

"Shall _____ (name of township) be added to the _____ (name of joint township hospital district), and property tax be levied for the purpose of _____ (purpose of tax), that the county auditor estimates will collect \$_____ annually, at a rate not exceeding _____ mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$_____ (rate or effective rate, as applicable) for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's ~~appraised-market~~ value, to be in effect for _____ (number of years the tax is to be in effect)?"

If a majority of the electors voting on the propositions vote in favor thereof, the county auditor shall place such levies on the tax duplicate against the property in the township, which township shall thereby become a part of said joint township hospital district.

As used in this section, "the county auditor's ~~appraised-market~~ value" and "effective rate" have the same meanings as in section 5705.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 519.12. (A)(1) Amendments to the zoning resolution may be initiated by motion of the township zoning commission, by the passage of a resolution by the board of township trustees, or by the filing of an application by one or more of the owners or lessees of property within the area proposed to be changed or affected by the proposed amendment with the township zoning commission. The board of township trustees may require that the owner or lessee of property filing an application to amend the zoning resolution pay a fee to defray the cost of advertising, mailing, filing with the county recorder, and other expenses. If the board of township trustees requires such a fee, it shall be required generally, for each application. The board of township trustees, upon the passage of such a resolution, shall certify it to the township zoning commission.

(2) Upon the adoption of a motion by the township zoning commission, the certification of a resolution by the board of township trustees to the commission, or the filing of an application by property owners or lessees as described in division (A)(1) of this section with the commission, the commission shall set a date for a public hearing, which date shall not be less than twenty nor more than forty days from the date of the certification of such a resolution, the date of adoption of such a motion, or the date of the filing of such an application. Notice of the hearing shall be given by the commission by one publication at least ten days before the date of the hearing using at least one of the following methods:

(a) In the print or digital edition of one or more newspapers of general circulation in the township;

(b) On the official public notice web site established under section 125.182 of the Revised Code;

(c) On the web site and social media account of the township.

(B) If the proposed amendment intends to rezone or redistrict ten or fewer parcels of land, as listed on the county auditor's current tax list, written notice of the hearing shall be mailed by the township zoning commission, by first class mail, at least ten days before the date of the public hearing to all owners of property within and contiguous to and directly across the street from the area proposed to be rezoned or redistricted to the addresses of those owners appearing on the county

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Revised Code, this section applies only to the extent any term or condition that is required by section 523.04 of the Revised Code to be addressed in the merger agreement is not addressed therein.

The terms and conditions of a merger agreement to which this section applies shall be as follows:

(A) All members of each board of township trustees shall serve as board members of the new township. At the first general election for township officers occurring not less than ninety days after a merger is approved, the electors of the new township shall elect three township trustees with staggered terms of office. The first terms of office following the election shall be modified to an even number of years not to exceed four to allow subsequent elections for the office to be held in the same year as other township officers.

(B) The township fiscal officer of the largest township, by population, shall be the township fiscal officer for the new township. At the first general election for township officers occurring not less than ninety days after the merger, the electors shall elect a township fiscal officer, whose first term of office shall be modified to an even number of years not to exceed four to allow subsequent elections for that office to be held in the same year as other township fiscal officers.

(C) Voted property tax levies shall remain in effect for the parcels of real property to which they applied prior to the merger, and the merger shall not affect the proceeds of a tax levy pledged for the retirement of any debt obligation. Upon expiration of a property tax levy, the levy may only be replaced or renewed by vote of the electors in the manner provided by law, to apply to real property within the boundaries of the new township. If the millage levied inside the ten-mill limitation of each township merged is different, the board of township trustees of the new township shall immediately equalize the millage for the entire new township.

(D) For purposes of the retirement of all debt obligations of each township merged, the township fiscal officer shall continue to track parcels of real property and the tax revenue generated on those parcels by the tax districts that were in place prior to the merger, and shall provide that information on an annual basis to the board of township trustees of the new township. Debt obligations that existed at the time of the merger shall be retired from the revenue generated from the parcels of real property that made up the township that incurred the debt before the merger.

(E)(1) With respect to any agreement entered into under Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code that covers any of the employees of the townships merged under this chapter, the state employment relations board, within one hundred twenty days after the date the merger is approved, shall designate the appropriate bargaining units for the employees of the new township in accordance with section 4117.06 of the Revised Code. Notwithstanding the recognition procedures prescribed in section 4117.05 and division (A) of section 4117.07 of the Revised Code, the board shall conduct a representation election with respect to each bargaining unit designated under this division in accordance with divisions (B) and (C) of section 4117.07 of the Revised Code. If an exclusive representative is selected through this election, the exclusive representative shall negotiate and enter into an agreement with the new township in accordance with Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code.

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improvement, the board shall enter into the contract when the bidder gives bond to the board, with such security as the board approves, that the bidder will perform the work and furnish materials or supplies in accordance with the contract. On the failure of such bidder within a reasonable time, to be fixed by the board, to enter into bond with such security, a contract may be made with the next lowest and best bidder, and so on until a contract is effected by a contractor giving such bond. The board may reject any bid.

Sec. 755.181. The legislative authority of any municipal corporation, township, township park district, county, or school district desiring to join a joint recreation district created under section 755.14 of the Revised Code may, by resolution, petition the joint recreation district board of trustees for membership. If the joint recreation district does not impose a tax, the petitioning subdivision becomes a member upon approval by the joint recreation district's board of trustees. If the joint recreation district imposes a tax, the petitioning subdivision becomes a member after approval by the joint recreation district's board of trustees and after approval of the tax by the electors of the petitioning subdivision. In such a case, the joint recreation district's board of trustees and the county auditor shall proceed as required for a tax levy under section 5705.03 of the Revised Code, except that the levy's annual collections shall be estimated assuming that the subdivision's territory has been added to the joint recreation district.

Upon certification by the board of trustees of the joint recreation district to the appropriate boards of election, the boards of election shall make the necessary arrangements for the submission of the question to the electors of the petitioning subdivision qualified to vote thereon. The election shall be held, canvassed, and certified in the manner provided for the submission of tax levies under section 5705.19 of the Revised Code, except that the question appearing on the ballot shall read:

"Shall the territory within _____ (Name of the subdivision to be added) be added to _____ (Name) joint recreation district, and a property tax, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$_____ annually, at a rate not exceeding _____ mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$_____ (effective rate) for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's ~~appraised-market~~ value, be in effect for _____ (here insert the number of years the tax is to be in effect)?"

If the question is approved by at least a majority of the electors voting on it, the joinder shall be effective as of the first day of January of the year following approval, and on that date, the joint recreation district tax shall be extended to the taxable property within the territory that has been added.

The legislative authority of any subdivision that is a member of a joint recreation district may withdraw from it upon certification of a resolution proclaiming a withdrawal to the joint recreation district's board of trustees. Any subdivision withdrawing from a joint recreation district shall continue to have levied against its tax duplicate any tax levied by the district on the effective date of the withdrawal until it expires or is renewed. Members of a joint recreation district's board of trustees who represent the withdrawing subdivision are deemed to have resigned their position upon

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certification of a withdrawal resolution. Upon the withdrawal of any subdivision from a joint recreation district, the county auditor shall ascertain, apportion, and order a division of the funds on hand, moneys and taxes in the process of collection, except for taxes levied for the payment of indebtedness, credits, and real and personal property, either in money or in kind, on the basis of the valuation of the respective tax duplicates of the withdrawing subdivision and the remaining territory of the joint recreation district.

When the number of subdivisions comprising a joint recreation district is reduced to one, the joint recreation district ceases to exist, and the funds, credits, and property remaining after apportionments to withdrawing subdivisions shall be assumed by the one remaining subdivision. When a joint recreation district ceases to exist and indebtedness remains unpaid, the board of county commissioners shall continue to levy and collect taxes for the payment of that indebtedness within the territory of the joint recreation district as it was comprised at the time the indebtedness was incurred.

As used in this section, "the county auditor's ~~appraised~~ market value" and "effective rate" have the same meanings as in section 5705.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 901.43. (A) As used in this section, "certificate of free sale" means a document issued by the director of agriculture that certifies to states and countries receiving the listed product that the product being exported is freely marketed without restriction in the United States.

(B) The director ~~of agriculture~~ may authorize any department of agriculture laboratory to perform a laboratory service for any person, organization, political subdivision, state agency, federal agency, or other entity, whether public or private. The director shall adopt and enforce rules to provide for the rendering of a laboratory service.

~~(B)~~(C) The director may charge a reasonable fee for the performance of a laboratory service, except when the service is performed on an official sample taken by the director acting pursuant to Title IX, Chapter 3715., or Chapter 3717. of the Revised Code; by a board of health acting as the licensor of retail food establishments or food service operations under Chapter 3717. of the Revised Code; or by the director of health acting as the licensor of food service operations under Chapter 3717. of the Revised Code. The director of agriculture shall adopt rules specifying what constitutes an official sample.

The director shall publish a list of laboratory services offered, together with the fee for each service.

~~(C)~~(D) The director may enter into a contract with any person, organization, political subdivision, state agency, federal agency, or other entity for the provision of a laboratory service.

~~(D)~~(E)(1) The director may adopt rules establishing standards for accreditation of laboratories and laboratory services and in doing so may adopt by reference existing or recognized standards or practices.

(2) The director may inspect and accredit laboratories and laboratory services, and may charge a reasonable fee for the inspections and accreditation.

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(C) If the organization does not timely respond or continues to fail to comply with the requirements under divisions (B)(1) or (2) or (C)(1) or (2) of section 1349.10 of the Revised Code after receiving the notice, the attorney general may initiate the enforcement action and seek injunctive relief.

(D) Division (B) of this section does not apply if the organization fails to timely comply with all of the requirements described in the notice or commits subsequent violations of the same type after curing the initial violation under that division. Notwithstanding division (C) of this section, if an organization commits a subsequent violation of the same type after reporting that the initial violation is cured, the attorney general may bring a civil action at any time after sending notice of the violation under division (A) of this section.

(E) Nothing in this section shall be construed to provide a private right of action. The attorney general has the exclusive authority to enforce this section.

Sec. 1501.022. (A) As used in this section, "local government" means a municipal corporation that is located on an island in Lake Erie and that includes resort attractions and activities.

(B) If the department of natural resources does not provide emergency response services, garbage and debris removal services, or snow removal services on state park land or at facilities owned or managed by the department, the director of natural resources shall enter into a contract with a local government for the local government to provide such services.

(C) If the director requests a local government to provide any other service besides such services described in division (B) of this section on state park land or at facilities owned or managed by the department, the director shall enter into a contract with a local government for the local government to provide such services.

(D) A contract entered into under this section shall include a term providing for the department to reimburse the local government for services provided and administrative costs associated with providing such services.

Sec. 1501.023. (A) As used in this section, "historical site" means a site that has been designated by the Ohio history connection with a brown historical marker sign and has significance with respect to the state's oil and gas history.

(B) The department of natural resources shall not physically work on or alter a historical site without the consent of every member of all of the following entities:

- (1) The board of county commissioners of the county in which the historical site is located;
- (2) The historical society of the county in which the historical site is located;
- (3) The technical advisory council created under section 1509.38 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 1501.46. Except as otherwise provided in federal law, in circumstances in which the department of natural resources conducts, or contracts with a third party to conduct, dredging operations in the waters of the state, no license, registration, or certification is required for an individual to operate the dredging equipment or watercraft associated with such operations.

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Sec. 1501.47. The program support fund is created in the state treasury. The fund shall consist of payments from divisions within the department of natural resources and any other payments received by the department related to the purposes of the fund. The director of natural resources shall use the money in the fund to support centralized service support offices of the department.

