision.</p>
Restrictions for sponsors	<p>No provision; however, under current law, an "ineffective" sponsor is prohibited from sponsoring additional schools until its rating improves.</p> <p>No provision.</p> <p>No provision.</p>	<p>Prohibits a sponsor with an overall rating of "ineffective" from sponsoring any new or additional community schools, and subjects such a sponsor to a one-year quality improvement plan to correct the deficiencies that led to the "ineffective" rating, with timelines and benchmarks established by the Department of Education. <i>(R.C. 3314.016(B)(7)(b).)</i></p> <p>No provision.</p> <p>Establishes a new sponsor rating of "poor" and requires the revocation of sponsorship authority for any sponsor that receives an overall rating of "poor," subject to an appeals hearing that is</p>	<p>Same as Senate, but (1) specifies that the sponsorship prohibition applies during the time in which the sponsor is rated "ineffective," and (2) generally subjects such a sponsor to a quality improvement plan instead of a "one-year" quality improvement plan. <i>(R.C. 3314.016(B)(7)(b)(i).)</i></p> <p>Revokes the sponsorship authority of a sponsor that receives an overall rating of "ineffective" for three consecutive years, subject to an appeals hearing that is conducted by an officer appointed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction and decided by the State Board under specified deadlines. <i>(R.C. 3314.016(B)(7)(b)(ii).)</i></p> <p>Same as Senate, but replaces the Superintendent of Public Instruction with the State Board as the entity that determines whether a sponsor's sponsorship authority being</p>

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	<p>No provision.</p> <p>No provision.</p>	<p>conducted by an officer appointed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction and decided on by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. (R.C. 3314.016(B)(7)(c).)</p> <p>Requires the Office of School Sponsorship to assume sponsorship of any schools with which a sponsor rated as "poor" has contracted for the remainder of the school year in which that sponsor's authority to sponsor is revoked. (R.C. 3314.016(D).)</p> <p>Permits the Office of School Sponsorship to continue to sponsor those schools until the earlier of (1) the expiration of two school years from revocation or (2) when a new sponsor is secured by the school's governing authority. (R.C. 3314.016(D).)</p>	<p>revoked is appropriate, and requires the determination to be "based on the findings of the independent hearing officer." (R.C. 3314.016(B)(7)(c).)</p> <p>Same as Senate, but also requires the Office of School Sponsorship to assume sponsorship of any schools sponsored by a sponsor that was rated "ineffective" for three consecutive years. (R.C. 3314.016(D).)</p> <p>Same as Senate.</p>
Community school operators	<p>Requires that each new or renewed contract between the governing authority of a community school and an operator to contain at least the following: (1) criteria to be used for early termination of the operator contract, (2) required notification procedures and timeline for early termination or nonrenewal of the operator contract, and (3) a stipulation of which entity owns all community school facilities and property including, but not limited to, equipment, furniture, fixtures, instructional materials and supplies, computers, printers, and other digital devices purchased by the governing authority or operator. (R.C. 3314.032(A).)</p> <p>Prohibits a community school operator from leasing any parcel of real property to that</p>	<p>Same as House.</p> <p>No provision.</p>	<p>Same, except that it adds that any stipulation regarding which entity owns property must comply with the requirement that personal property purchased with state funds is property of the school. (R.C. 3314.032(A) and 3314.0210.)</p> <p>No provision.</p>

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	<p>community school for an amount that exceeds the fair market rental value of that property by more than 5%, as verified by the school's sponsor. (R.C. 3314.032(B).)</p> <p>Eliminates a prescribed appeal procedure when the governing authority of a community school has notified the operator of its intent to terminate or not renew the operator's contract. (Repealed R.C. 3314.026.)</p>	Same as House.	Same as House.
Operator performance	<p>Requires, beginning December 31, 2015, the Department of Education to maintain an accurate record of the names and identifying information of all entities that have entered into an operator contract with the governing authority of a community school and requires the Department to receive from the governing authority of each community school a copy of the operator contract and post a copy on its website. (R.C. 3314.031(A).)</p> <p>Requires the Department, by July 1, 2016, to develop and publish an annual performance report for all operators of community schools in the state and requires the report to be made available on the Department's website. (R.C. 3314.031(B).)</p> <p>Requires the Department to include the annual performance report in its annual report on the effectiveness of academic programs, operations, and legal compliance and of the financial condition of all community schools and on the</p>	<p>Same as House, but also requires the directory of names and identifying information to be published. (R.C. 3314.031(A).)</p> <p>Modifies the House provision to require the Department of Education to annually develop and publish a report on operator performance, rather than to develop and publish an annual performance report. (R.C. 3314.031(B).)</p> <p>Same as House.</p>	<p>Same as House, but changes the deadline from December 31, 2015, to March 31, 2016. (R.C. 3314.031(A).)</p> <p>Same as Senate, but changes the deadline from July 1, 2016, to November 15, 2016, requires each report to be published by November 15 of each year, and specifies that the report of the performance is based on the performance of the community schools for the previous school year. (R.C. 3314.031(B).)</p> <p>Same as House.</p>

