



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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(As Introduced)

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BILL SUMMARY

- Declares that all state funds paid by a community school to an operator or management company for services rendered maintain their status as public money.
- Specifies that personal property acquired with public money for use in the operation of a community school is property of the school and not property of the operator or management company.
- Requires the personal property acquired by an operator of a community school that permanently closes to be redistributed to the resident school districts of the students who were enrolled in the community school at the time it ceased operation.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

State-appropriated funds used by operators of community schools

The bill declares that any state funds paid to a community school that are used as payment for services rendered by an operator or management company maintain their status as public money once transferred to the operator or management company.¹ Additionally, the bill specifies that the community school owns any furniture, computers, software, equipment, or other personal property that is purchased by an operator or management company with public money for use in the operation of a community school.²

¹ R.C. 3314.025(A).

² R.C. 3313.025(B).

Finally, the bill states that an operator or management company that has been contracted to provide services to a community school is not prohibited from earning a profit by way of its utilization of public money. However, the operator or management company may only retain such proceeds only after the operator or management company has fully discharged its contractual, statutory, and fiduciary obligations to the community school.³

Distribution of personal property upon school closure

The bill requires that when a community school permanently closes and ceases operation as a community school, any furniture, computers, software, equipment, or other personal property that was acquired by the operator or management company of the school must be redistributed to the resident school districts of the students who were enrolled in the school at the time it ceased operation, to the extent redistribution is possible.⁴

HISTORY

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³ R.C. 3314.025(C).

⁴ R.C. 3314.074(C).

