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SUMMARY

- Requires the Auditor of State to conduct a one-time performance audit of each school district subject to an academic distress commission on or before the bill's effective date.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Performance audits of ADC districts

The bill requires the Auditor of State to conduct a one-time performance audit of each school district that is subject to an academic distress commission on or before the bill's effective date. Accordingly, there are three districts to which the bill applies: Youngstown, Lorain, and East Cleveland. The audits must begin within 90 days after the bill's effective date, and the cost of the audits must be paid by the Auditor of State.¹

Each audit must be conducted in the same manner as performance audits for a school district in fiscal distress. Such an audit may review any programs or operations where greater operational efficiencies or enhanced program results can be achieved.²

Background

Law, not affected by the bill, requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to establish an academic distress commission (ADC) for certain school districts with persistently low academic performance to guide actions to improve their performance. It requires each ADC to appoint a chief executive officer who has substantial powers to manage the operation of a qualifying district and prescribes progressive consequences for the district, including possible

¹ Section 1.

² R.C. 3316.042, not in the bill.

changes to collective bargaining agreements and eventual mayoral appointment of the district board.³

For a detailed description of current law on ADCs, see pp. 10-23 of the LSC Final Analysis of H.B. 70 of the 131st General Assembly at: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/download?key=2653&format=pdf>.

HISTORY

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³ R.C. 3302.10, not in the bill.