



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Bill Analysis

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BILL SUMMARY

- Creates an administrative program that allows a board of education to apply to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to create a license plate representing a high school or the school district governed by the board.
 - Permits a motor vehicle owner or lessee to apply for a particular school license plate created through the program, and establishes application procedures.
 - Directs contributions collected from the school license plates to the school district or high school represented on the particular plate to be used as the school district or high school determines to be appropriate for the benefit of its students.
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CONTENT AND OPERATION

School nonstandard license plate program

The bill creates an administrative program that allows a board of education to apply to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to create a license plate representing a high school or the school district governed by the board ("school license plate"). The Registrar, in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, must adopt any rules necessary for the efficient administration of the school license plate program. For purposes of the program, a school district includes a city, exempted village, local, and joint vocational public school district. A high school is any school serving grades nine through twelve operated by a school district.¹

¹ R.C. 4503.517(A) and 4503.516(F).

Process for participation in the program

In order to participate in the program, the board of education that governs the school district or high school must adopt a resolution approving the creation of a school license plate.² After adopting the resolution, the board must apply to the Registrar for the creation of the school license plate. The application must contain all of the following:

- (1) The name of the school district or high school;
- (2) An appropriate logo or design to be included on the school license plate;
- (3) The desired contribution amount, not exceeding \$30;
- (4) A copy of the resolution adopted by the board of education; and
- (5) Written statements from at least 150 people indicating that they intend to apply for and obtain the school license plates for their motor vehicles.³

Process for obtaining a school license plate

Once a school license plate is created through the program, the process for obtaining that license plate is the same as any other nonstandard license plate. Any owner or lessee of a passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, motorcycle, cab-enclosed motorcycle, or other vehicle approved by the Registrar may apply to the Registrar for vehicle registration and issuance of the school license plate created through the program.⁴ The owner or lessee must submit all of the following to obtain the school license plate:

- (1) The application for registration;
- (2) The regular state motor vehicle license tax;
- (3) The local motor vehicle license tax;
- (4) Any additional fee (particularly any fees for specialized letters and numbers for the license plate, if desired);
- (5) An administrative fee of \$10; and

² R.C. 4503.517(A).

³ R.C. 4503.517(B).

⁴ R.C. 4503.516(B).



(6) The contribution amount selected by the board of education.

The owner or lessee must also comply with all other applicable laws relating to motor vehicle registration.⁵ After the owner or lessee submits the required application and appropriate monetary amount, the Registrar must issue the registration, the set of school license plates, and the validation sticker (the sticker indicating the expiration date for the registration).⁶

Use of contributions

Under the bill, the contributions collected for school license plates created through the program are directed to the particular school district or high school represented on the plates. The school district or high school must use those contributions as it determines to be appropriate for the benefit of its students.⁷

Exemption from termination procedures

School license plates created under the bill are not subject to existing license plate termination procedures. Those procedures generally require at least 25 people to annually register for or renew a particular nonstandard license plate in order for the license plate to avoid termination by the Registrar.⁸

HISTORY

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⁵ R.C. 4503.516(C).

⁶ R.C. 4503.516(B).

⁷ R.C. 4501.21(B).

⁸ R.C. 4503.516(E); R.C. 4503.77 and 4503.78, not in the bill.