Sec. 1509.02. There is hereby created in the department of natural resources the division of oil and gas resources management, which shall be administered by the chief of the division of oil and gas resources management. The division has sole and exclusive authority to regulate the permitting, location, and spacing of oil and gas wells and production operations within the state, excepting only those activities regulated under federal laws for which oversight has been delegated to the environmental protection agency and activities regulated under sections 6111.02 to 6111.028 of the Revised Code. The regulation of oil and gas activities is a matter of general statewide interest that requires uniform statewide regulation, and this chapter and rules adopted under it constitute a comprehensive plan with respect to all aspects of the locating, drilling, well stimulation, completing, and operating of oil and gas wells within this state, including site construction and restoration, permitting related to those activities, and the disposal of wastes from those wells. In order to assist the division in the furtherance of its sole and exclusive authority as established in this section, the chief may enter into cooperative agreements with other state agencies for advice and consultation, including visitations at the surface location of a well on behalf of the division. Such cooperative agreements do not confer on other state agencies any authority to administer or enforce this chapter and rules adopted under it. In addition, such cooperative agreements shall not be construed to dilute or diminish the division's sole and exclusive authority as established in this section. Nothing in this section affects the authority granted to the director of transportation and local authorities in section 723.01 or 4513.34 of the Revised Code, provided that the authority granted under those sections shall not be exercised in a manner that discriminates against, unfairly impedes, or obstructs oil and gas activities and operations regulated under this chapter.

The chief shall not hold any other public office, nor shall the chief be engaged in any occupation or business that might interfere with or be inconsistent with the duties as chief.

Money collected by the chief pursuant to sections 1509.06, 1509.061, 1509.062, 1509.071, 1509.13, 1509.22, 1509.222, 1509.28, 1509.34, 1509.50, and 5749.02 of the Revised Code, all civil penalties paid under section 1509.33 of the Revised Code, and, notwithstanding any section of the Revised Code relating to the distribution or crediting of fines for violations of the Revised Code, all fines imposed under divisions (A) and (B) of section 1509.99 of the Revised Code and fines imposed under divisions (C) and (D) of section 1509.99 of the Revised Code for all violations prosecuted by the attorney general and for violations prosecuted by prosecuting attorneys that do not involve the transportation of brine by vehicle shall be deposited into the state treasury to the credit of the oil and gas well fund, which is hereby created. Fines imposed under divisions (C) and (D) of section 1509.99 of the Revised Code for violations prosecuted by prosecuting attorneys that involve

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the transportation of brine by vehicle and penalties associated with a compliance agreement entered into pursuant to this chapter shall be paid to the county treasury of the county where the violation occurred.

The fund shall be used solely and exclusively for the purposes enumerated in division (B) of section 1509.071 of the Revised Code, payments to the oil and gas resolution and remediation fund created in section 1509.075 of the Revised Code, for the expenses of the division associated with the administration of this chapter and Chapter 1571. of the Revised Code and rules adopted under them, and for expenses that are critical and necessary for the protection of human health and safety and the environment related to oil and gas production in this state. The expenses of the division in excess of the moneys available in the fund shall be paid from general revenue fund appropriations to the department.

Sec. 1509.07. (A)(1)(a) Except as provided in division (A)(1)(b) or (A)(2) of this section, an owner of any well, except an exempt Mississippian well or an exempt domestic well, shall obtain liability insurance coverage from a company authorized or approved to do business in this state in an amount of not less than one million dollars bodily injury coverage and property damage coverage to pay damages for injury to persons or damage to property caused by the drilling, operation, or plugging of all the owner's wells in this state. However, if any well is located within an urbanized area, the owner shall obtain liability insurance coverage in an amount of not less than three million dollars for bodily injury coverage and property damage coverage to pay damages for injury to persons or damage to property caused by the drilling, operation, or plugging of all of the owner's wells in this state.

(b) A board of county commissioners of a county that is an owner of a well or a board of township trustees of a township that is an owner of a well may elect to satisfy the liability coverage requirements specified in division (A)(1)(a) of this section by participating in a joint self-insurance pool in accordance with the requirements established under section 2744.081 of the Revised Code. Nothing in division (A)(1)(b) of this section shall be construed to allow an entity, other than a county or township, to participate in a joint self-insurance pool to satisfy the liability coverage requirements specified in division (A)(1)(a) of this section.

(2) An owner of a horizontal well shall obtain liability insurance coverage from an insurer authorized to write such insurance in this state or from an insurer approved to write such insurance in this state under section 3905.33 of the Revised Code in an amount of not less than five million dollars bodily injury coverage and property damage coverage to pay damages for injury to persons or damage to property caused by the production operations of all the owner's wells in this state. The insurance policy shall include a reasonable level of coverage available for an environmental endorsement.

(3) An owner shall maintain the coverage required under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section until all the owner's wells are plugged and abandoned or are transferred to an owner who has obtained insurance as required under this section and who is not under a notice of material and

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substantial violation or under a suspension order. The owner shall provide proof of liability insurance coverage to the chief of the division of oil and gas resources management upon request. Upon failure of the owner to provide that proof when requested, the chief may order the suspension of any outstanding permits and operations of the owner until the owner provides proof of the required insurance coverage.

(B)(1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, an owner of any well, before being issued a permit under section 1509.06 of the Revised Code or before operating or producing from a well, shall execute and file with the division of oil and gas resources management a surety bond conditioned on compliance with the restoration requirements of section 1509.072, the plugging requirements of section 1509.12, the permit provisions of section 1509.13 of the Revised Code, and all rules and orders of the chief relating thereto, in an amount set by rule of the chief.

(2) The owner may deposit with the chief, instead of a surety bond, cash in an amount equal to the surety bond as prescribed pursuant to this section or negotiable certificates of deposit or irrevocable letters of credit, issued by any bank organized or transacting business in this state, having a cash value equal to or greater than the amount of the surety bond as prescribed pursuant to this section. Cash or certificates of deposit shall be deposited upon the same terms as those upon which surety bonds may be deposited. If the owner deposits cash, the cash shall be credited to the performance cash bond refunds fund created in section 1501.16 of the Revised Code. If the owner deposits certificates of deposit, the chief shall require the bank that issued any such certificate to pledge securities of a cash value equal to the amount of the certificate that is in excess of the amount insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation. The securities shall be security for the repayment of the certificate of deposit.

Upon a deposit of cash, certificates of deposit, or letters of credit with the chief, the chief shall hold them in trust for the purposes for which they have been deposited.

(3) Instead of a surety bond, the chief may accept proof of financial responsibility consisting of a sworn financial statement showing a net financial worth within this state equal to twice the amount of the bond for which it substitutes and, as may be required by the chief, a list of producing properties of the owner within this state or other evidence showing ability and intent to comply with the law and rules concerning restoration and plugging that may be required by rule of the chief. The owner of an exempt Mississippian well is not required to file scheduled updates of the financial documents, but shall file updates of those documents if requested to do so by the chief. The owner of a nonexempt Mississippian well shall file updates of the financial documents in accordance with a schedule established by rule of the chief. The chief, upon determining that an owner for whom the chief has accepted proof of financial responsibility instead of bond cannot demonstrate financial responsibility, shall order that the owner execute and file a bond or deposit cash, certificates of deposit, or irrevocable letters of credit as required by this section for the wells specified in the order within ten days of receipt of the order. If the order is not complied with, all wells of the owner that are specified in the order and for which no bond is filed or cash, certificates of deposit, or letters of

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credit are deposited shall be plugged. No owner shall fail or refuse to plug such a well. Each day on which such a well remains unplugged thereafter constitutes a separate offense.

(4) The surety bond provided for in this section shall be executed by a surety company authorized to do business in this state.

The chief shall not approve any bond until it is personally signed and acknowledged by both principal and surety, or as to either by the principal's or surety's attorney in fact, with a certified copy of the power of attorney attached thereto. The chief shall not approve a bond unless there is attached a certificate of the superintendent of insurance that the company is authorized to transact a fidelity and surety business in this state.

All bonds shall be given in a form to be prescribed by the chief and shall run to the state as obligee.

(5) An owner of an exempt Mississippian well or an exempt domestic well, in lieu of filing a surety bond, cash in an amount equal to the surety bond, certificates of deposit, irrevocable letters of credit, or a sworn financial statement, may file a one-time fee of fifty dollars, which shall be deposited in the oil and gas ~~well-plugging-resolution and remediation~~ fund created in section ~~1509.071-1509.075~~ of the Revised Code.

(C) An owner, operator, producer, or other person shall not operate a well or produce from a well at any time if the owner, operator, producer, or other person has not satisfied the requirements established in this section.

Sec. 1509.071. (A) When the chief of the division of oil and gas resources management finds that an owner has failed to comply with a final nonappealable order issued or compliance agreement entered into under section 1509.04, the restoration requirements of section 1509.072, plugging requirements of section 1509.12, or permit provisions of section 1509.13 of the Revised Code, or rules and orders relating thereto, the chief shall make a finding of that fact and declare any surety bond filed to ensure compliance with those sections and rules forfeited in the amount set by rule of the chief. The chief thereupon shall certify the total forfeiture to the attorney general, who shall proceed to collect the amount of the forfeiture. In addition, the chief may require an owner, operator, producer, or other person who forfeited a surety bond to post a new surety bond in the amount of fifteen thousand dollars for a single well, thirty thousand dollars for two wells, or fifty thousand dollars for three or more wells.

In lieu of total forfeiture, the surety or owner, at the surety's or owner's option, may cause the well to be properly plugged and abandoned and the area properly restored or pay to the treasurer of state the cost of plugging and abandonment.

(B)(1) All moneys collected because of forfeitures of bonds as provided in this section shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the oil and gas well fund created in section 1509.02 of the Revised Code.

For purposes of promoting the competent management and conservation of the state's oil and natural gas resources and the proper and lawful plugging of historic oil and gas wells for which there

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is no known responsible owner, the chief annually shall spend not less than thirty per cent of the revenue credited to the oil and gas well fund during the previous fiscal year for both of the following purposes:

(a) In accordance with division (E) of this section, to plug orphaned wells or to restore the land surface properly as required in section 1509.072 of the Revised Code;

(b) In accordance with division (F) of this section, to correct conditions that the chief reasonably has determined are causing imminent health or safety risks at an orphaned well or associated with a well for which the owner has not initiated a corrective action within a reasonable period of time as determined by the chief after the chief has attempted to notify the owner.

(2) Expenditures from the oil and gas well fund and oil and gas resolution and remediation fund shall be made only for lawful purposes. In addition Except as otherwise provided in divisions (B)(2) and (D) of section 1509.075 of the Revised Code, expenditures from the fund those funds shall not be made to purchase real property or to remove a structure in order to access a well.

The director of budget and management, in consultation with the chief, shall establish an accounting code for purposes of tracking expenditures made as required under this division.

(C)(1) If a landowner discovers a well on the landowner's real property and the landowner is not the owner of the well, the landowner may report the existence of the well in writing to the chief.

(2) If the chief receives a written report from a landowner of the discovery of a well previously unknown to the division, the chief shall inspect the well not later than thirty days after the date of receipt of the landowner's report.

(3) The chief shall establish a scoring matrix for use in determining the priority of plugging wells or restoring land surfaces at orphaned well sites for purposes of this section. The matrix shall include a classification system that categorizes orphaned wells as high priority, medium priority, and low priority.

(4) The chief shall use the matrix developed under division (C)(3) of this section to prioritize plugging and land restoration projects under this section. The chief may add additional orphaned wells to a project regardless of classification.

(D)(1) After determining that a well is an orphaned well, the chief shall do all of the following:

(a) Make a reasonable attempt to determine from the records in the office of the county recorder of the county in which the well is located the identity of the current owner of the land on which the well is located, the identity of each person owning a right or interest in the oil or gas mineral interests, and the identities of the persons having a lien upon any of the equipment appurtenant to the well. For purposes of division (D)(1)(a) of this section, the chief is not required to review records in the office of the county recorder that are older than forty years from the date on which the chief made the determination that the well is an orphaned well.

