



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Bill Analysis

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H.B. 369

132nd General Assembly
(As Introduced)

Rep. Sweeney

BILL 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 in Auxiliary Services funding and administrative cost reimbursement.
- Makes an appropriation.

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, 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 in 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

* This analysis corrects references to which districts are eligible for the additional payment and removes references to the appropriation amounts.

¹ R.C. 3317.26.

Background

Auxiliary Services funds

Auxiliary Services funds are paid to school districts on a per pupil basis² and are used to purchase goods and services for students who attend chartered nonpublic schools, such as textbooks, digital texts, workbooks, instructional equipment, library materials, or tutoring or other special services. For FY 2018, the per pupil amount of Auxiliary Services funds was about \$885.

Law enacted by H.B. 49 of the 132th General Assembly, effective September 29, 2017, requires the Department of Education to pay those funds directly to each chartered nonpublic school that does not have a religious affiliation or curriculum. Prior to H.B. 49, Auxiliary Services funds for students in any chartered nonpublic school were paid to the school district in which the school is located and the purchases were made by the district for those students. H.B. 49 maintained this pass-through funding process for students in a chartered nonpublic school with a religious affiliation.

H.B. 170 of the 132nd General Assembly, effective March 23, 2018, permits a chartered nonpublic school that is not religiously affiliated to elect to receive Auxiliary Services funds either directly or through the school district in which the school is located. That act also provides for the administration of Auxiliary Services funding paid directly to chartered nonpublic schools.

Administrative cost reimbursement

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. 49 permits the Department to pay up to \$405 per pupil for each year of the current biennium if the appropriation for this reimbursement is sufficient.⁴

² R.C. 3317.024, not in the bill.

³ R.C. 3317.063, not in the bill.

⁴ Section 265.180 of H.B. 49 of the 132nd General Assembly.



HISTORY

ACTION

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