



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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BILL SUMMARY

- Requires the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

The Ohio School Facilities Commission is required by the bill to establish a program under which, beginning on July 1, 2017, school districts that have not yet received assistance under the Classroom Facilities Assistance Program (CFAP)¹ may apply for state funds to use for technology and physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure or school safety and security. If a district participates in the program established by the bill, it is no longer eligible for participation in CFAP.²

The Commission must adopt guidelines and procedures for the administration of the program, including:

--A requirement that, in order to participate in the program, the district's board of education must approve participation by an affirmative vote of not less than four-fifths of the board's full membership;

--The application process for districts and the process by which the Commission annually selects districts for assistance;

¹ CFAP is authorized under R.C. 3318.01 to 3318.20 (R.C. 3318.39(C)).

² R.C. 3318.39(A) and (B).

--The method for determining the amount of funding awards under the program, including any requirements relating to the state's portion and the district's portion of the basic project cost, if applicable;

--A requirement that the Commission award funding to a district prior to that district becoming eligible for assistance under CFAP, based on the annual percentile rankings.³

HISTORY

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³ R.C. 3318.39(A)(1) to (4).

