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SUMMARY

- Requires that public or chartered nonpublic schools transmit a transferred student's records within five school days after receiving a request from the school or district that the student is attending.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Transfer of student records

The bill requires public and chartered nonpublic schools to transmit a transferred student's records upon the request of the district or school that the student is currently attending. A school district or school must transmit the records within five school days after receiving the request. If the district or school does not have a record of the student's attendance, it must provide a statement of that fact to the requestor.¹ The bill applies to school districts, community schools, STEM schools, college-preparatory boarding schools, and chartered nonpublic schools.

Background

Under current law, school officials must request a student's records from the public or nonpublic school that the student most recently attended. That request must be made within 24 hours after a student's enrollment in the new school.² Both state and federal law permit the transfer of student records between schools for legitimate educational purposes.³ Currently,

¹ R.C. 3319.324. The provision applies to community schools, STEM schools, and college-preparatory boarding schools through references in R.C. 3314.03(A)(11)(d), 3326.11, and 3328.24.

² R.C. 3313.672(A)(4), not in the bill.

³ R.C. 3319.321(C), not in the bill, and 20 United States Code 1232g.

however, there is no statutory requirement that districts or schools must transmit a student's records to the requestor.

HISTORY

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