(b) Mail notice to each person identified in division (D)(1)(a) of this section;

(c) Include in the notice to each person having a lien upon any equipment appurtenant to the

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well, a statement informing the person that the well is to be plugged and offering the person the opportunity to remove that equipment from the well site at the person's own expense in order to avoid forfeiture of the equipment to this state;

(d) Publish notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the well is located that the well is to be plugged or post the notice on the department of natural resources web site.

(2) If the current address of a person identified in division (D)(1)(a) of this section cannot be determined, or if a notice provided by mail to a person under division (D)(1)(b) of this section is returned undeliverable, the notice published under division (D)(1)(d) of this section constitutes sufficient notice to the person.

(3) If none of the persons described in division (D)(1)(a) of this section removes equipment from the well within thirty days after the mailing of the notice or publication or posting of notice described in division (D)(1)(d) of this section, whichever is later, all equipment appurtenant to the well is hereby declared to be forfeited to this state without compensation and without the necessity for any action by the state for use to defray the cost of plugging the well and restoring the land surface at the well site.

~~(2nd)~~ The chief may expend money from the oil and gas well fund and the oil and gas resolution and remediation fund ^{RMD} for the purpose of division (B)(1)(a) of this section, and such expenditures shall be made in accordance with either of the following:

(1) The chief may make expenditures pursuant to contracts entered into by either the chief or another agency of the state with persons who agree to furnish the materials, equipment, work, and labor as specified and provided in such a contract for activities associated with the restoration or plugging of an orphaned well as determined by the chief. If another agency of the state enters into the contract, the chief shall prepare the scope of work for the restoration or plugging of the well. The activities may include excavation to uncover a well, methods to locate a well, analyzing the well, stabilizing or other work conducted prior to plugging the well, drilling out or cleanout of wellbores to remove material from a well, plugging operations, installation of vault and vent systems, including associated engineering certifications and permits, removal of associated equipment, restoration of property, replugging of previously plugged orphaned wells or wells for which final restoration was completed under section 1509.072 of the Revised Code and rules adopted under it, and repair of damage to property that is caused by such activities. The chief may make expenditures for salaries, maintenance, equipment, or other administrative purposes, for costs directly attributed to locating, analyzing, stabilizing, designing, plugging, remediating, or restoring an orphaned well, and for determining if a well is an orphaned well.

Agents or employees of persons contracting with the chief to locate, analyze, stabilize, design, plug, remediate, or restore a well may enter upon any land, public or private, on which the well is located, or on adjacent parcels needed for access, for the purpose of performing the work. Prior to such entry, the chief shall give to the following persons written notice of the existence of a

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requirements of this chapter and applicable rules adopted and orders issued under it, that the cost of the plugging under the proposed contract is unreasonable, or that the proposed contract is not a bona fide, arm's length contract.

(c) After receiving the chief's notice of the approval of the application and permit to plug and abandon a well under division (E)(2)(b) of this section, the landowner may enter into the proposed contract to plug the well.

(d) Upon determining that the plugging has been completed in compliance with the applicable requirements of this chapter and applicable rules adopted and orders issued under it, the chief shall pay the contractor for the cost of the plugging and restoration as set forth in the proposed contract approved by the chief and changes or costs approved by the chief. The payment shall be paid from the oil and gas well fund or the oil and gas resolution and remediation fund. *RM* The chief shall only make payments for purposes of division (E)(2) of this section pursuant to a proper invoice as defined under section 125.01 of the Revised Code.

(e) If the chief determines that the plugging was not completed in accordance with the applicable requirements, the chief shall not pay the contractor or landowner for the cost of the plugging.

(f) If any equipment was removed from the well during the plugging and sold, the chief shall deduct the sale amount of the equipment from the payment to the contractor.

(g) Changes made to a contract executed under division (E)(2) of this section due to unanticipated conditions may be presented to the chief in the form of a written request for approval of the additional costs prior to completion of the work. The chief shall determine if the changes are necessary to comply with this chapter and rules adopted and orders issued under it and if the cost of the changes are reasonable. The chief shall provide to the contractor a written decision regarding the proposed changes. If the chief determines that the changes are not necessary or that the costs are not reasonable, the chief may either deny the request or establish the amount of the cost that the chief approves. Work completed prior to receipt of written approval from the chief is not eligible for payment, unless waived by the chief.

(3) The chief may establish an annual limit on the number of wells that may be plugged under division (E)(2) of this section or an annual limit on the expenditures to be made under that division. The chief may reject an application submitted under division (E)(2) of this section if the chief determines that the plugging of other wells take priority.

(4) As used in division (E)(2) of this section, "plug" and "plugging" include the plugging of the well, replugging of a previously plugged orphaned well or a well for which final restoration was completed under section 1509.072 of the Revised Code and rules adopted under it, drilling out or cleanout of a well bore to remove material from a well, installation of casings, installation of a vault and vent, restoration, and the restoration of the land surface disturbed by the plugging. *RM*

(F)(1) Expenditures from the oil and gas well fund or the oil and gas resolution and remediation fund for the purpose of division (B)(1)(b) of this section may be made pursuant to

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contracts entered into by either the chief or another agency of the state with persons who agree to furnish the materials, equipment, work, and labor as specified and provided in such a contract. The competitive bidding requirements of Chapter 153. of the Revised Code do not apply if the chief reasonably determines that a situation exists requiring immediate action for the correction of the applicable health or safety risk. A contract or purchase of materials for purposes of addressing the emergency situation is not subject to division (B) of section 127.16 of the Revised Code. The chief, designated representatives of the chief, and agents or employees of persons contracting with the chief to locate, analyze, stabilize, design, plug, remediate, or restore a well under this division may enter upon any land, public or private, on which the well is located, or on parcels needed for access, for the purpose of performing the work.

(2) The chief shall issue an order that requires the owner of a well to pay the actual documented costs of a corrective action that is described in division (B)(1)(b) of this section concerning the well. The chief shall transmit the money so recovered to the treasurer of state who shall deposit the money in the state treasury to the credit of the oil and gas well resolution and remediation fund. *RMD* *RMD*

(G) Contracts entered into by either the chief or another agency of the state under this section are not subject to any of the following:

- (1) Chapter 4115. of the Revised Code;
- (2) Chapter 153. of the Revised Code;
- (3) Section 4733.17 of the Revised Code.

(H) The owner of land on which a well is located who has received notice under division (D)(1)(b) of this section, in lieu of plugging the well in accordance with division (E)(2) of this section, may cause ownership of the well to be transferred in accordance with section 1509.31 of the Revised Code.

If a well is transferred, the owner to whom it is transferred shall comply with this chapter and rules adopted under it and shall take title to and possession of the equipment appurtenant to the well that has been identified by the chief as having been abandoned by the former owner of the well.

(I) The chief may engage in cooperative projects under this section with any agency of this state, another state, or the United States; any other governmental agencies; any state university or college as defined in section 3345.27 of the Revised Code; or a nonprofit corporation that is exempt from federal income taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the "Internal Revenue Code of 1986," 26 U.S.C. 1, as amended. A contract entered into for purposes of a cooperative project is not subject to division (B) of section 127.16 of the Revised Code.

(J)(1) On or before the close of each calendar quarter, the chief shall submit a written report to the technical advisory council established under section 1509.38 of the Revised Code describing the efforts of the division of oil and gas resources management to plug orphaned wells during the immediately preceding calendar quarter. The chief also shall include in the report all of the following information:

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(a) The total number of known orphaned wells in the state and the total number in each county of the state;

(b) The total number of newly discovered orphaned wells during the immediately preceding calendar quarter;

(c) The total number of wells plugged in accordance with this section during the immediately preceding calendar quarter;

(d) The total number of wells plugged in accordance with this section and the estimated average and indirect costs of plugging activities conducted under this section prior to the date of the report;

(e) The number of wells approved for plugging in accordance with this section and the estimated average and indirect costs of plugging activities conducted under this section during the immediately preceding calendar quarter.

(2) Not later than the thirty-first day of March of each year, the chief and the technical advisory council shall jointly provide a report containing, at a minimum, the information required to be included in the quarterly reports during the previous one-year period to all of the following:

(a) The speaker of the house of representatives;

(b) The president of the senate;

(c) The chair of the committee of the house of representatives responsible for energy and natural resources issues;

(d) The chair of the committee of the senate responsible for energy and natural resources issues.

Sec. 1509.075. (A) The oil and gas resolution and remediation fund is created in the state treasury. The fund shall consist of moneys transferred to it from the oil and gas well fund and any money deposited into it under sections 1509.07 and 1509.071 of the Revised Code. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, at the beginning of each fiscal year, the treasurer of state shall transfer to the oil and gas resolution and remediation fund the amount of money in the oil and gas well fund that is in excess of the total amount appropriated to the oil and gas well fund for that fiscal year.

(B)(1) Money in the oil and gas resolution and remediation fund shall be used by the chief of the division of oil and gas resources management for the plugging of orphaned wells under this chapter.

(2) The chief may use money in the fund for expenses that are critical and necessary for the protection of human health and safety and the environment related to oil and gas production in this state.

(3) The treasurer of state shall disburse moneys from the fund quarterly on order of the chief.

(C) The treasurer of state may invest any portion of the oil and gas resolution and remediation fund not needed for immediate use in the same manner as, and subject to all provisions of law with respect to the investment of, state funds.

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(D) Interest earned on the fund shall be credited to the fund and reserved for use by the director of natural resources. The director may order the treasurer of state to disburse interest from the fund for any purpose of the department of natural resources, subject to the approval of the technical advisory council on oil and gas, as provided in section 1509.38 of the Revised Code. The director shall provide the treasurer of state with written notice of the council's approval before the treasurer of state may disburse money from the fund.

(E) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, no money shall be transferred out of the fund by the director of budget and management or the controlling board to any other fund, including the general revenue fund. The fund shall not be used for any purpose not specified in law.

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Sec. 1509.13. (A)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(2) of this section and division (E)(1) of section 1509.071 of the Revised Code, no person shall plug and abandon a well without having a permit to do so issued by the chief of the division of oil and gas resources management. The permit shall be issued by the chief in accordance with this chapter and shall be valid for a period of twenty-four months from the date of issue.

(2) The holder of a valid permit issued under section 1509.06 of the Revised Code may receive approval from an oil and gas resources inspector to plug and abandon the well associated with that permit, without obtaining the permit required under division (A) of this section, if either of the following apply:

- (a) The well was drilled to total depth and the well cannot or will not be completed.
- (b) The well is a lost hole or dry hole.

(3) A permit holder plugging a well pursuant to division (A)(2)(a) of this section shall plug the well within thirty days of receipt of approval from the oil and gas resources inspector.

(4) A permit holder plugging a well pursuant to division (A)(2)(b) of this section shall plug the well immediately after determining that the well is a lost hole or dry hole in accordance with rules adopted under this chapter.

(B) The application for a permit to plug and abandon shall be filed as many days in advance as will be necessary for an oil and gas resources inspector or, if the well is located in a coal bearing township, both a deputy mine inspector and an oil and gas resources inspector to be present at the plugging. The application shall be filed with the chief upon a form that the chief prescribes and shall contain the following information:

- (1) The name and address of the applicant;
- (2) The signature of the applicant or the applicant's authorized agent. When an authorized agent signs an application, it shall be accompanied by a certified copy of the appointment as that agent.
- (3) The location of the well identified by section or lot number, city, village, township, and county;
- (4) Designation of well by name and number;

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appointment until the end of the term for which the member was appointed. A vacancy in the office of a member shall be filled by the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which the member's predecessor was appointed shall hold office for the remainder of that term. Any member shall continue in office subsequent to the expiration date of the member's term until the member's successor takes office, or until a period of sixty days has elapsed, whichever occurs first.

(C) The council shall select from among its members a chairperson, a vice-chairperson, and a secretary. All members are entitled to their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as members, payable from the appropriations for the division.

(D) The governor may remove any member for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office.

