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Bill Analysis

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BILL SUMMARY

- Requires the community school, instead of a school district, to verify a community school student's resident district.
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CONTENT AND OPERATION

Verification of community school enrollment records

Under the bill, each community school, instead of each school district, must conduct a monthly review of its students' residency records and must submit verification to the Department of Education of which school district is each student's resident district.¹

For purposes of the bill, and under continuing law, the school district in which a parent or child resides is the location the parent or student has established as the primary residence and where substantial activity takes place.²

Background

Under current law, each school district must conduct monthly enrollment reviews for district students attending community schools. As part of the review, the district must verify to the Department the community school in which each student is enrolled and that the student is entitled to attend school in the district (that is, the student's resident district).³ A community school may adopt a policy prescribing the

¹ R.C. 3314.11. See also R.C. 3314.64 and 3314.65, neither in bill.

² R.C. 3314.11(C).

³ R.C. 3314.11(A).

number of documents that are necessary to verify a student's residency, for purposes of the school's initial reporting of its students' resident districts. The community school's policy supersedes any similar policy adopted by a student's resident district. If a community school does not adopt its own policy, the resident district's policy governs.⁴ If a community school and a school district disagree about where a student resides, the community school must provide the district with documentation of the student's residency and make a good faith effort to accurately identify the student's correct residence.

After doing so, the community school may refer the matter to the Superintendent of Public Instruction for resolution, so long as the referral is made within 60 days after the next monthly deadline established by the Department of Education for community schools to report their enrollment data. The state Superintendent has 30 days to determine the student's resident school district. If necessary based on the determination, the state Superintendent must adjust the amount of state funding deducted from the state aid accounts of the affected school districts and paid to the student's community school.⁵

The bill eliminates this process and places the responsibility of verifying residency solely on the community school.

HISTORY

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⁴ R.C. 3314.11(B) and (D).

⁵ R.C. 3314.11(D), (E), and (G).

