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Bill Analysis

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BILL SUMMARY

- Requires community schools, instead of school districts, to verify the resident school district of its students on an annual basis and upon the enrollment of a student.
- Requires community schools, instead of school districts, to conduct monthly reviews of the residency records of its students.
- Permits school districts to review a community school's residency records and enrollment verifications.
- Requires, instead of permits as under current law, community schools to adopt a policy that prescribes the number of documents needed to initially verify a student's residency.
- Requires community schools to adopt a policy that prescribes the information needed to annually verify a student's residency.
- Specifies that the contract between the sponsor and governing authority of a community school must include policies regarding changes in residence and address verification.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Verification and review of community school enrollment and residency records

Under current law, school districts must conduct monthly reviews of the enrollment records of district students who attend community schools. Districts also must verify to the Department of Education (1) the community school in which each student is enrolled and (2) whether the student is entitled to attend school in the district.¹

The bill places these duties solely on the community school, instead of the district. Additionally, it requires each community school to submit its verification to the Department both upon the enrollment of a student and on an annual basis.

Finally, the bill specifically permits school districts to review these residency records and enrollment verifications.

Policy on documents and information for residency verification

Current law permits the governing authority of a community school to adopt a policy that prescribes the number of documents needed to initially verify a student's residency.

The bill makes this provision mandatory instead of permissive.²

The bill also requires community schools to adopt a policy that prescribes the information needed to annually verify a student's residency. This information may be obtained through any type of document, including any authorized document under current law, or any type of communication with a government official authorized to provide such information.³ Current law, unchanged by the bill, specifies the following documents that may be used as evidence of a student's primary residence:

(1) A deed, mortgage, lease, current home owner's or renter's insurance declaration page, or current property tax bill;

(2) A utility bill or receipt of utility installation issued within 90 days of the student's enrollment;

¹ R.C. 3314.11(A).

² R.C. 3314.11(B)(1).

³ R.C. 3314.11(B)(2).



(3) A paycheck or paystub issued to the parent or student within 90 days of the student's enrollment that includes the address of the parent's or student's primary residence;

(4) The most current available bank statement issued to the parent or student that includes the address of the parent's or student's primary residence; or

(5) Any other official document issued to the parent or student that includes the address of the parent's or student's primary residence. The law directs the Superintendent of Public Instruction to develop guidelines for determining what qualifies as an "official document" for this purpose.⁴

Contract specifications between community school sponsor and governing authority

The bill requires the contract between the sponsor and governing authority of a community school to include the following:

(1) A provision requiring the governing authority to adopt an enrollment and attendance policy that requires a student's parent to notify the community school in which the student is enrolled when there is a change in the location of the parent's or student's primary residence; and

(2) A provision requiring the governing authority to adopt a student residence and address verification policy for students enrolling in or attending the school.⁵

HISTORY

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⁴ R.C. 3314.11(E).

⁵ R.C. 3314.03(A)(32) and (33).