(E) The council shall hold at least one regular meeting in each quarter of a calendar year and shall keep a record of its proceedings. Special meetings may be called by the chairperson and shall be called by the chairperson upon receipt of a written request signed by two or more members of the council. A written notice of the time and place of each meeting shall be sent to each member of the council. Five members constitute a quorum, and no action of the council is valid unless five members concur.

(F) The council, when requested by the chief of the division of oil and gas resources management, shall consult with and advise the chief and perform other duties that may be lawfully delegated to it by the chief. The council may participate in hearings held by the chief under this chapter and has powers of approval as provided in sections 1509.24 and 1509.25 of the Revised Code. The council shall conduct the activities required, and exercise the authority granted, under Chapter 1510. of the Revised Code.

(G) If the council receives a request from the director of natural resources to approve an expenditure from the oil and gas resolution and remediation fund for purposes of division (D) of section 1509.075 of the Revised Code, the council shall vote to approve or deny that expenditure. The council shall notify the director in writing of the approval or denial.

(H) The council, upon receiving a request from the chairperson of the oil and gas commission under division (C) of section 1509.35 of the Revised Code, immediately shall prepare and provide to the chairperson a list of its members who may serve as temporary members of the oil and gas commission as provided in that division.

Sec. 1513.371. The long-term abandoned mine reclamation fund is created in the state treasury. The fund shall be administered by the chief of the division of mineral resources management and consist of grants awarded by the United States secretary of the interior from the federal abandoned mine reclamation fund pursuant to the federal "Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act," Pub. L. No. 177-58. All investment earnings of the fund shall be credited to the fund.

The fund shall be used for abatement of the causes and treatment of the effects of acid mine drainage resulting from coal mine practices, including the following:

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or county institutions, charitable institutions, and military homes in this state may take frogs and turtles without procuring the required license, provided that a member of the institution or home has an identification card, which shall be carried on that person when fishing.

(8) Every fisher required to be licensed, while fishing or taking or attempting to take frogs or turtles, shall carry the license and exhibit it to any person. Failure to so carry and exhibit the license constitutes an offense under this section.

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Sec. 1545.041. (A) Any township park district created pursuant to section 511.18 of the Revised Code that includes park land located outside the township in which the park district was established may be converted under the procedures provided in this section into a park district to be operated and maintained as provided for in this chapter, provided that there is no existing park district created under section 1545.04 of the Revised Code in the county in which the township park district is located. The proposed park district shall include within its boundary all townships and municipal corporations in which lands owned by the township park district seeking conversion are located, and may include any other townships and municipal corporations in the county in which the township park district is located.

(B) Conversion of a township park district into a park district operated and maintained under this chapter shall be initiated by a resolution adopted by the board of park commissioners of the park district. Any resolution initiating a conversion shall include the following:

- (1) The name of the township park district seeking conversion;
- (2) The name of the proposed park district;
- (3) An accurate description of the territory to be included in the proposed district;
- (4) An accurate map or plat of the proposed park district. The resolution may also include a proposed tax levy for the operation and maintenance of the proposed park district. If such a tax levy is proposed, the resolution shall specify the annual rate of the tax, expressed in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of the county auditor's ~~appraised~~ market value and in mills for each dollar of taxable value, and the number of consecutive years the levy will be in effect. The annual rate of such a tax may not be higher than the total combined millage of all levies then in effect for the benefit of the township park district named in the resolution.

(C) Upon adoption of the resolution provided for in division (B) of this section, the board of park commissioners of the township park district seeking conversion under this section shall certify the resolution to the county auditor, who shall certify to the board the information required for a tax levy under section 5705.03 of the Revised Code, in the same manner as required under that section.

The board shall certify the resolution and the county auditor's certification to the board of elections of the county in which the park district is located no later than four p.m. of the seventy-fifth day before the day of the election at which the question will be voted upon. Upon certification of the resolution to the board, the board of elections shall make the necessary arrangements to submit the question of conversion of the township park into a park district operated and maintained under Chapter 1545. of the Revised Code, to the electors qualified to vote at the next primary or

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general election who reside in the territory of the proposed park district. The question shall provide for a tax levy if such a levy is specified in the resolution.

(D) The ballot submitted to the electors as provided in division (C) of this section shall contain the following language:

"Shall the _____ (name of the township park district seeking conversion) be converted into a park district to be operated and maintained under Chapter 1545. of the Revised Code under the name of _____ (name of proposed park district), which park district shall include the following townships and municipal corporations:

(Name townships and municipal corporations)

Approval of the proposed conversion will result in the termination of all existing tax levies voted for the benefit of _____ (name of the township park district sought to be converted) and in the levy of a new tax for the operation and maintenance of _____ (name of proposed park district), that the county auditor estimates will collect \$_____ annually, at a rate not exceeding _____ mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$_____ for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's ~~appraised~~ market value, for _____ (number of years the millage is to be imposed) years, commencing on the _____ (year) tax duplicate.

	For the proposed conversion
	Against the proposed conversion

(E) If the proposed conversion is approved by at least a majority of the electors voting on the proposal, the township park district that seeks conversion shall become a park district subject to Chapter 1545. of the Revised Code effective the first day of January following approval by the voters. The park district shall have the name specified in the resolution, and effective the first day of January following approval by the voters, the following shall occur:

(1) The indebtedness of the former township park district shall be assumed by the new park district;

(2) All rights, assets, properties, and other interests of the former township park district shall become vested in the new park district, including the rights to any tax revenues previously vested in the former township park district; provided, that all tax levies in excess of the ten mill limitation approved for the benefit of the former township park district shall be removed from the tax lists after the February settlement next succeeding the conversion. Any tax levy approved in connection with the conversion shall be certified as provided in section 5705.25 of the Revised Code.

(3) The members of the board of park commissioners of the former township park district shall be the members of the board of park commissioners of the new park district, with all the same powers and duties as if appointed under section 1545.05 of the Revised Code. The term of each such commissioner shall expire on the first day of January of the year following the year in which his term would have expired under section 511.19 of the Revised Code. Thereafter, commissioners shall

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be appointed pursuant to section 1545.05 of the Revised Code.

As used in this section, "the county auditor's ~~appraised~~ market value" has the same meaning as in section 5705.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 1545.21. (A) The board of park commissioners, by resolution, may submit to the electors of the park district the question of levying taxes for the use of the district. The resolution shall declare the necessity of levying such taxes, shall specify the purpose for which such taxes shall be used, the annual rate proposed, and the number of consecutive years the rate shall be levied. Such resolution shall be forthwith certified to the board of elections in each county in which any part of such district is located, not later than the ninetieth day before the day of the election, and the question of the levy of taxes as provided in such resolution shall be submitted to the electors of the district at a special election to be held on whichever of the following occurs first:

(1) The day of the next general election;

(2) The first Tuesday after the first Monday in May in any calendar year, except that if a presidential primary election is held in that calendar year, then the day of that election.

A resolution to renew, renew and increase, or renew and decrease any existing levy shall not be placed on the ballot unless the question is submitted at the general election held during the last year the tax to be renewed may be extended on the tax list, or at any election described in division (A)(1) or (2) of this section in the ensuing year. Such a resolution may specify that the renewal, increase, or decrease of the existing levy shall be extended on the tax list for the tax year specified in the resolution, which may be the last year the existing levy may be extended on the list for the ensuing year. If the renewal, increase, or decrease is to be extended on the tax list for the last tax year the existing levy would otherwise be extended, the existing levy shall not be extended on the tax list for that last year unless the question of the renewal, increase, or decrease is not approved by a majority of electors voting on the question, in which case the existing levy shall be extended on the tax list for that last year.

Except as otherwise prescribed in division (B) of this section, the ballot shall set forth the purpose for which the taxes shall be levied, the levy's estimated annual collections, the annual rate of levy, expressed in mills for each dollar of taxable value and in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of the county auditor's ~~appraised~~ market value, and the number of years of such levy. If the tax is to be placed on the current tax list, the form of the ballot shall state that the tax will be levied in the current tax year and shall indicate the first calendar year the tax will be due.

~~(B)(1)~~ (B) If the resolution of the board of park commissioners provides that an existing levy will be renewed, increased, or decreased upon the passage of the ballot question, the form of the ballot shall be the same as prescribed for such levies in divisions (B) and (C) of section 5705.25 of the Revised Code.

~~(2) If the resolution of the board of park commissioners provides that an existing levy will be canceled upon the passage of the new levy, the board shall request that the county auditor, in addition to the information the auditor is required to certify under section 5705.03 of the Revised~~

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~~Code, certify the effective rate of the existing levy. In such an instance, the ballot must include a statement that: "an existing levy of ___ mills (stating the original levy millage) for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$___ (effective rate) for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, having ___ years remaining, will be canceled and replaced upon the passage of this levy." In such case, the ballot may refer to the new levy as a "replacement levy" if the new millage does not exceed the original millage of the levy being canceled or as a "replacement and additional levy" if the new millage exceeds the original millage of the levy being canceled.~~

(C) If a majority of the electors voting upon the question of such levy vote in favor thereof, such taxes shall be levied and shall be in addition to the taxes authorized by section 1545.20 of the Revised Code, and all other taxes authorized by law. The rate submitted to the electors at any one time shall not exceed two mills annually upon each dollar of taxable value unless the purpose of the levy includes providing operating revenues for one of Ohio's major metropolitan zoos, as defined in section 4503.74 of the Revised Code, in which case the rate shall not exceed three mills annually upon each dollar of taxable value. When a tax levy has been authorized as provided in this section or in section 1545.041 of the Revised Code, the board of park commissioners may issue bonds pursuant to section 133.24 of the Revised Code in anticipation of the collection of such levy, provided that such bonds shall be issued only for the purpose of acquiring and improving lands. Such levy, when collected, shall be applied in payment of the bonds so issued and the interest thereon. The amount of bonds so issued and outstanding at any time shall not exceed one per cent of the total taxable value in such district. Such bonds shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed the rate determined as provided in section 9.95 of the Revised Code.

(D) As used in this section, "the county auditor's ~~appraised~~ market value" and "effective rate" have the same meanings as in section 5705.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 1546.04. (A) Except as provided in this section, the chief of the division of parks and watercraft, with the approval of the director of natural resources, shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code that are necessary for the proper management of state parks, bodies of water, and the lands adjacent to them under its jurisdiction and control, including rules:

- (1) Governing opening and closing times and dates of state parks;
- (2) Establishing fees and charges for use of facilities in state parks;
- (3) Governing camps, camping, and fees for camps and camping;
- (4) Governing the application for and rental of, rental fees for, and the use of cottages;
- (5) Relating to public use of state park lands, and governing the operation of motor vehicles, including speeds and parking on those lands;
- (6) Governing all advertising within state parks and requirements for the operation of places selling tangible personal property and food service sales on lands and waters under the control of the division. The rules shall establish uniform requirements for those operations and sales.

(7) Providing uniform standards relating to the size, type, location, construction, and maintenance of structures and devices used for fishing or moorage of watercraft, rowboats, sailboats,

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restitution assistance from the fund is filed;

(3) To a claimant if the final order identifies no pecuniary loss to the victim on whose behalf the application is made;

(4) To a claimant on behalf of a victim that assisted in the commission of the violation of this chapter;

(5) If the portion of the final order giving rise to a restitution order or otherwise establishing a pecuniary loss to the victim is overturned on appeal.

(H) If, after the division has made a restitution assistance award from the Ohio investor recovery fund under this section, the restitution award in the final order is overturned on appeal and all legal remedies have been exhausted, then the claimant shall forfeit the restitution assistance award.

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Sec. 1711.30. Before issuing bonds under section 1711.28 of the Revised Code, the board of county commissioners, by resolution, shall submit to the qualified electors of the county at the next general election for county officers, held not less than ninety days after receiving from the county agricultural society the notice provided for in section 1711.25 of the Revised Code, the question of issuing and selling such bonds in such amount and denomination as are necessary for the purpose in view, and shall certify a copy of such resolution to the county board of elections.

