



# OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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## **Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments\***

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#### **E-school learning management software**

Requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to establish by rule standards for learning management software to be used by Internet- or computer-based community schools (e-schools).

#### **Policies on e-school payment reductions for nondelivery**

Specifies that the Auditor of State's role in the adoption of policies regarding when the Department of Education must reduce payments to an e-school for failure to timely deliver to students, install, and activate required hardware and software materials.

#### **Safe harbor from certain provisions for enrolling displaced e-school students**

Contingently amends a provision of S.B. 216, reported by the H. Education and Career Readiness Committee, that exempts a community school from mandatory closure based on poor performance for two out of three years, in the 2017-2018 through 2019-2020 school years, if due to enrolling students displaced from a suspended e-school, if its enrollment increases by more than 20% (rather than 10% as under S.B. 216).

Contingently amends S.B. 216 to add a provision to the exemption described above by specifying that if the scores of the displaced enrollees were removed from the enrolling school's calculations and the school still performed poorly for two out of the three most recent school years and fell under the parameters of current law closure, the school would be subject to closure.

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

Contingently amends a provision of S.B. 216 that exempts a school district from being considered a new "challenged school district" for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years, if its enrollment increases by more than 20% (rather than 10% as under S.B. 216).

### **Five-year financial forecasts for all public schools**

Changes the latest date that school districts, community schools, and STEM schools may submit their annual five-year financial forecasts from October 31 (as under administrative rule) to November 30.

### **Signing of certain documents by school district treasurer**

Specifies that the school district superintendent or president of the district board (instead of the school district treasurer) must sign for the district documents related to the employment and salary of the treasurer or any member of the treasurer's family. (Presumably, the treasurer may still sign the documents related to the treasurer's employment in the treasurer's personal capacity.)

Clarifies that the record of meetings (and attestation to the accuracy of the record) by the district treasurer is a ministerial duty and not to be construed as authorization or execution of any action by the treasurer.

### **School district "substitute" levy election dates**

Expressly authorizes a school district board to propose a ballot question to substitute an emergency levy at an election held in the year after the emergency levy expires.

### **Joint health and medical insurance programs**

Permits political subdivisions (including a school district) and county boards of developmental disabilities to enter into agreements with other political subdivisions to procure or contract for providers of medical or health services.