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	performance of community school sponsors. (R.C. 3314.031(C).)		
Account of operator costs and services	<p>No provision.</p> <p>No provision.</p> <p>No provision.</p>	<p>Requires a management company (or operator) that receives more than 20% of the gross annual revenues of a community school (rather than provides services to a community school that amounts to more than 20% of the gross annual revenues of the school) to provide a detailed accounting including the nature and costs of the goods and services it provides to the school. Under current law a management company that provides services that amounts to more than 20% must provide a detailed accounting that is included in footnotes in the school's financial statement. (R.C. 3314.024).</p> <p>Specifies that the accounting must be reported using the following categories, as applicable: (1) aggregate salaries and wages, (2) aggregate employee benefits, (3) professional and technical services, (4) property services, (5) utilities, (6) contracted craft or trade services, (7) tuition paid to other districts, (8) transportation, (9) other purchased services, (10) supplies, (11) land, (12) buildings, (13) improvements other than buildings, (14) equipment, (15) all other capital outlay, (16) principal, (17) interest, (18) judgments, (19) other direct costs, (20) other miscellaneous expenses. (R.C. 3314.024.)</p> <p>Specifies that the categories described above must be disaggregated according to the following designations, as applicable: (1) regular instruction, (2) special instruction, (3) vocational instruction, (4) other instruction, (5) support</p>	<p>Same as Senate.</p> <p>Same as Senate, but changes item (19) to include both direct and indirect costs and removes item (20).</p> <p>Same as Senate.</p>

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	No provision.	services, (6) noninstructional services. (R.C. 3314.024.) No provision.	Specifies that the accounting information, during the regular audit of the school, is subject to verification through examination of community school records, rather than subject to audit as under current law. (R.C. 3314.024.)
Community school mergers and consolidations	Exempts a community school that merges or consolidates into a single public benefit corporation from the requirement to distribute assets as if it were a permanently closed community school, provided that the governing authority of the community school created by the merger or consolidation enters into a sponsor contract with an entity rated as "exemplary." (R.C. 3314.074(D).)	Same as House, but changes the requirement for the new sponsor to be rated "effective" or higher.	Same as Senate.
Community schools that primarily serve students with disabilities	Requires the State Board of Education to make recommendations by December 31, 2015, to the General Assembly and the Governor regarding (1) performance standards for community schools in which a majority of the enrolled students are children with disabilities receiving special education and related services and (2) the feasibility of eliminating the exemption from permanent closure for such schools. (Section 3.)	Same as House. (Section 3.)	Same, except that it requires the recommendations be made by June 30, 2016. (Section 4.)
Children's residential centers	Requires each community school to annually submit to the Department of Education and Auditor of State a report of each instance under which a student who is enrolled in that community school resides in a children's residential center. (R.C. 3314.038.) (A children's residential center is a facility that is operated by a private child placing agency, private noncustodial	Same as House.	Same as House.