The county board of elections shall place the question of issuing and selling such bonds upon the ballot and make all other necessary arrangements for the submission, at the time fixed by such resolution, of such question to such electors. The votes cast at such election upon such question must be counted, canvassed, and certified in the same manner, except as provided by law, as votes cast for county officers. Fifteen days' notice of such submission shall be given by the county board of elections, by publication once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, stating the amount of bonds to be issued, the purpose for which they are to be issued, and the time and places of holding such election. If the resolution proposes the levy of a tax under section 1711.29 of the Revised Code, the notice shall include the rate of the tax in both mills for each one dollar of taxable value and in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of the county auditor's ~~appraised~~ market value.

The question must be stated on the ballot as follows: "For the issue of county fair bonds, yes"; "For the issue of county fair bonds, no."

If the resolution proposes the levy of a tax under section 1711.29 of the Revised Code, the question appearing on the ballot shall include the rate of the tax in both mills for each one dollar of taxable value and in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of the county auditor's ~~appraised~~ market value.

If the majority of those voting upon the question of issuing the bonds vote in favor thereof, then and only then shall they be issued and the tax provided for in section 1711.29 of the Revised Code be levied.

As used in this section, "the county auditor's ~~appraised~~ market value" has the same meaning

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as in section 5705.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 1713.03. The chancellor of higher education shall establish standards for certificates of authorization to be issued to institutions as defined in section 1713.01 of the Revised Code, to private institutions exempt from regulation under Chapter 3332. of the Revised Code as prescribed in section 3333.046 of the Revised Code, and to schools holding certificates of registration issued by the state board of career colleges and schools pursuant to division (C) of section 3332.05 of the Revised Code. A certificate of authorization may permit an institution or school to award one or more types of degrees.

The standards for a certificate of authorization may include, for various types of institutions, schools, or degrees, minimum qualifications for faculty, library, laboratories, and other facilities as adopted and published by the chancellor. The standards shall be adopted by the chancellor pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

An institution or school shall apply to the chancellor for a certificate of authorization on forms containing such information as is prescribed by the chancellor. Each institution or school with a certificate of authorization shall file an annual report with the chancellor in such form and containing such information as the chancellor prescribes. The annual report shall include disclosure of any contract entered with an online program manager, as described in section 1713.032 of the Revised Code.

The chancellor shall adopt a rule under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code establishing fees to pay the cost of reviewing an application for a certificate of authorization, which the institution or school shall pay when it applies for a certificate of authorization, and establishing fees, which an institution or school shall pay, for any further reviews the chancellor determines necessary upon examining an institution's or school's annual report.

Sec. 1713.032. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Online program manager" means an entity that is not an institution of higher education as defined under "The Higher Education Act of 1965," 20 U.S.C. 1001, that enters into an agreement with a private institution of higher education to provide marketing and recruitment services and at least one additional service, including course design, technology, or faculty training, to support an online degree program.

(2) "Private institution of higher education" means a private institution of higher education with a certificate of authorization, or seeking authorization, from the chancellor of higher education under Chapter 1713. of Revised Code.

(B) If a private institution of higher education enters a contract with an online program manager, the institution shall ensure the contract is in compliance with relevant program standards and requirements.

(C) A private institution of higher education that enters into a contract with an online program manager shall post on each online degree program web site it maintains that it utilizes an online program manager for services. The institution shall require the online program manager to

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certification from the juvenile court to the court of common pleas. The convicted felon shall be held in the institution operated by the department of youth services until the felon is eighteen years of age, until the term of the felon's imprisonment expires, until the felon is pardoned, paroled, or placed under a post-release control sanction, until the department of youth services, in the discretion of the director of youth services, lacks capacity to house the felon, or until the felon is transferred under laws permitting the transfer of prisoners.

(2) A convicted felon who is committed to the department of youth services under division (B)(1) of this section shall be transferred to the department of rehabilitation and correction and committed to an institution under division (A) of this section for the remainder of the felon's sentence when the felon attains the age of eighteen or when the felon, because of a rule violation or violations, is determined by the department of youth services to a danger to self or others. At the time of a transfer under division (B)(2) of this section, the sheriff shall present the managing officer with a copy of the sentence, a copy of the indictment, and a copy of the certification from the juvenile court to the court of common pleas.

Sec. 2951.041. (A)(1) If an offender is charged with a criminal offense, including but not limited to a violation of section 2913.02, 2913.03, 2913.11, 2913.21, 2913.31, or 2919.21 of the Revised Code, and the court has reason to believe that drug or alcohol usage by the offender was a factor leading to the criminal offense with which the offender is charged or that, at the time of committing that offense, the offender had a mental illness, was a person with an intellectual disability, or was a victim of a violation of section 2905.32 or 2907.21 of the Revised Code and that the mental illness, status as a person with an intellectual disability, or fact that the offender was a victim of a violation of section 2905.32 or 2907.21 of the Revised Code was a factor leading to the offender's criminal behavior, the court may accept, prior to the entry of a guilty plea, the offender's request for intervention in lieu of conviction. The request shall include a statement from the offender as to whether the offender is alleging that drug or alcohol usage by the offender was a factor leading to the criminal offense with which the offender is charged or is alleging that, at the time of committing that offense, the offender had a mental illness, was a person with an intellectual disability, or was a victim of a violation of section 2905.32 or 2907.21 of the Revised Code and that the mental illness, status as a person with an intellectual disability, or fact that the offender was a victim of a violation of section 2905.32 or 2907.21 of the Revised Code was a factor leading to the criminal offense with which the offender is charged. The request also shall include a waiver of the defendant's right to a speedy trial, the preliminary hearing, the time period within which the grand jury may consider an indictment against the offender, and arraignment, unless the hearing, indictment, or arraignment has already occurred. Unless an offender alleges that drug or alcohol usage by the offender was a factor leading to the criminal offense with which the offender is charged, the court may reject an offender's request without a hearing. If the court elects to consider an offender's request or the offender alleges that drug or alcohol usage by the offender was a factor leading to the criminal offense with which the offender is charged, the court shall conduct a hearing

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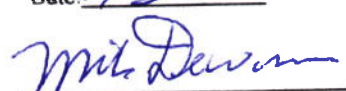
Sec. 2949.12. (A) Unless the execution of sentence is suspended or, the convicted felon has less than thirty days to serve in prison and the department of rehabilitation and correction, the county sheriff, and the court agree otherwise, or, for convictions occurring on or after the effective date of this amendment, the convicted felon is under eighteen years of age, a convicted felon who is sentenced to serve a term of imprisonment in a state correctional institution shall be conveyed, within five days after sentencing, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, by the sheriff of the county in which the conviction was had to the facility that is designated by the department of rehabilitation and correction for the reception of convicted felons. The sheriff shall deliver the convicted felon into the custody of the managing officer of the reception facility and, at that time, unless the department and the sheriff have agreed to electronically processed prisoner commitment, shall present the managing officer with a copy of the convicted felon's sentence that clearly describes each offense for which the felon was sentenced to a correctional institution, designates each section of the Revised Code that the felon violated and that resulted in the felon's conviction and sentence to a correctional institution, designates the sentence imposed for each offense for which the felon was sentenced to a correctional institution, and, pursuant to section 2967.191 of the Revised Code, specifies the total number of days, if any, that the felon was confined for any reason prior to conviction and sentence. The sheriff, at that time, also shall present the managing officer with a copy of the indictment. The clerk of the court of common pleas shall furnish the copies of the sentence and indictment. In the case of a person under the age of eighteen years who is certified to the court of common pleas by the juvenile court, the clerk of the court of common pleas also shall attach a copy of the certification to the copy of the indictment.

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The convicted felon shall be assigned to an institution or designated to be housed in a county, multicounty, municipal, municipal-county, or multicounty-municipal jail or workhouse, if authorized pursuant to section 5120.161 of the Revised Code, shall be conveyed to the institution, jail, or workhouse, and shall be kept within the institution, jail, or workhouse until the term of the felon's imprisonment expires, the felon is pardoned, paroled, or placed under a post-release control sanction, or the felon is transferred under laws permitting the transfer of prisoners. If the execution of the felon's sentence is suspended, and the judgment thereafter affirmed, the felon shall be conveyed, in the same manner as if the execution of the felon's sentence had not been suspended, to the reception facility as soon as practicable after the judge directs the execution of sentence. The trial judge or other judge of the court, in the judge's discretion and for good cause shown, may extend the time of the conveyance.

(B)(1) A convicted felon who is under eighteen years old at the execution of sentence shall be committed to the department of youth services and assigned to an institution within the department of youth services and, within five days after sentencing, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, the sheriff of the county in which the conviction was had shall deliver the felon to the facility designated by the department of youth services. The sheriff, at that time, shall present the managing officer with a copy of the sentence, a copy of the indictment, and a copy of the

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chairperson and a vice-chairperson. A member of the board who has contributions on deposit with the state teachers retirement system is not eligible to serve as chairperson or vice-chairperson. The board shall employ an executive director who shall serve as secretary, and shall employ other persons necessary to operate the system and to fulfill the board's duties and responsibilities under Chapter 3307. of the Revised Code.

Effective ninety days after ~~the effective date of this amendment~~ September 15, 2004, the board may not employ a state retirement system investment officer, as defined in section 1707.01 of the Revised Code, who does not hold a valid state retirement system investment officer license issued by the division of securities in the department of commerce.

The compensation of all employees and all other expenses of the board necessary for the proper operation of the system shall be paid in such amounts as the board approves.

Every expense voucher of an employee, officer, or board member of the state teachers retirement system shall itemize all purchases and expenditures.

The board shall receive all applications for retirement under the plans described in section 3307.031 of the Revised Code, shall provide for the payment of all retirement allowances and other benefits payable under this chapter, and shall make other expenditures authorized by this chapter.

Sec. 3307.27. ~~The (A)~~ Except as provided in division (B) of this section, the contributions required under section 3307.26 of the Revised Code may be paid by the employer in accordance with division (h) of section 414 of the "Internal Revenue Code of 1986," 100 Stat. 2085, 26 U.S.C.A. 414(h), as amended.

(B) The contributions required under section 3307.26 of the Revised Code shall not be paid by a school district board of education on behalf of a contributor employed by the school district as a superintendent or principal, but may be treated as paid by the school district board of education in accordance with division (h) of section 414 of the "Internal Revenue Code of 1986," 26 U.S.C. 414(h).

Sec. 3307.99. (A) Whoever violates division (A) of section 3307.073 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars for each day of the violation.

(B) Whoever violates division (B) of section 3307.073 of the Revised Code shall be imprisoned for not more than six months or fined not more than five thousand dollars, or both.

~~(C) Fines imposed by the Ohio elections commission under this section shall be paid into the Ohio elections commission fund created under section 3513.10 of the Revised Code.~~

Sec. 3309.073. (A) No person shall knowingly fail to file a complete and accurate campaign finance statement or independent expenditure statement in accordance with section 3309.072 of the Revised Code.

(B) No person, during the course of a person seeking nomination for, and during any campaign for, election to the school employees retirement board, shall knowingly and with intent to affect the nomination or the outcome of the campaign do any of the following by means of campaign materials, an advertisement on radio or television or in a newspaper or periodical, a public speech,

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~~On receipt of a complaint under this section, the commission shall hold a hearing open to the public to determine whether the violation alleged in the complaint has occurred. The commission may administer oaths and issue subpoenas to any person in the state compelling the attendance of witnesses and the production of relevant papers, books, accounts, and reports. On the refusal of any person to obey a subpoena or to be sworn or to answer as a witness, the commission may apply to the court of common pleas of Franklin county under section 2705.03 of the Revised Code. The court shall hold contempt proceedings in accordance with Chapter 2705. of the Revised Code.~~

~~The commission shall provide the person accused of the violation at least seven days prior notice of the time, date, and place of the hearing. The accused may be represented by an attorney and shall have an opportunity to present evidence, call witnesses, and cross-examine witnesses.~~

~~At the hearing, the commission shall determine whether the violation alleged in the complaint has occurred. If the commission determines that a violation of division (A) of section 3309.073 of the Revised Code has occurred, the commission shall either impose a fine under section 3309.99 of the Revised Code or enter a finding that good cause has been shown not to impose the fine. If the commission determines that a violation of division (B) of section 3309.073 of the Revised Code has occurred, the commission shall impose the fine described in section 3309.99 of the Revised Code, refer the matter to the appropriate prosecutor, or enter a finding that good cause has been shown not to impose a fine or refer the matter to the appropriate prosecutor.~~

Sec. 3309.47. Each school employees retirement system contributor shall contribute eight per cent of the contributor's compensation to the employees' savings fund, except that the school employees retirement board may raise the contribution rate to a rate not greater than ten per cent of compensation.

