



# OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

## Bill Analysis

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### **H.B. 346**

131st General Assembly  
(As Introduced)

**Reps.** Brenner, Dever, Henne, Manning, Roegner, R. Smith

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## **BILL SUMMARY**

- Guarantees each city, local, and exempted village school district at least as much annual per pupil state operating funding as the statewide per pupil amount paid for chartered nonpublic schools in Auxiliary Services funds and for administrative cost reimbursement.
- Makes an appropriation.

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## **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

### **Per pupil funding guarantee for school districts**

The bill requires the Department of Education to pay each city, local, and exempted village school district additional per pupil funding if the per pupil amount received by the district under the school funding formula is less than the statewide per pupil amount paid for chartered nonpublic schools in Auxiliary Services funds and for administrative cost reimbursement.<sup>1</sup> This additional payment must be equal to the difference between those two amounts, thereby guaranteeing each district at least as much per pupil as the per pupil Auxiliary Services and administrative cost reimbursement amounts combined.

### **Background - Auxiliary Services funds and administrative cost reimbursement**

Under continuing law, school districts receive Auxiliary Services funds to purchase goods and services for students who attend chartered nonpublic schools

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 3317.022.

located within their territories.<sup>2</sup> These monies may be used to purchase, for loan to students of chartered nonpublic schools, such things as textbooks, digital texts, workbooks, instructional equipment including computers, and library materials, or to provide health or special education services.

Additionally, under continuing law, each chartered nonpublic school may be reimbursed for administrative and clerical costs incurred as a result of complying with state and federal recordkeeping and reporting requirements. Permanent law prescribes \$360 as the maximum amount per pupil that may be reimbursed to a school each year,<sup>3</sup> but an uncodified provision of the budget act for the current 2015-2017 biennium permits the Department to pay up to \$420 per pupil for each school year of the biennium if the appropriation for this reimbursement was sufficient.<sup>4</sup>

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## HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	09-29-15

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<sup>2</sup> R.C. 3317.024(E) and 3317.06, neither in the bill.

<sup>3</sup> R.C. 3317.063, not in the bill.

<sup>4</sup> Section 263.190 of H.B. 64 of the 131st General Assembly.

