



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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BILL SUMMARY

- Allows a public school district or private school to establish a license plate for that district or school.
- Establishes procedures for termination and reestablishment of the license plates.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

School license plate programs

The bill creates two license plate programs that allow individual public school districts and individual private schools in Ohio to establish and design special license plates with the name of the district or school on them. The programs allow for the creation of the individualized school plates without the need for additional legislation for each public school district or private school.¹ These programs are modeled on the Collegiate License Plate Program, which is established in current law.²

The following chart summarizes both license plate programs:

Special license plate	Public school district and private school license plates, inscribed with the name of the participating public school district or private school and any other identifying marking or design selected by the district or school and that is approved by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles. ³
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¹ R.C. 4503.88 to 4503.885.

² R.C. 4503.51, not in the bill.

³ R.C. 4503.88 and 4503.883. "Public school district" means a city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational school district; a STEM school established under R.C. Chapter 3326.; an educational service

Recipients	Available to all applicants.
Eligible vehicles	Any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, commercial motor vehicle, motorcycle, cab-enclosed motorcycle, motorized bicycle or moped, trailer, or vehicle of a class approved by the Registrar.
Contribution and additional BMV fee	\$30 required contribution. \$10 additional administrative BMV fee.
Use of contribution	<p>The contributions must be used as follows:</p> <p>(1) For purposes of a public school district, to provide services to the district's students that assist in developing or maintaining the mental and emotional well-being of the students;</p> <p>(2) For purposes of a private school, 50% of the contributions to provide tuition assistance to its students and 50% of the contributions to provide services to the school's students that assist in developing or maintaining the mental and emotional well-being of the students.</p> <p>Services provided by a school district or private school related to the mental and emotional well-being of students may include bereavement counseling, instruction in defensive driving techniques, sensitivity training, and the counseling and education of students regarding bullying, dating violence, drug abuse, suicide prevention, and human trafficking. The school district or private school may hire charitable (501(c)(3)) organizations to provide services or may pay for faculty members to receive training in providing the services.</p> <p>The school district or private school is prohibited from using the contributions for any purpose other than as specified above.⁴</p>
Requirements for issuance	<p>(1) Submission of an application;</p> <p>(2) Payment of the regular license tax, contribution, administrative fee, any applicable local tax, and any applicable special reserved license plate fee; and</p> <p>(3) Compliance with all other relevant laws relating to motor vehicle registration.</p>

center; or a community school established under R.C. Chapter 3314. "Private school" means a chartered or nonchartered nonpublic school.

⁴ R.C. 4501.21.



Combined with special reserved license plate	May be combined with a special reserved license plate provided in current law.
Applicability of license plate termination procedures	Procedures governing the termination of nonstandard license plates do not apply. ⁵ Termination and reestablishment procedures are specified in the bill (see below). ⁶

Registrar requirements

The Registrar must adopt rules to efficiently administer the Public School District and Private School License Plate Programs. Additionally, the Registrar must establish procedures for the participation in the respective Programs by individual public school districts and individual private schools.⁷

Termination procedures

The bill creates a procedure for terminating an individual public school district license plate or individual private school license plate that is created pursuant to the bill. During any calendar year, if the number of motor vehicle registrations, including new registrations and registration renewals, totals less than 150 registrations for an individual license plate, the Registrar may terminate the license plate designed by that public school district or private school.⁸

The Registrar must provide written notice between January 1 and January 15 to the public school district or the private school whose license plate is being terminated. The notice must include a statement that the license plate is being terminated as of the date of the notice, that no new applications for issuance of the license plate will be accepted, that no registration renewals for the license plate will be accepted unless the currently owned license plates remain serviceable, and information about the reestablishment procedures for terminated license plates.⁹

If the license plates remain serviceable, registration renewals will continue to be accepted and the contribution will continue to go to the respective public school district or private school, even after the termination of the license plate. However, if the license

⁵ R.C. 4503.77 to 4503.78, not in the bill.

⁶ R.C. 4503.881, 4503.882, 4503.884, and 4503.885.

⁷ R.C. 4503.88(D) and 4503.883(D).

⁸ R.C. 4503.881 and 4503.884.

⁹ R.C. 4503.881(B) and 4503.884(B).



plates are not serviceable and there is no remaining stock of the particular public school district's or private school's license plate, the Register must deny the motor vehicle owner's application for that particular special license plate.¹⁰

Reestablishment procedures

The bill also creates a procedure for reestablishing any individual public school district license plate or individual private school license plate that is terminated under the termination procedures specified above. If a particular public school district or private school wants to reestablish their license plate, it must gather written statements from at least 150 people. The written statements must indicate that those people intend to apply for and obtain that particular license plate for their motor vehicles. The Registrar may require the statement to be on a particular form provided by the Registrar. In determining whether 150 people intend to purchase the special license plates, the Registrar must include in the total the number of motor vehicles that continue to display the license plate that has been terminated.¹¹

HISTORY

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¹⁰ R.C. 4503.881(C) and 4503.884(C).

¹¹ R.C. 4503.882 and 4503.885.

