



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Bill Analysis

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132nd General Assembly

(As Reported by H. Education and Career Readiness)

Reps. Gavarone, Brenner, Cupp, Hambley

BILL SUMMARY

- Requires the Ohio Department of Education to submit, to each member of the primary and secondary education committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives, a written copy of the state plan required under the federal Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA) not later than 30 days prior to the date on which the Department will begin its implementation of the plan.
- Prohibits the Department from implementing the state plan if the General Assembly has adopted a concurrent resolution disapproving the plan prior to the date on which it is scheduled to be effective.
- Requires the Department to submit, to each member of the committees described above, a written description of any changes to federal policies or rules regarding the implementation of ESSA whenever those changes are made.
- Requires the Department, if it plans to change any of its policies or procedures regarding the state's implementation of ESSA based on changes to federal policies or rules, to submit, to each member of the committees described above, a written outline of Ohio's existing policy regarding that implementation and a written description of the changes it proposes to make.
- Prohibits the Department from making any change to its policies or procedures regarding the state's implementation of ESSA unless the General Assembly has adopted a concurrent resolution approving the proposed change.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Implementation of the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015

State plan for implementation

The bill requires the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) to submit a written copy of the state plan that must be submitted to the U.S. Department of Education under the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA) to the members of the primary and secondary education committees of the Senate and House of Representatives, not later than 30 days prior to the date on which ODE will begin implementation of the plan.¹ The bill prohibits ODE from implementing the state plan if the General Assembly has adopted a concurrent resolution disapproving the plan prior to the date on which the plan is scheduled to be effective.²

Changes after initial implementation

The bill requires ODE to submit both of the following regarding ESSA to the members of the primary and secondary education committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives:

(1) A written description of any changes to federal policies or rules regarding ESSA, whenever the U.S. Department of Education makes those changes;³

(2) If ODE plans to change any of its policies or procedures regarding the state's ESSA implementation based on those federal changes, a written outline of Ohio's existing policy regarding that implementation and a written description of the changes it proposes to make.⁴

The bill prohibits ODE from making any proposed changes to its policies or procedures regarding the state's implementation of ESSA unless the General Assembly has adopted a concurrent resolution approving the proposed change.⁵

¹ R.C. 3302.09(B)(1). The Every Student Succeeds Act is Public Law 114-95.

² R.C. 3302.09(C)(1).

³ R.C. 3302.09(A).

⁴ R.C. 3302.09(B)(2).

⁵ R.C. 3302.09(C)(2).



Background

The Every Student Succeeds Act prescribes testing and academic accountability requirements for public schools tied to federal assistance. It is the successor to the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. The bill's provisions replace similar provisions that applied to changes to policies or procedures regarding the ODE's implementation of the No Child Left Behind Act.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, state plans must be submitted by April 3, 2017, or September 18, 2017.⁶

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	05-23-17
Reported, H. Education & Career Readiness	06-21-17

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⁶ <https://www2.ed.gov/admins/lead/account/stateplan17/plans.html>.