The contributions required under this section shall not be paid by a school district board of education on behalf of a contributor employed by the school district as a treasurer, but may be treated as employer contributions for purposes of state and federal income tax deferred income provisions.

The contributions by the direction of the school employees retirement board shall be deducted by the employer from the compensation of each contributor on each payroll of such contributor for each payroll period and shall be an amount equal to the required per cent of such contributor's compensation. On a finding by the board that an employer has failed or refused to deduct contributions for any employee during any year and to transmit such amounts to the retirement system, the retirement board may make a determination of the amount of the delinquent contributions, including interest at a rate set by the retirement board, from the end of each year, and certify to the employer the amounts for collection. If the amount is not paid by the employer, it may be certified for collection in the same manner as payments due the employers' trust fund. Any amounts so collected shall be held in trust pending receipt of a report of contributions for the employee for the period involved as provided by law and, thereafter, the amount in trust shall be transferred to the employee's savings fund to the credit of the employee. Any amount remaining

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after the transfer to the employees' savings fund shall be transferred to the employers' trust fund as a credit of the employer. *nm*

Additional deposits may be made to a member's account. At retirement, the amount deposited with interest may be used to provide additional annuity income. The additional deposits may be refunded to the member before retirement, and shall be refunded if the member withdraws the member's refundable amount. The deposits may be refunded to the beneficiary or estate if the member dies before retirement, and the board shall determine whether regular interest shall be credited to deposits thus refunded.

Sec. 3309.99. (A) Whoever violates division (A) of section 3309.073 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars for each day of the violation.

(B) Whoever violates division (B) of section 3309.073 of the Revised Code shall be imprisoned for not more than six months or fined not more than five thousand dollars, or both.

~~(C) Fines imposed by the Ohio elections commission under this section shall be paid into the Ohio elections commission fund created under section 3513.10 of the Revised Code.~~

Sec. 3310.033. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Foster child" means a child placed with a foster caregiver, as defined in section 5103.02 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Qualifying student" means a student who is not entitled to attend school under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code in a school district in which the pilot project scholarship program is operating under sections 3313.974 to 3313.979 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Kinship caregiver" has the same meaning as in section ~~5101.85~~ 5180.50 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Sibling" means any of the following:

- (a) A brother, half-brother, sister, or half-sister by birth, marriage, or adoption;
- (b) A cousin by birth, marriage, or adoption who is residing in the same household;
- (c) A foster child who is residing in the same household, including a child who is subsequently adopted by the child's foster family;
- (d) A child residing in the same household who is placed with a guardian or legal custodian;
- (e) A child who is residing in the same household and is being cared for by a kinship caregiver;

(f) Any other child under eighteen years of age who has resided in the same household for at least forty-five consecutive days within the last calendar year.

(5) "Caretaker" means the parent of a minor child or a relative acting in the parent's place. "Caretaker" also means another responsible adult who has care of the child and in whose household the child resides and, if not for residing in that household, the child would be homeless or likely to be homeless.

(B) Notwithstanding anything in the Revised Code to the contrary, a qualifying student shall be eligible for an educational choice scholarship under section 3310.03 of the Revised Code.

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regardless of whether the student is enrolled in a school building described in division (A)(1) or (C) of that section, if any of the following apply:

(1) The student's sibling received an educational choice scholarship under section 3310.03 of the Revised Code for the school year immediately prior to the school year for which the student is seeking a scholarship;

(2) The student is a foster child;

(3) The student is a child placed with a guardian, legal custodian, or kinship caregiver;

(4) The student is not a child placed with a guardian, legal custodian, or kinship caregiver, but has resided in the same household as such a child for at least forty-five consecutive days within the last calendar year;

(5) The student is not a foster child, but resides in a home that has received certification under section 5103.03 of the Revised Code;

(6) The student satisfies all of the following conditions:

(a) The student is not a foster child or a student described in division (B)(4) of this section.

(b) The student has resided in the household of an individual who is not the student's parent or guardian for at least forty-five consecutive days within the last calendar year and, if not for residing in that household, the student would have been homeless.

(c) The student's parent or guardian resides in this state.

(7) The student is not a child described in division (B)(6) of this section, but has resided in the same household as a child described in that division for at least forty-five consecutive days within the last calendar year.

(C) A student who receives an educational choice scholarship under this section remains eligible for that scholarship and may continue to receive a scholarship in subsequent school years until the student completes grade twelve, so long as the student satisfies the conditions specified in divisions (D)(2) and (3) of section 3310.03 of the Revised Code.

(D) The department of education and workforce may request any individual applying for a scholarship under this section on behalf of a qualifying student to provide appropriate documentation, as defined by the department, that the student meets the eligibility qualifications prescribed under this section. In the case of a student who qualifies under division (B)(6) of this section, such documentation shall be provided by the student's parent, guardian, or caretaker.

Sec. 3310.037. A student is not eligible to receive an educational choice scholarship awarded under sections 3310.01 to 3310.17 of the Revised Code if the treasurer of state has established an educational savings account for the student under section 3310.23 of the Revised Code for the school year for which the scholarship is sought.

Sec. 3310.21. As used in this section and sections 3310.22 to 3310.26 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Chartered nonpublic school" has the same meaning as in section 3310.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) "Community school" means a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the

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(C) "Parent" has the same meaning as in section 3313.98 of the Revised Code.

(D) "Participating school" means a nonchartered nonpublic school that participates in the nonchartered educational savings account program in accordance with section 3310.25 of the Revised Code.

(E) "Resident district" means the school district in which a student is entitled to attend school under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code.

(F) "Scholarship account" means an educational savings account established under section 3310.23 of the Revised Code.

(G) "School district" means a city, local, or exempted village school district.

(H) "State scholarship" means a scholarship awarded under the educational choice scholarship pilot program established under sections 3310.01 to 3310.17 of the Revised Code, the autism scholarship program established under section 3310.41 of the Revised Code, the Jon Peterson special needs scholarship program established under sections 3310.51 to 3310.64 of the Revised Code, or the pilot project scholarship program established under sections 3313.974 to 3313.979 of the Revised Code.

(I) "STEM school" means a STEM school established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3310.22. (A) The nonchartered educational savings account program is established to begin operating for the 2026-2027 school year. The treasurer of state shall administer the program with the assistance of the department of education and workforce. Under the program, the treasurer of state shall establish an educational savings account for each participating student to purchase educational goods and services, including tuition at participating schools. Funding for each educational savings account shall be transferred by the department of education and workforce from the nonchartered educational savings account unit, as defined in section 3317.02 of the Revised Code, in accordance with section 3317.022 of the Revised Code.

(B) The department shall establish a system under which a student, parent, participating school, or any other individual may submit a complaint about an alleged violation of the program's requirements. The department shall investigate each complaint that it receives. During the investigation, the department shall provide updates to and respond to questions from both the subject of the complaint and the party who submitted the complaint. The department shall complete each investigation promptly.

Upon completion of an investigation, the department shall submit to the party who submitted a complaint, the subject of the complaint, and the treasurer of state a report regarding the investigation's findings, including whether the program's requirements were violated. If the department's report indicates the program's requirements were violated, the treasurer of state shall determine a resolution to the complaint and require corrective actions to be taken, including remediation plans and other potential consequences for the subject of the complaint.

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(C) The treasurer of state shall establish due process procedures for individuals and participating schools who are determined noncompliant with the requirements of the program under this section and sections 3310.24 and 3310.25 of the Revised Code. The procedures shall provide an individual or school with at least a notice of the noncompliance determination, an opportunity for a hearing regarding it, and an opportunity to appeal it prior to the treasurer of state determining a resolution or undertaking any action regarding it.

Sec. 3310.23. (A) Not later than February 1, 2026, the treasurer of state shall develop an application procedure for the nonchartered educational savings account program. Under the procedure, the treasurer of state shall open an application period for a school year on the first day of February immediately prior to the first day of July of that school year. The parent of a student enrolled in a participating school may submit an application to participate in the program during that application period. The treasurer of state shall accept and process each application that is submitted. The application shall require the parent to do all of the following:

(1) Provide the student's and parent's names and address;
(2) Provide documentation verifying the student's enrollment and attendance at a participating school;

(3) Provide the student's participating school's tuition and fee schedule;
(4) Affirm that the student will take a nationally recognized standardized achievement assessment;

(5) If the parent is reapplying for a scholarship account in accordance with division (C) of this section, provide the student's nationally recognized standardized achievement assessment scores for the prior school year. As a matter of convenience, the student's participating school may submit the nationally recognized standardized achievement assessment scores on behalf of the student's parent.

(6) Affirm the parent will maintain records and related documentation regarding educational expenses on which the parent spends funds from the scholarship account, including any receipts for tuition, fees, textbooks, and curriculum materials;

(7) Affirm the parent will not enroll the student in a school district, community school, STEM school, or chartered nonpublic school while the student is participating in the program;

(8) Affirm the parent will not use funds in a scholarship account for any purpose other than those described in division (A) of section 3310.24 of the Revised Code;

(9) Provide other information determined necessary by the treasurer of state.

(B) For an educational savings account sought for the 2026-2027 school year, and for each school year thereafter, the treasurer of state shall approve a completed application submitted on behalf of a student, and establish an educational savings account for that student, if both of the following apply:

(1) The student is enrolling in any of grades kindergarten through twelve in a participating school for the school year for which an account is sought.

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(2) The student has not received a state scholarship for the school year for which an account is sought.

(C) A student for whom an educational savings account is established under this section for a school year shall be required to reapply under this section to have an account established for a subsequent school year.

The treasurer of state shall notify parents of students for whom a scholarship account is established of the renewal process, the deadline for renewal, and that failure to renew in a timely manner may result in a temporary suspension of access to funds until an account is renewed. The treasurer of state shall provide support to ensure a smooth transition from school year to school year for renewing parents and students.

(D) To the extent practicable, the treasurer of state shall establish a scholarship account prior to the start of the school year for which it is sought if the parent submits an application prior to the school year's start.

Sec. 3310.24. (A) Funds transferred by the department of education and workforce under section 3317.022 of the Revised Code to a scholarship account established for a student shall be used by the student's parent to pay for tuition and fees at a participating school. Any funds remaining in the scholarship account after paying for tuition and fees shall be used for curriculum, textbooks, instructional materials, and supplies.

(B) Upon request of the parent of a student for whom a scholarship account is established, the treasurer of state shall disburse funds from that account by either of the following methods as selected by the parent:

(1) The treasurer of state shall disburse funds directly to an approved vendor who provides educational goods or services described in division (A) of this section to the student. The treasurer of state shall establish a process to solicit and approve vendors for the purposes of this section. Under that process, a participating school that complies with the requirements prescribed under section 3310.25 of the Revised Code shall be considered an approved vendor.

(2) The treasurer of state shall disburse funds to reimburse the student's parent for any costs incurred by the parent for educational goods or services described in division (A) of this section for that student. Prior to disbursing funds to reimburse a parent, the treasurer of state shall require that the parent provide appropriate documentation, as determined by the treasurer of state, that the costs incurred by the parent are in accordance with division (A) of this section.

