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SUMMARY

- Requires each member of a school district board of education and an educational service center (ESC) governing board to complete training on ethics, public records, and open meetings.
- Increases the amount of compensation a board member may receive for attending meetings, from \$125 to \$200 per day.
- Increases the compensation a board member may receive for approved training programs, from \$60 to \$96 or \$125 to \$200 per day, depending on the duration of the training.
- Removes a provision that limits the total compensation of a district or ESC board member to \$5,000 per year.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

District and ESC board member compensation and training

Training requirements

The bill requires each member of a city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational school district board of education and an educational service center (ESC) governing board to complete an approved ethics training program and an approved training program on public records and open meeting laws within the first year of each term on the board.¹

¹ R.C. 3311.19(C)(3) and 3313.12(D).

Limits on compensation

Current law permits a city, local, or exempted village school district or ESC board to adopt a resolution to provide for member compensation. The bill specifies that a board may do so every two years, and that the resolution is effective for a term of two years. The bill does not make these changes for joint vocational school districts (JVSDs).²

The bill also increases the amount of compensation a member of a district or ESC board may be paid for attending board meetings or training programs, as described in the following table:³

Type of service	Current law	H.B. 334
1-3 hour training program	\$60 per day	\$96 per day
3+ hour training program	\$125 per day	\$200 per day
Board meeting attendance	\$125 per day plus mileage	\$200 per day plus mileage

Finally, the bill removes a prohibition against a member of a school district or ESC board from receiving more than \$5,000 total per year for service on the board. This does not include JVSD board members for whom there is no limitation in current law.⁴

HISTORY

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² R.C. 3313.12(A) and (B).

³ R.C. 3311.19(F) and 3313.12(A), (B), and (C).

⁴ R.C. 3313.12(A) and (B).