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	agency, or public children services agency, that has been certified by the Department of Job and Family Services to operate a children's residential center, and in which 11 or more children, including the children of any staff residing at the facility, are given nonsecure care and supervision 24 hours a day.)		
State report card data for drop out recovery schools	Effective July 1, 2016, removes the current exception from combining with a school district's state report card data the performance data of a conversion community school that primarily serves dropout students sponsored by the district and specifies that when combining data of conversion schools sponsored by a school district, the Department may only include the district's resident students. <i>(R.C. 3302.03(I).)</i>	Removes the House provision and, instead, prohibits the Department of Education from combining data from any conversion community school that a district sponsors if a majority of the students enrolled in the conversion community school are enrolled in a dropout prevention and recovery program that is operated by the school and requires the Department to include as an addendum to the district's report card the ratings and performance measures of that community school. <i>(R.C. 3302.03(I).)</i>	Same as Senate, but specifies that the addendum include at least the 4-year graduation rate, percentage of 12th grade students scoring proficient on high school state assessments, and annual measurable objectives. <i>(R.C. 3302.03(I).)</i>
Direct authorization of community schools	<p>Permits the Department of Education to establish a format and deadlines for direct authorization applications. <i>(R.C. 3314.029(A)(1).)</i></p> <p>Permits the State Board of Education to adopt rules by December 31, 2015, for additional criteria necessary for an application for direct authorization to be approved. <i>(R.C. 3314.029(A)(2).)</i></p> <p>Specifies that if the State Board adopts the rules described above, automatic approval of applications for direct authorization will cease to apply beginning with applications for direct</p>	<p>Same as House.</p> <p>Eliminates automatic approval guidelines under current law and, instead, permits the Department to approve or deny an application for direct authorization taking into consideration standards for quality authorization, capacity requirements, financial constraints, and other necessary and appropriate criteria. <i>(R.C. 3314.029(A)(2).)</i></p> <p>No provision.</p>	<p>Same as House.</p> <p>Same as Senate, but requires the Department to adopt the criteria for approving an application within 60 days after the bill's effective date. <i>(R.C. 3314.029(A)(2).)</i></p> <p>See entry just above.</p>

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	<p>authorization on and after July 1, 2016. (R.C. 3314.029(A)(2)(b).)</p> <p>No provision.</p> <p>Permits a transformation alliance to offer a recommendation on applications for direct authorization from a community school to be located in an alliance municipal school district (Cleveland) and requires the Department to notify the alliance of an application within 14 days after receipt. (R.C. 3314.029(A)(5).)</p>	<p>Requires the Department to annually publish on its website the criteria it uses to approve or deny an application submitted pursuant to this provision. (R.C. 3314.029(A)(2).)</p> <p>Prohibits the Department of Education from approving a direct authorization application for a community school proposed to be in an alliance municipal district (Cleveland) from an applicant that does not comply with rules adopted by the State Board of Education that require the Department to do both of the following: (1) determine that the applicant has requested and received a recommendation from the district's Transformation Alliance, and (2) use criteria, already established to determine sponsorship of a community school in an alliance district, to determine authorization of the applicant. (R.C. 3314.029(A)(5).)</p>	<p>Same as Senate.</p> <p>Prohibits the Department from approving a direct authorization application for a community school proposed to be in an alliance municipal school district (Cleveland) unless the Department (1) has determined that the applicant has requested and received a recommendation from the district's Transformation Alliance, and (2) uses all criteria otherwise required for direct authorization established under the bill. (R.C. 3314.029(A)(5).)</p>
Study on direct authorization and sponsor evaluations	No provision.	No provision.	Eliminates the requirement for the Department of Education, by July 1, 2016, to submit and present to the House and the Senate Education committees both of the following: (1) a plan that proposes the expansion of the Department's authority to directly authorize community schools, and (2) recommendations for a ratings rubric for evaluating sponsors. (Section 3, repeals Section 263.660 of H.B. 64 of the 131st General Assembly.)

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	<p>licensing and operational standards that apply to preschool programs operated by school districts, eligible nonpublic schools, and county DD boards under current law. (R.C. 3301.52, 3301.53, 3301.541, 3301.55, 3301.56, 3301.57, 3301.58, and 3314.03.)</p> <p>Permits a community school operating a preschool program that is licensed by the Department to admit individuals who are younger than five years of age to that program. (R.C. 3314.03(A)(11)(j) and 3314.06.)</p> <p>Requires the governing authority of a community school to annually report the number of students enrolled in a preschool program operated by the school that is licensed by the Department who are not receiving special education and related services pursuant to an individualized education program. (R.C. 3314.08(B)(2)(i).)</p> <p>Specifies that community schools that operate preschool programs and are licensed by the Department may not receive state community school operating funding for students enrolled in those programs but authorizes those programs to apply for early childhood education funding for fiscal years 2016 and 2017. (R.C. 3314.06 and Section 4.)</p>	<p>No provision.</p> <p>No provision.</p> <p>No provision.</p>	<p>No provision.</p> <p>No provision.</p> <p>No provision.</p>
Department of Education approval of sponsors	No provision.	Requires that any educational service center (ESC) that sponsors a community school must be approved by and enter into an agreement with the Department regarding the manner in which the entity will conduct its business. (R.C. 3314.02(B)(2).)	Same, but exempts grandfathered ESC sponsors from approval. (R.C. 3314.02(B)(2).)