(C) Any refund or other repayment of funds by a participating school or other educational provider shall be returned to the student's scholarship account. Such a refund or repayment shall not be made directly to the student or the student's parent.

(D) If a student for whom a scholarship account has been established for a school year disenrolls from the student's participating school and does not enroll in a different participating school during that school year, the treasurer of state shall transfer the balance of any funds in the student's account, including any prorated refund from a participating school, to the general revenue

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fund. The treasurer shall transfer funds under this division on the first day of January and the first day of July of each year.

(E) If the parent of a student for whom a scholarship account is established for a school year reapplies to have an account established for the immediately subsequent school year, the treasurer of state shall, on the thirtieth day of June of the school year for which the account is established, transfer to the student's new account the balance of funds in the student's old account.

(F) If the parent of a student for whom a scholarship account is established for a school year does not reapply to have a new account established for the immediately subsequent school year, the treasurer of state shall, on the first day of July of the year following the school year for which the account is established, transfer the balance of any funds in the student's old account to the general revenue fund.

(G) Nothing in this section prohibits the parent of a student for whom a scholarship account is established from making payments for the costs of educational goods and services not covered by the funds in that account. However, the parent of a student shall not deposit funds in the student's scholarship account.

(H) The treasurer of state may conduct random audits to verify that parents are using funds from a student's scholarship account in accordance with this section. If the treasurer of state determines a misuse of funds, the treasurer of state shall take any action the treasurer of state determines appropriate, including suspension or termination of a student's participation in the program.

(I) The treasurer of state shall certify to the office of budget and management the amount of funds transferred to the general revenue fund under divisions (D) and (F) of this section.

Sec. 3310.25. (A) A nonchartered nonpublic school that elects to participate in the nonchartered educational savings account program for a school year shall notify the treasurer of state of that fact by a deadline established by the treasurer of state.

(B) Each nonchartered nonpublic school that participates in the program shall do all of the following:

(1) Maintain records and related documentation regarding the educational expenses on which the school spends the funds it receives under the program, including receipts for tuition, textbooks, and curricula;

(2) Maintain a physical location in the state at which each student has regular and direct contact with teachers. For the purposes of this section, "physical location" does not include a building that primarily serves as a residence.

(3) Notify the treasurer of state and the department of education and workforce of any change in the school's name, school director, mailing address, or physical location within fifteen days of the change;

(4) Require the parent of a student for whom a scholarship account is established to endorse the use of funds from a scholarship account by the school or approve the transfer of funds from the

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scholarship account to the school.

(C) Each nonchartered nonpublic school that participates in the program shall comply with the requirements prescribed under the program. However, such schools are autonomous and not an agent of the state or federal governments. Therefore, all of the following apply:

(1) The treasurer of state shall not regulate the curriculum, instructional methods, or other aspects of a school's educational program.

(2) The program does not expand the authority of the treasurer of state to impose on nonchartered nonpublic schools any additional requirements beyond those expressly prescribed under the program.

(3) Nonchartered nonpublic schools that participate in the program shall be given maximum freedom to provide for the educational needs of their students.

(D) The treasurer of state may remove a nonchartered nonpublic school from the list of schools participating in the program if the treasurer of state determines the school has failed to comply with the requirements prescribed under this section.

(E)(1) The treasurer of state shall provide the department with the list of nonchartered nonpublic schools that participate in the program.

(2) Annually, the department shall do all of the following regarding each nonchartered nonpublic school that participates in the program:

(a) Verify the school has filed with the department, in accordance with section 3301.0732 of the Revised Code, a copy of the report prescribed under section 3301.07 of the Revised Code;

(b) Request from the board of health of the city or general health district in which the school's physical location is located a copy of any report of any inspection conducted by the board of health of that physical location;

(c) Request from the state fire marshal a copy of any report of any fire inspection of the school's physical location;

(d) Prepare and submit to the treasurer of state a report regarding whether, based on the information collected under divisions (E)(2)(a) to (c) of this section, the school is compliant with the minimum education standards and health, fire, and safety laws.

(3) If the department's report under division (E)(2)(d) of this section demonstrates that a school is not compliant, the treasurer of state shall take any action the treasurer of state determines appropriate against the school.

(F)(1) The department shall compile the scores attained by students with a scholarship account and provided to the treasurer of state under section 3310.23 of the Revised Code. The department shall aggregate the scores as follows:

(a) By state, which shall include all students with a scholarship account;

(b) By school district, which shall include all students with a scholarship account and for whom the district is the student's resident district;

(c) By nonchartered nonpublic school, which shall include all students with a scholarship

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account and who were enrolled in that school.

(2) The department shall disaggregate the student performance data described in division (F) (1) of this section according to the following categories:

- (a) Grade level;
- (b) Race and ethnicity;
- (c) Gender;
- (d) Students with a scholarship account who have participated in the program for three or more years;
- (e) Students with a scholarship account who have participated in the program for more than one year and less than three years;
- (f) Students with a scholarship account who have participated in the program for one year or less;
- (g) Economically disadvantaged students.

(3) Not later than the first day of February each year, the department shall post the student performance data required under divisions (F)(1) and (F)(2) of this section on its web site. In reporting student performance data under this division, the department shall not include any data that is statistically unreliable or that could result in the identification of individual students. For this purpose, the department shall not report performance data for any group that contains less than ten students.

(4) Not later than July 1, 2026, the department shall develop a measure of student growth for students with scholarship accounts that are enrolled in nonchartered nonpublic schools. The measure of student growth shall be used to report data annually on student growth for students in grades four through eight during the school year in which data is reported. No data shall be reported for schools with fewer than ten students with scholarship accounts. The department shall make the growth reports available on its publicly accessible web site.

(5) The treasurer of state shall collect and provide to the department any data necessary for the department to perform its duties under this division.

(G) The treasurer of state may conduct random audits to verify that nonchartered nonpublic schools that participate in the program are using funds received under the program in accordance with this section. If the treasurer of state determines a misuse of funds, the treasurer of state shall take any action the treasurer of state determines appropriate, including suspension or termination of a school's participation in the program.

Sec. 3310.26. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Adjusted gross income" has the same meaning as in section 5747.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Base amount" means an amount equal to the maximum educational choice scholarship amount for the student's grade level under division (A)(10)(a)(ii)(I) of section 3317.022 of the Revised Code for the fiscal year multiplied by 0.75.

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(3) "Constant multiplier" means 0.50.

(4) "Federal poverty level multiplier" means a percentage equal to the student's family income percentage of the federal poverty guidelines for the fiscal year.

(5) "Federal poverty guidelines" has the same meaning as in section 5101.46 of the Revised Code.

(6) "Minimum amount" means an amount equal to the base amount for the fiscal year multiplied by 0.10.

(7) "Power equation" means the following formula:

The federal poverty level multiplier X ln(constant multiplier)

(B) The department of education and workforce shall determine the scholarship amount for a student for whom a scholarship account is established for a fiscal year, as follows:

(1) For a student with a family adjusted gross income at or below four hundred fifty per cent of the federal poverty guidelines for the fiscal year, the base amount;

(2) For a student with a family adjusted gross income above four hundred fifty per cent of the federal poverty guidelines, an amount calculated according to the following formula:

The base amount X (1 / the constant multiplier)^{4.5} X e^{power equation}

If the amount calculated for a student under division (B)(2) of this division is less than the minimum amount, the student's scholarship amount shall be the minimum amount.

(C) For the purposes of calculating a scholarship amount for a student under this section, the department shall require a student's parent to submit documentation regarding the student's family income. The department shall use the documentation submitted for the first school year that the student has a scholarship amount calculated under this section to calculate the amount for that school year and each subsequent school year, unless, for a subsequent school year, the parent requests the department recalculate the student's scholarship amount based on updated documentation.

A parent shall submit documentation, or a request for a recalculation, to the department in a form and manner prescribed by the department.

Sec. 3310.41. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Alternative public provider" means either of the following providers that agrees to enroll a child in the provider's special education program to implement the child's individualized education program or an education plan developed by the school district under division ~~(K)~~(L) of this section and to which the child's parent owes fees for the services provided to the child:

(a) A school district that is not the school district in which the child is entitled to attend school;

(b) A public entity other than a school district.

(2) "Eligible applicant" means any of the following:

(a) Either of the natural or adoptive parents of a qualified special education child, except as otherwise specified in this division.

When the marriage of the natural or adoptive parents of the child has been terminated by a

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department, in a form and manner prescribed by the department, the tuition rates charged by the provider for the following school year.

(M)(N) The department shall not require ~~the parent of a student~~ an eligible applicant who applies for or receives a scholarship under this section to complete any kind of income verification regarding the student's family income.

(O) The department shall maintain a list of each registered private provider and the location of that provider on its publicly accessible web site.

Sec. 3310.412. A student is not eligible to receive an autism scholarship awarded under section 3310.41 of the Revised Code if the treasurer of state has established an educational savings account for the student under section 3310.23 of the Revised Code for the school year for which the scholarship is sought.

Sec. 3310.413. As used in this section, "junior reserve officer training corps program" means a junior reserve officer training corps (JROTC) program approved by the congress of the United States under title 10 of the United States Code.

A qualified special education child, as defined in section 3310.41 of the Revised Code, receiving home education under section 3321.042 of the Revised Code who participates in a junior reserve officer training corps program maintained by the child's resident school district in accordance with 10 U.S.C. 2031f(1) shall not be considered enrolled in that district for purposes of determining eligibility for an autism scholarship under section 3310.41 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3310.51. As used in sections 3310.51 to 3310.64 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Alternative public provider" means either of the following providers that agrees to enroll a child in the provider's special education program to implement the child's individualized education program and to which the eligible applicant owes fees for the services provided to the child:

(1) A school district that is not the school district in which the child is entitled to attend school or the child's school district of residence, if different;

(2) A public entity other than a school district.

(B) "Child with a disability" and "individualized education program" have the same meanings as in section 3323.01 of the Revised Code.

(C) "Eligible applicant" means any of the following:

(1) Either of the natural or adoptive parents of a qualified special education child, except as otherwise specified in this division. When the marriage of the natural or adoptive parents of the student has been terminated by a divorce, dissolution of marriage, or annulment, or when the natural or adoptive parents of the student are living separate and apart under a legal separation decree, and a court has issued an order allocating the parental rights and responsibilities with respect to the child, "eligible applicant" means the residential parent as designated by the court. If the court issues a shared parenting decree, "eligible applicant" means either parent. "Eligible applicant" does not mean a parent whose custodial rights have been terminated.

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(2) The custodian of a qualified special education child, when a court has granted temporary, legal, or permanent custody of the child to an individual other than either of the natural or adoptive parents of the child or to a government agency;

(3) The guardian of a qualified special education child, when a court has appointed a guardian for the child;

(4) The grandparent of a qualified special education child, when the grandparent is the child's attorney in fact under a power of attorney executed under sections 3109.51 to 3109.62 of the Revised Code or when the grandparent has executed a caretaker authorization affidavit under sections 3109.65 to 3109.73 of the Revised Code;

(5) The surrogate parent appointed for a qualified special education child pursuant to division (B) of section 3323.05 and section 3323.051 of the Revised Code;

(6) The treasurer of state has not established an educational savings account for the student under section 3310.23 of the Revised Code for the same school year in which a scholarship under the Jon Peterson special needs scholarship program is sought.

(7) A qualified special education child, if the child does not have a custodian or guardian and the child is at least eighteen years of age and less than twenty-two years of age.

(D) "Entitled to attend school" means entitled to attend school in a school district under sections 3313.64 and 3313.65 of the Revised Code.

(E) "Formula ADM" has the same meaning as in section 3317.02 of the Revised Code.

(F) "Qualified special education child" is a child for whom all of the following conditions apply:

(1) The child is at least ~~five~~ three years of age and less than twenty-two years of age.

(2) The school district in which the child is entitled to attend school, or the child's school district of residence if different, has identified the child as a child with a disability.

