



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

## Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments\*

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#### **CPR and AED instruction and staff training**

Changes, from the 2016-2017 school year to the 2017-2018 school year, the initial school year under the bill by which school districts and most other public schools must provide student instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED).

Changes, from July 1, 2017, to July 1, 2018, the date under the bill by which each district or community school employee must receive training in the use of an AED.

#### **High school equivalency tests and certificates of high school equivalence**

Requires the Department of Education, rather than the State Board of Education as under current law, to award certificates of high school equivalence.

Requires the Department to approve at least two nationally recognized high school equivalency tests for the purpose of awarding certificates of high school equivalence.

Specifies that, in order for a person to earn such a certificate, scores must be obtained on one of the approved tests, rather than specifically on the tests of general educational development (the "GED test").

Removes several eligibility requirements of current law for persons who are at least 16 but not yet 18 years of age to take an approved high school equivalency test.

Removes a provision of current law that automatically qualifies certain persons for eligibility, regardless of age.

\* This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the Senate Floor.

## **Joint Education Oversight Committee**

Prohibits the chairperson and the ranking member of the Joint Education Oversight Committee (JEOC) from being from the same political party.

Requires JEOC to authorize a plan of work, which must include research, review, study, and analysis of education policy issues important to the state, policy options to address such issues, and available data to support such analysis and options.

Authorizes the chairperson of JEOC to request any state agency or political subdivision to provide data, statistics, and other information determined to aid the committee's statutory purposes.

Requires state agencies and political subdivisions to provide the requested information, to the extent permissible under state and federal law.

Permits, rather than requires as under current law, JEOC to select, for review and evaluation, education programs at school districts, other public schools, and state institutions of higher education.

Permits, rather than requires as under current law, JEOC to prepare a report of the results of the education programs that are reviewed and evaluated, to make recommendations to the General Assembly, and submit that report and recommendations to the General Assembly.

Permits the report and recommendations to also be submitted to the chairpersons and members of the education committees of the House of Representatives and Senate.

## **Payments for chartered nonpublic school students participating in CCP**

Permits the Department of Education to use a portion of the Auxiliary Services Reimbursement Fund to make payments for chartered nonpublic school students participating in the College Credit Plus program.

## **Community school educator contracts**

Prohibits a community school teacher or other licensed education professional from terminating the individual's employment contract after July 10 of any school year, or during the school year prior to the last day of instruction, without consent of the governing authority or operator, and permits the State Board of Education to suspend the license of an individual who violates that provision.

## **Joint vocational school district boards**

Permits a joint vocational school district board of education with more than 30 members to submit an application to the Superintendent of Public Instruction for approval to stagger its members' terms of office.

## **Waiver of career-technical education spending requirement for certain types of community schools**

Permits the Department of Education to waive the career-technical education spending requirement in current law for any community school that exclusively provides one or more career-technical workforce development programs in arts and communications that are not equipment-intensive.

## **Bright New Leaders for Ohio Schools**

Permits school districts, community schools, and STEM schools to use economically disadvantaged funds to employ principals and assistant principals who completed the Bright New Leaders for Ohio Schools program.