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	No provision.	Requires a grandfathered sponsor to enter into a written agreement with the Department prior to entering into any further preliminary agreements or renewing any existing contract to sponsor a community school if that entity receives a sponsor rating below "effective" for two or more consecutive years. (R.C. 3314.021 and 3314.027.)	Same as Senate.
	No provision.	Requires all entities, except for grandfathered entities, to receive approval from the Department to sponsor community schools; this includes entering into preliminary agreements (current law) and renewing contracts. (R.C. 3314.015(B)(1).)	Same as Senate, but specifies that, on and after July 1, 2017, Department approval is required to continue to sponsor schools, regardless of whether the sponsor intends to enter into a preliminary agreement or renew an existing contract. (R.C. 3314.015(B)(1).)
	No provision.	Requires all new and renewed agreements between the Department and a sponsor to address the parameters under which the Department can intervene or revoke sponsorship authority and specifies that each agreement must provide for an annual evaluation process and contain a "clause" permitting modification in instances of poor fiscal management and lack of academic progress. (R.C. 3314.015(B)(1).)	Same as Senate and adds that each new and renewed contract must set forth any territorial restrictions and limits on the number of schools that an entity may sponsor and changes "clause" to "stipulation." (R.C. 3314.015(B)(1).)
	No provision.	Decreases the length of the initial term of a sponsor's agreement with the Department from seven years to five years. (R.C. 3314.015(B)(2).)	Same as Senate.
	No provision.	Removes the current provision for a continuous one-year extension of a sponsor's agreement for sponsors that are not in the lowest 20% of sponsors statewide or are rated as "exemplary" or "effective." (R.C. 3314.015(B)(2).)	Same as Senate.

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	No provision.	Revises the current process to qualify for the extension of a term of the sponsor's agreement with the Department, to permit a term of up to 12 years, based upon the academic performance of students enrolled in the sponsor's schools and the sponsor's adherence to quality practices. (R.C. 3314.015(B)(2)(a).)	Modifies the Senate version by lowering the renewal maximum term from 12 to 10 years and adds that the renewal must also be based upon the sponsor's compliance with all applicable laws and administrative rules. (R.C. 3314.015(B)(2)(a).)
	No provision.	No provision.	Requires that each agreement between the Department and a sponsor must specify that entities with an overall rating of "exemplary" for at least two consecutive years must not be subject to the limit on the number of community schools the entity may sponsor or any territorial restrictions on sponsorship, for so long as that entity continues to be rated "exemplary." (R.C. 3314.015(B)(2)(b).)
	No provision.	No provision.	Requires the State Board of Education (rather than the Department under current law) to adopt rules containing criteria, procedures, and deadlines for processing applications for approval, oversight, and notification of sponsors. (R.C. 3314.015(B)(2)(c).)
	No provision.	No provision.	Permits the Department to renew or extend a sponsor agreement that expires in June of 2016 if the Department has not yet issued sponsor ratings by that time. (Section 8.)
	No provision.	Specifies that the Department may take actions permitted or required in the sponsor agreement without a hearing if the sponsor is unwilling or unable to fulfill its obligations. (R.C. 3314.015(l).)	Same as Senate.

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		(a) a list of all sponsor ratings for each school year for which ratings are available, (b) a list of each sponsor that is prohibited, as of July 1 of each school year, from sponsoring new schools, (c) a list of each sponsor that sponsors or has sponsored a school that is or was subject to closure, and the reason for that closure. (R.C. 3314.039.)	
Extended deadline for annual reports on academic performance	<p>No provision.</p> <p>No provision.</p> <p>No provision.</p>	<p>No provision.</p> <p>No provision.</p> <p>No provision.</p>	<p>For the 2014-2015 school year only, requires the Department's report regarding the effectiveness of academic programs, operations, and legal compliance and the financial condition of all community schools and on the performance of community school sponsors to be submitted not later than March 31, 2016. (Section 6(A).)</p> <p>For the 2014-2015 school year only, requires each community school sponsor's report submitting the results of the evaluation of the academic and fiscal performance and the organization and operation of each community school it sponsors to the Department and to the parents of students enrolled in that community school to be submitted not later than March 1, 2016. (Section 6(B).)</p> <p>For the 2014-2015 school year only, requires each community school governing authority's report describing its activities and progress in meeting the academic goals and performance standards and its financial status to the sponsor and the parents of all students enrolled in the school to be submitted not later than January 31, 2016. (Section 6(C).)</p>

