



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments*

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Computer science in the high school curriculum

- Requires that, if a student chooses to substitute advanced computer science for Algebra II as permitted by the bill, the parent, guardian, or legal custodian of the student must sign and submit to the school a document containing a statement acknowledging that not taking Algebra II may have an adverse effect on college admission decisions (R.C. 3313.603(C)(3)).

Payment of Auxiliary Services funds

- Permits, rather than requires, a chartered nonpublic school that is not religiously affiliated to receive Auxiliary Services funding directly rather than from the school district in which the school is located (R.C. 3317.024(E)).

- For a chartered nonpublic school that is not religiously affiliated to receive funding directly, specifies that the school must elect to do so by April 1 of each odd-numbered year. The election is effective for the biennium that begins in that odd-numbered year. In making the election, the school must (1) notify the Department of Education and the district in which it is located and (2) submit to the Department an affidavit certifying that the school is not religiously affiliated. (R.C. 3317.024(E).)

- For the current 2017-2019 biennium, permits a chartered nonpublic school that is not religiously affiliated to notify the Department and the district in which it is located that it wishes to return to receiving this funding from the school district in which it is located until the end of the biennium. The notification must occur within 30 days after the bills effective date. (Section 3.)

- Specifies that, if no notification is provided within that time frame, a chartered nonpublic school that is not religiously affiliated will continue to receive funding directly until the end of the biennium (Section 3).

* This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the Senate Floor.

- Provides that chartered nonpublic schools that receive Auxiliary Services funding directly may contract with school districts for certain health services, support services, scoring services for standardized tests, and security services for which the funding may be used under current law. (Currently, these schools may contract for this purpose with educational service centers, the Department of Health, city or general health districts, or private agencies whose personnel are appropriately licensed by an appropriate state board or agency.) (R.C. 3317.062(A)(5).)
- Requires that any interest earned by a chartered nonpublic school that receives Auxiliary Services funding directly must be used by the school for the same purposes and in the same manner as the original payments (R.C. 3317.062(C)).
- Requires the Department to adopt a rule specifying the party that owns any property purchased by a chartered nonpublic school that receives Auxiliary Services funding directly. The rule must include procedures for disposal of the property by the designated owner when appropriate. (R.C. 3317.062(E).)
- Requires each chartered nonpublic school that receives Auxiliary Services funding directly to remit to the Department, within 30 days after the end of the biennium, all moneys paid to it directly for that biennium and any interest earned on those moneys that are not required to pay expenses incurred during the biennium (R.C. 3317.062(F)).
- Provides for any chartered nonpublic school that remits funding as specified above to apply to, and receive from, the Department a refund if the remittal of moneys leaves the school with insufficient money to pay all valid expenses incurred during the biennium (R.C. 3317.062(F)).
- Specifies that, for the 2017-2018 school year, neither a school district nor a chartered nonpublic school may change an agreement or contract entered into for services provided by the district for the school without the consent of the other party in the agreement or contract because the school chose to receive Auxiliary Services funding directly from the state (Section 4).