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Sub. Bill Comparative Synopsis

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This table summarizes how the latest substitute version of the bill differs from the immediately preceding version. It addresses only the topics on which the two versions differ substantively. It does not list topics on which the two bills are substantively the same.

Topic	Previous Version (As Introduced)	Sub. Version (L-132-1153-1)
Scholarship eligibility	<p>Excludes a student from eligibility for the Opportunity Scholarship Program if, on or after July 1, 2017, the student was enrolled in a chartered nonpublic school during any school year prior to the first school year for which a scholarship is sought. (R.C. 3310.03(A)(1)(b).)</p> <p>No provision.</p>	<p>Same, but excludes a student from eligibility only if the student attended a chartered nonpublic school not under a state scholarship in "the school year prior" to receiving a scholarship, instead of "any year prior." (R.C. 3310.03(A)(1)(b).)</p> <p>Permits a student to be eligible for a scholarship if:</p> <p>(1) In the school year prior to the first school year for which a scholarship is sought, the student was enrolled in the 8th grade in a chartered nonpublic school not under a state scholarship; and</p>

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		(2) The student meets income requirements. (R.C. 3310.03(A)(3).)
Limit on number of scholarships awarded	No provision. No provision.	Limits the number of scholarship that may be awarded to 60,000 per year, subject to the automatic increase of the limit described below. (R.C. 3310.02(A).) Specifies that, if applications exceed 90% of the maximum number of scholarships permitted, the number of permitted scholarships must increase by 10% for the following school year, and establishes the increased number of scholarships as the maximum number of scholarships permitted for future school years. (R.C. 3310.02(C).)
Priority for scholarships	No provision.	Establishes priority for awarding scholarships when applications exceed the number of available scholarships, as follows: (1) First, to eligible students who received a scholarship in the prior school year; (2) Second, to eligible students with family incomes at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines; and (3) Third, to eligible students awarded on the basis of a lottery. (R.C. 3310.02(D).)
Scholarship application periods	Specifies that, for students who apply to use a scholarship in the school year following an application, the application period opens not sooner than November 1 and closes not sooner than July 31. (R.C. 3310.16(A).)	Same, but changes the starting period to "not later than" November 1. (R.C. 3310.16(A).)

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	Specifies that, for students who apply to use a scholarship in the school year in which an application is submitted, the application period opens not sooner than October 1 and closes not sooner than April 15. <i>(R.C. 3310.16(B).)</i>	Same, but changes the starting period to "not later than" October 1. <i>(R.C. 3310.16(B).)</i>
Education savings account	<p>Permits funds in a student's education savings account to be used for:</p> <p>(1) Tuition and fees at an eligible institution of higher education; and</p> <p>(2) Textbooks required for courses at an eligible institution of higher education. <i>(R.C. 3310.17(C)(1)(g) and (h).)</i></p> <p>Permits funds in an education savings account to be used until:</p> <p>(1) The student reaches 25 years of age; or</p> <p>(2) The student dies before reaching 25 years of age. <i>(R.C. 3310.17(D)(1) and (2).)</i></p>	<p>No provision (but permits the funds to be used for the other purposes as specified in the Introduced version). <i>(See R.C. 3310.17(C).)</i></p> <p>Permits funds to be used until:</p> <p>(1) The student graduates from high school;</p> <p>(2) The student dies before graduating from high school. <i>(R.C. 3310.17(D)(1) and (2).)</i></p>

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