



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

## Sub. Bill Comparative Synopsis

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This table summarizes how the latest substitute version of the bill differs from the immediately preceding version. It addresses only the topics on which the two versions differ substantively. It does not list topics on which the two bills are substantively the same.

Topic	Previous Version (As Introduced)	Sub. Version (LSC 131 0730-4)
<p><b>Definition of "eligible school district"</b></p>	<p>Specifies that, in order to be an "eligible school district" under the bill's provisions, a city, local, or exempted village school district must result from (1) the consolidation of two or more school districts, (2) the voluntary transfer of the entire territory of a district to an adjoining district by action initiated by the district board or by a citizen petition, or (3) the voluntary transfer of the entire territory of a district initiated by the State Board of Education (<i>R.C. 3318.75(A)</i>).</p> <p>Specifies that, in order for a district to be an "eligible school district" under the bill's provisions, the districts that existed prior to the consolidation or transfer that resulted in the district must be located in the same county</p>	<p>Specifies that a district may also be an "eligible school district" if it results from (1) the transfer of all of the territory of one or more local school districts to an adjoining local school district within the same educational service center, (2) the transfer of all of the territory of one or more local school districts to an adjoining educational service center or an adjoining city or exempted village school district, (3) the merger of two or more city, local, or exempted village school districts, or (4) the creation of a new local school district (<i>R.C. 3318.036(A)(1)(a)</i>).</p> <p>No provision.</p>

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	<p>which has a population of less than 100,000 as of the most recent federal decennial census and neither of those districts must have previously received any state funds from the School Facilities Commission (but may have entered into an agreement under the Expedited Local Partnership Program) (R.C. 3318.75(A)(1) to (3)).</p> <p>No provision.</p> <p>No provision.</p>	<p>Specifies that, in order to be an "eligible school district" under the bill's provisions, the transfer, merger, consolidation, or creation of a new local district from which the district results must become effective between July 1, 2013, and June 30, 2018 (R.C. 3318.036(A)(1)(a)).</p> <p>Specifies that, in order to be an "eligible school district" under the bill's provisions, the district must demonstrate to the Commission an efficient use of facility space, including a reduction in the number of buildings used by students and administrative staff (R.C. 3318.036(A)(1)(b)).</p>
<p><b>Classroom facilities assistance for eligible school districts</b></p>	<p>Requires the Commission to offer classroom facilities assistance to an eligible school district, on the date that the consolidation or transfer that results in the district becomes effective, for each project that was described in the consolidation or transfer agreement and approved by the Commission (R.C. 3318.75(B)(1)).</p>	<p>Requires the Commission, if it determines that a district is an eligible school district, to give that district first priority for funding for a project under the Classroom Facilities Assistance Program as such funds become available, regardless of the district's percentile ranking for that Program (R.C. 3318.036(B)(1)).</p>

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<p><b>School district portion of the total cost of the project</b></p>	<p>Specifies that, for each project for which the Commission offers immediate assistance under the bill, the district's portion of the total cost of the project must be the lesser of the following: (1) 50% of the total cost of the project, or (2) the "required percentage of the basic project cost" (1% times a district's wealth percentile) based on the percentile ranking of the lowest wealth district that was consolidated or transferred (R.C. 3318.75(B)(2)).</p> <p>No provision.</p> <p>No provision.</p>	<p>Specifies that, if an eligible school district results from a transfer, merger, consolidation, or creation of a new local district that takes effect prior to the bill's effective date, the district's portion of the total cost of the project must be the "required percentage of the basic project cost" (1% times a district's wealth percentile) based on the percentile ranking of the lowest wealth district that was transferred, merged, consolidated, or existed prior to the creation of the new district (R.C. 3318.036(B)(1)).</p> <p>Specifies that the Commission may reduce an eligible school district's portion of the total cost of the project by 25 percentage points, provided the district's portion is at least 5% (R.C. 3318.036(B)(2)).</p> <p>Specifies that the Commission may reduce an eligible school district's portion of the total cost of the project by an additional ten percentage points if the district's project satisfies all of the following conditions, provided the district's portion is at least 5%:</p> <p>(1) It involves construction of a building on land owned by a state institution of higher education, and the Commission approves the project.</p> <p>(2) The district and the institution enter into a written agreement regarding the continued use of the institution's land by the district, and the Commission</p>

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		<p>approves the agreement.</p> <p>(3) On the date the district and institution enter into the written agreement, the institution is participating in the College Credit Plus Program.</p> <p><i>(R.C. 3318.036(B)(3).)</i></p>
<p><b>Guidelines for prioritizing facility funding for certain school districts</b></p>	<p>No provision.</p>	<p>Repeals a provision of existing law that (1) requires the Commission to adopt rules providing guidelines for prioritizing facility funding for districts that voluntarily develop joint use or other cooperative agreement that significantly improve the efficiency of the use of facility space within or between districts and (2) permits the Commission to advance the funding priority for projects of school districts that are parties to such agreements</p> <p><i>(Repealed R.C. 3318.32; conforming changes in R.C. 3318.02, 3318.024, and 3318.30).</i></p>

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