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Requirements related to attendance	No provision.	Specifies that in the event a student withdraws from a school district after a complaint is filed to determine whether the student is a habitual or chronic truant, the school district must proceed with the complaint until the court has reached its determination and specifies that a designation by a court that a student is a habitual or chronic truant must follow the child if the child later enrolls in a community school. <i>(R.C. 3321.19.)</i>	No provision.
Committee on quality for drop out recovery schools	No provision. No provision.	Creates a committee to make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding the definition of "quality" for community schools that primarily enroll students between 16 and 22 years of age who dropped out of high school or are at risk of dropping out of high school due to poor attendance, disciplinary problems, or suspensions. The committee also must study the efficacy of a completion or competency-based funding structure for those schools. <i>(Section 4.)</i> Specifies that the committee must consist of the following members: (1) a business leader appointed by the Governor or the Governor's designee, (2) the president of a community college or the president's designee, appointed by the Governor or the Governor's designee, (3) the superintendent of a dropout recovery community school that received a rating of "meets standards" or "exceeds standards" on its most recent report card, appointed by the Governor or the Governor's designee, (4) the superintendent of a career-technical school appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, (5) an individual representing the House of	Same as Senate. <i>(Section 5.)</i> Same as Senate. <i>(Section 5.)</i>

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	No provision.	<p>Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House, (6) an individual representing the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, (7) the president of a four-year university, or the president's designee, appointed by the President of the Senate, (8) a representative of the Board of Regents, appointed by the Chancellor of the Board of Regents, (9) a representative of the Department of Education, appointed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and (10) the Superintendent of a "Big 8" school district as selected by the "Ohio 8" Coalition. (Section 4.)</p> <p>Requires that the committee, which serves under guidance of the Department of Education, prepare a report of its recommendations and submit the report to the chairpersons of the House and Senate Education committees, not later than six months after the effective date of the bill. (Section 4.)</p>	Same as Senate. (Section 5.)
"Similar students" measure	No provision.	<p>Requires the Department to conduct a study in the 2015-2016 school year to evaluate the validity and usefulness of using the "similar students measure," created by the California Charter Schools Association, to calculate student academic progress for each public school (other than dropout recovery community schools). The measure uses a regression model to take into account demographic differences.</p> <p>Requires the Department to prepare and submit reports regarding its findings to the State Board or General Assembly requests.</p>	<p>Same as Senate but removes reference to the 2015-2016 school year. (R.C. 3302.037.)</p> <p>Requires the Department to submit a report of findings and recommendations to the State Board and General Assembly by December 1, 2016. (R.C. 3302.037.)</p>

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	No provision.	Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, requires the Department to use that measure to produce a measure of student academic progress as the Department, in consultation with the State Board and House and Senate Education committees, determines appropriate. <i>(R.C. 3302.037.)</i>	No provision.
Community school bond or guarantee	<p>No provision.</p> <p>No provision.</p> <p>No provision.</p> <p>No provision.</p>	<p>No provision.</p> <p>No provision.</p> <p>No provision.</p> <p>No provision.</p>	<p>Removes all references in current law to "surety bond" and replaces them with "bond" for purposes of the bond that must be posted by the governing authority of a community school prior to initiating operation. <i>(R.C. 3314.50.)</i></p> <p>Permits, in lieu of the bond or cash payment guarantee required under current law to be paid by a community school for the cost of audits conducted by the Auditor of State, a community school sponsor or operator that has a contract with the school to provide a written guarantee of payment that obligates the sponsor or operator to pay the costs of those audits up to the amount of \$50,000. <i>(R.C. 3314.50.)</i></p> <p>Specifies that any written guarantee is binding upon any successor entity that enters into a contract to sponsor or to operate the school, and any such entity, as a condition of its undertaking must acknowledge and accept that obligation. <i>(R.C. 3314.50.)</i></p> <p>Requires the Department of Education to notify the Auditor of State of the proposed initiation of operations of any community school and to provide the Auditor of State with the certification of the sponsor of the community school of the</p>

