



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Bill Analysis

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BILL SUMMARY

- Conditions payment from the Department of Education to an Internet- or computer-based community school on the school's use of automatically verifiable software that tracks attendance, class size, and participation.
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CONTENT AND OPERATION

Automatically verifiable software

The bill conditions an Internet- or computer-based community school's (e-school's) state payments on the use of automatically verifiable attendance-tracking software that satisfies the bill's requirements.¹

Use and specifications

Under the bill, each e-school must monitor and track student attendance, class size, and participation through the use of software that automatically verifies student attendance, class size, and participation. The software must do all of the following:

(1) Collect and maintain data in a manner that does not violate federal law with respect to student privacy;

(2) Automatically gather verification data of state-funded activity and track total keystroke and mouse event frequency at an interval set by the Department of Education not to exceed five minutes;

¹ R.C. 3314.08(J)(3).

(3) Make all data and information collected or provided by the software visible to the Department and the Auditor of State upon request and through real-time; and

(4) Permit the Department to provide feedback to the e-school regarding the school's student attendance, class size, and participation statistics.²

Storage of data

Each e-school must securely store all data collected by the software for a period of seven school years after the Department has remitted payment to the school. An e-school is permitted to contract with an outside entity to comply with the bill's data storage requirement. An e-school must comply with any requests made by the Department or the Auditor for retrieval of data that is being stored within the seven-year period. The bill prohibits the e-school from charging a fee for that retrieval.³

Certification procedure

Within 15 days after the bill's effective date, the Department must publish a process for certifying satisfactory attendance tracking software. Within 45 days after the bill's effective date, the Department must publish a list of all entities that offer satisfactory software. The list must, at all times, be available to the public in a conspicuous location on the Department's website.⁴

HISTORY

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Introduced	04-19-18

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² R.C. 3314.272(A).

³ R.C. 3314.272(B).

⁴ R.C. 3314.272(C).

