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SUMMARY

- Guarantees each city, local, and exempted village school district, with a median Ohio adjusted gross income that is less than the statewide median, at least as much annual per pupil state operating funding as the statewide per pupil amount paid for chartered nonpublic schools for Auxiliary Services funding and administrative cost reimbursement.
- Makes an appropriation.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Per pupil funding guarantee for school districts

The bill requires the Department of Education to pay each city, local, and exempted village school district, with a median Ohio adjusted gross income that is less than the statewide median, additional 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 for Auxiliary Services funding and administrative cost reimbursement. 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.¹

Under existing law, Auxiliary Services funds are used to purchase goods and services for students who attend chartered nonpublic schools, such as textbooks, digital texts, workbooks, instructional equipment, library materials, tutoring or other special services, provision of language and academic support services and other accommodations for English language

¹ R.C. 3317.28 and Section 265.220 of H.B. 166 of the 133rd General Assembly.

learners, and procurement of security services.² For FY 2020, the per pupil amount of Auxiliary Services funds was about \$924.

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,³ but an uncodified provision of H.B. 166 of the 133rd General Assembly permits the Department to pay up to \$446 per pupil for each year of the current biennium if the appropriation for this reimbursement is sufficient.⁴

HISTORY

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² R.C. 3317.024(E), 3317.06, and 3317.062, none in the bill.

³ R.C. 3317.063, not in the bill.

⁴ Section 265.180 of H.B. 166 of the 133rd General Assembly.