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	No provision.	No provision.	<p>compliance by the community school with all legal preconditions to the initiation of its operations, including the filing of a bond, deposit of cash guarantee, or written guarantee of payment. <i>(R.C. 3314.50.)</i></p> <p>Specifies that, in the event that a sponsor or operator has provided a written guarantee, and later, the governing authority of the school posts a bond, or the governing authority of the school, a sponsor, or an operator provides a cash deposit of \$50,000, the written guarantee is cancelled. <i>(R.C. 3314.50.)</i></p> <p>Requires, when the Auditor of State conducts an audit of a community school that has closed and is subject to the requirements of this provision, the Auditor of State must certify the costs of the audit to the Treasurer of State, who must assess the bond for the costs of the audit, or pay out of the cash deposit the costs of the audit to reimburse the Auditor of State for audit costs. <i>(R.C. 3314.50.)</i></p> <p>Specifies that when an entity provides a written guarantee in lieu of a bond or cash guarantee, that entity is solely and fully liable for the costs of any audits conducted and must promptly pay those costs up to \$50,000. <i>(R.C. 3314.50.)</i></p> <p>Prohibits a community school that is subject to these provisions from maintaining or continuing its operations absent the ongoing provision of a bond, a cash deposit, or a written guarantee. <i>(R.C. 3314.50.)</i></p>
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Property purchased by operators of community schools	No provision.	No provision.	<p>Specifies that furniture, computers, software, equipment, or other personal property purchased with state funds that were paid to an operator or management company for use in operation of a community school is property of that school and is not property of the operator or management company. (R.C. 3314.0210.)</p> <p>Requires that any property acquired in the manner described above must be distributed in accordance with continuing law whenever a community school closes and ceases its operation as a community school. (R.C. 3314.0210.)</p>
Community school employee membership in SERS	No provision.	No provision.	<p>Generally excludes both of the following from School Employees Retirement System (SERS) membership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> --Any person initially employed on or after July 1, 2016, by a community school operator that withholds Social Security taxes with the first paycheck after commencing employment; --Except as provided below, any person reemployed on or after July 1, 2016, by the same operator that withholds Social Security taxes with the first paycheck after commencing reemployment. <p>Includes in SERS membership any person reemployed on or after July 1, 2016, by the same operator that withholds Social Security taxes with the first paycheck after commencing reemployment if either of the following apply:</p>

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			<p>--The person is employed by the same operator at any time between July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016, and the date of reemployment is before July 1, 2017;</p> <p>--Both of the following are the case: (1) the person is employed by the same operator in the 12 months preceding the date the operator initially withholds and pays Social Security taxes and the person had previously only contributed to SERS and (2) the person's date of reemployment is not more than 12 months after the date the operator initially withholds and pays the taxes.</p> <p><i>(R.C. 3309.011, 3309.013, and 3314.10.)</i></p>
<p>Community school employee membership in STRS</p>	<p>No provision.</p>	<p>No provision.</p>	<p>Includes in State Teachers Retirement System (STRS) membership both of the following:</p> <p>(1) Any person to whom all of the following apply: (a) is employed by a community school operator, (b) the operator withholds and pays Social Security taxes on the person's behalf, and (c) had contributing service in a community school in Ohio within one year preceding the later of July 1, 2016, or the date on which the operator for the first time withholds and pays the taxes;</p> <p>(2) A faculty member employed in a community school or a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) school, including any academic administrators.</p> <p>Generally excludes both of the following from STRS membership:</p>

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Student enrollment status	No provision.	For purposes of the student counts used for school funding, permits (rather than requires as under current law) a student in any of grades 9-12 to be considered a full-time equivalent student if the student is enrolled in at least five units of instruction per year. <i>(R.C. 3317.034.)</i>	Same as Senate.
Maximum compensation for school district and educational service center board members	No provision.	No provision.	Limits the maximum compensation for members of a school district board of education and educational service center governing board to \$5,000 per year for service to the board. <i>(R.C. 3313.12(A) and (B).)</i>

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