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SUMMARY

- Permits a school district that offers a Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) or National Defense Cadet Corps (NDCC) program to designate that program as part of the district's career-technical education (CTE) program.
- Requires the Department of Education and Workforce to include in the calculation of a school district's CTE funding any JROTC or NDCC program a district designates as part of its CTE program.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

JROTC and NDCC as career-technical education

The bill permits a school district that offers a Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) program approved by the U.S. Congress or a National Defense Cadet Corps (NDCC) program approved by a military department secretary of the U.S. armed forces to designate that program as part of the district's career-technical education (CTE) program.[1]

The bill requires the Department of Education and Workforce to include in the calculation of a school district's CTE funding any JROTC or NDCC program a district designates as part of its CTE program. The Department must determine in which CTE category to include a JROTC or NDCC program.[2]

* This analysis was prepared before the report of the House Education Committee appeared in the House Journal. Note that the legislative history may be incomplete.

[1] R.C. 3313.907.

[2] R.C. 3317.166.

Background

State law requires each city, local, and exempted village school district to provide CTE to students in grades 7-12. The public school financing system provides additional funding to cover the higher costs of such CTE services. To qualify for state funding, CTE programs must be approved by both the "lead district" (i.e., the district designated by the Department to provide primary CTE leadership within a career-technical planning district composed of a group of districts and other public schools) and the Department. The school financing system calculates CTE funding by separating CTE students into five categories based on the CTE program type and funds a weighted amount for each category.[3]

For more information about CTE requirements and funding, see the LSC Members Briefs An Overview of K-12 Career Technical Education (PDF) and Categorical Add-On Aid to Ohio Schools (PDF), both of which are available on LSC's website: lsc.ohio.gov.

HISTORY

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[3] R.C. 3313.90, 3317.014, and 3317.023, none in the bill.