(3) The school district in which the child is entitled to attend school, or the child's school district of residence if different, has developed an individualized education program under Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code for the child.

(4) The child ~~either~~ meets one of the following conditions:

(a) Was enrolled in the schools of the school district in which the child is entitled to attend school in any grade from ~~kindergarten~~ preschool through twelve in the school year prior to the school year in which a scholarship is ~~first~~ sought for the child;

(b) Is eligible to enter school in any grade ~~kindergarten~~ preschool through twelve in the school district in which the child is entitled to attend school in the school year in which a scholarship is ~~first~~ sought for the child;

(c) All of the following apply:

(i) The child is at least eighteen years of age and less than twenty-two years of age.

(ii) The child is enrolled in a chartered or nonchartered nonpublic school, is home educated in accordance with section 3321.042 of the Revised Code, or is a student older than compulsory

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shall additionally include, but not be limited to, the credentialed professionals listed in division (C) of section 3310.58 of the Revised Code.

The rules also shall specify that supervision of a qualified, credentialed provider may be conducted virtually.

Sec. 3311.053. (A) The boards of education of up to five adjoining educational service centers may, by identical resolutions adopted by a majority of the members of each governing board within any sixty-day period, combine such educational service centers into one educational service center. The resolutions shall state the name of the new center, which may be styled as a "joint educational service center." The resolutions shall also indicate whether the governing board of the new educational service center is to be formed in accordance with division (B) of this section, in accordance with division (A) of section 3311.054 of the Revised Code, or in accordance with section 3311.057 of the Revised Code.

A copy of each resolution shall be filed with the state board of education. The new educational service center shall be created and the governing boards of the participating educational service centers shall be dissolved and a new governing board established thirty days after the date on which the last resolution was filed with the state board.

(B) The initial members of a new governing board established in accordance with this division shall be appointed as follows:

(1) If two educational service centers combine, each center's governing board, prior to its dissolution, shall appoint two members to the new governing board and the four members so selected shall select a fifth member within ten days of the date on which the last of the four members is appointed.

(2) If three educational service centers combine, each center's governing board, prior to its dissolution, shall appoint one member to the new governing board and the three members so selected shall select the remaining two members of the governing board within ten days of the date on which the last of the three members is appointed. 2nd

(3) If four educational service centers combine, each center's governing board, prior to its dissolution, shall appoint one member to the new governing board and the four members so selected shall select the remaining member of the governing board within ten days of the date on which the last of the four members is appointed.

(4) If five educational service centers combine, each center's governing board, prior to its dissolution, shall appoint one member to the new governing board.

If the members appointed to a new governing board by the governing boards of the combining educational service centers are unable to agree on the selection of the remaining members of the new governing board within ten days, the probate judge of the county in which the greatest number of pupils under the supervision of the new educational service center reside shall appoint the remaining members.

Electors of the new educational service center shall elect a new governing board at the next

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general election occurring in an odd-numbered year and more than ninety days after the date of the appointment of the last member to the initial governing board. Members shall serve for the duration of the term to which they are elected or until their successors are elected and qualified. At such election, two members shall be elected to terms of two years and three members shall be elected to terms of four years. Thereafter, their successors shall be elected in the same manner and for the same terms as members of governing boards of all educational service centers. ~~Each candidate for election as a member of the educational service center governing board shall file a nominating petition in accordance with section 3513.255 of the Revised Code.~~

(C) The funds of each former educational service center shall be paid over in full to the governing board of the new educational service center, and the legal title to all property of the former governing boards shall become vested in the new governing board.

The governing board of an educational service center created under this section shall honor all contracts made by the former governing boards.

Sec. 3311.242. In the case of a proposed transfer of school district territory filed under section 3311.24 of the Revised Code, the state board of education shall approve a proposed transfer that satisfies all of the following conditions:

(A) The territory is being transferred to an adjacent school district.

(B) The district from which the territory is being transferred has received an overall performance rating of less than two stars under division (D)(3) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code for two or more consecutive school years.

(C) No party opposing the proposed transfer has presented to the state board clear and convincing evidence that any information used to facilitate the transfer under section 3311.24 of the Revised Code is incorrect or inaccurate.

Sec. 3311.50. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "County school financing district" means a taxing district consisting of the following territory:

(a) The territory that constitutes the educational service center on the date that the governing board of that educational service center adopts a resolution under division (B) of this section declaring that the territory of the educational service center is a county school financing district, exclusive of any territory subsequently withdrawn from the district under division (D) of this section;

(b) Any territory that has been added to the county school financing district under this section.

A county school financing district may include the territory of a city, local, or exempted village school district whose territory also is included in the territory of one or more other county school financing districts.

(2) "The county auditor's ~~appraised market~~ value" and "effective rate" have the same meanings as in section 5705.01 of the Revised Code.

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(B) The governing board of any educational service center may, by resolution, declare that the territory of the educational service center is a county school financing district. The resolution shall state the purpose for which the county school financing district is created, which may be for any one or more of the following purposes:

(1) To levy taxes for the provision of special education by the school districts that are a part of the district, including taxes for permanent improvements for special education;

(2) To levy taxes for the provision of specified educational programs and services by the school districts that are a part of the district, as identified in the resolution creating the district, including the levying of taxes for permanent improvements for those programs and services. Services financed by the levy may include school safety and security and mental health services, including training and employment of or contracting for the services of safety personnel, mental health personnel, social workers, and counselors.

(3) To levy taxes for permanent improvements of school districts that are a part of the district.

The governing board of the educational service center that creates a county school financing district shall serve as the taxing authority of the district and may use educational service center governing board employees to perform any of the functions necessary in the performance of its duties as a taxing authority. A county school financing district shall not employ any personnel.

With the approval of a majority of the members of the board of education of each school district within the territory of the county school financing district, the taxing authority of the financing district may amend the resolution creating the district to broaden or narrow the purposes for which it was created.

A governing board of an educational service center may create more than one county school financing district. If a governing board of an educational service center creates more than one such district, it shall clearly distinguish among the districts it creates by including a designation of each district's purpose in the district's name.

(C) A majority of the members of a board of education of a city, local, or exempted village school district may adopt a resolution requesting that its territory be joined with the territory of any county school financing district. Copies of the resolution shall be filed with the state board of education and the taxing authority of the county school financing district. Within sixty days of its receipt of such a resolution, the county school financing district's taxing authority shall vote on the question of whether to accept the school district's territory as part of the county school financing district. If a majority of the members of the taxing authority vote to accept the territory, the school district's territory shall thereupon become a part of the county school financing district unless the county school financing district has in effect a tax imposed under section 5705.215 of the Revised Code. If the county school financing district has such a tax in effect, the taxing authority shall certify a copy of its resolution accepting the school district's territory to the school district's board of education. The board of education and the county auditor shall proceed in the same manner as

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required for a tax levy under section 5705.03 of the Revised Code, except that the levy's annual collections shall be estimated assuming that the school district's territory has been added to the county school financing district. After receipt of the auditor's certification under that section, the board may adopt a resolution, with the affirmative vote of a majority of its members, proposing the submission to the electors of the question of whether the district's territory shall become a part of the county school financing district and subject to the taxes imposed by the financing district. The resolution shall set forth the date on which the question shall be submitted to the electors, which shall be at a special election held on a date specified in the resolution, which shall not be earlier than ninety days after the adoption and certification of the resolution. A copy of the resolution shall immediately be certified to the board of elections of the proper county, which shall make arrangements for the submission of the proposal to the electors of the school district. The board of the joining district shall publish notice of the election in a newspaper of general circulation in the county once a week for two consecutive weeks, or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, prior to the election. Additionally, if the board of elections operates and maintains a web site, the board of elections shall post notice of the election on its web site for thirty days prior to the election. The question appearing on the ballot shall read:

"Shall the territory within _____ (name of the school district proposing to join the county school financing district) _____ be added to _____ (name) _____ county school financing district, and a property tax for the purposes of _____ (here insert purposes), that the county auditor estimates will collect \$ _____ annually, _____ at a rate not exceeding _____ mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$ _____ (effective rate) for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's ~~appraised~~-market value, _____ be in effect for _____ (here insert the number of years the tax is to be in effect or "a continuing period of time," as applicable) _____?"

If the proposal is approved by a majority of the electors voting on it, the joinder shall take effect on the first day of July following the date of the election, and the county board of elections shall notify the county auditor of each county in which the school district joining its territory to the county school financing district is located.

(D) The board of any city, local, or exempted village school district whose territory is part of a county school financing district may withdraw its territory from the county school financing district thirty days after submitting to the governing board that is the taxing authority of the district and the state board a resolution proclaiming such withdrawal, adopted by a majority vote of its members, but any county school financing district tax levied in such territory on the effective date of the withdrawal shall remain in effect in such territory until such tax expires or is renewed. No board may adopt a resolution withdrawing from a county school financing district that would take effect during the forty-five days preceding the date of an election at which a levy proposed under section 5705.215 of the Revised Code is to be voted upon.

(E) A city, local, or exempted village school district does not lose its separate identity or

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legal existence by reason of joining its territory to a county school financing district under this section and an educational service center does not lose its separate identity or legal existence by reason of creating a county school financing district that accepts or loses territory under this section.

Sec. 3313.27. At the expiration of the term of any treasurer of any board of education or before any board approves the surety of any treasurer, such board shall require the treasurer to produce all money, bonds, or other securities in his the treasurer's hands, which shall then be counted by the board or a committee thereof, ~~or by a representative of the auditor of state~~. A certificate setting forth the exact amount of such money, bonds, or other securities, and signed by the representatives making such count, shall be entered upon the records of the board and shall be prima-facie evidence that the amount therein stated was actually in the treasury at that date.

Sec. 3313.413. (A) As used in this section, "high-performing community school" means either a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code that meets any of the following conditions:

~~(1) A community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code that meets the following conditions:-~~

~~(a) Except as provided in division (A)(1)(b) or (c) of this section, the school both:~~

~~(i) Has received either a grade of "A," "B," or "C" for the performance index score under division (C)(1)(b) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code or a performance rating of three stars or higher for achievement under division (D)(3)(b) of that section; or has increased its performance index score under division (C)(1)(b) or (D)(1)(d) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code in each of the previous three years of operation; and~~

~~(ii) Has received either a grade of "A" or "B" for the value-added progress dimension under division (C)(1)(e) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code or a performance rating of four stars or higher for progress under division (D)(3)(e) of that section on its most recent report card rating issued under that section. Except as provided for in division (A)(2) or (3) of this section, the community school does both of the following:~~

(a) The school has a higher performance index score than the school district in which the school is located on the two most recent report cards issued under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code.

(b) The school either has a performance rating of four stars or higher for progress on the most recent report card issued under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code or is a school described under division (B)(1) of section 3314.35 of the Revised Code and did not receive a rating for progress on the most recent report card.

~~(b) (2) If the community school serves only grades kindergarten through three, the school received either a grade of "A" or "B" for making progress in improving literacy in grades kindergarten through three under division (C)(1)(g) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code or a performance rating of four stars or higher for early literacy under division (D)(3)(e) of that section on its most recent report card issued under that section 3302.03 of the Revised Code.~~

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enrolled in such school may be increased by the same percentage.

(D) Notwithstanding sections 124.39 and 3311.83 of the Revised Code, if the pilot project school district experiences a decrease in enrollment due to participation in a state-sponsored scholarship program pursuant to sections 3313.974 to 3313.979 of the Revised Code, the district board of education may enter into an agreement with any teacher it employs to provide to that teacher severance pay or early retirement incentives, or both, if the teacher agrees to terminate the employment contract with the district board, provided any collective bargaining agreement in force pursuant to Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code does not prohibit such an agreement for termination of a teacher's employment contract.

(E) Except as provided for in division (C)(2) of section 3365.07 of the Revised Code, the director shall not require the parent of a student who applies for or receives a scholarship under the pilot project program to complete any kind of income verification regarding the student's family income.

(F) A student is not eligible to receive a scholarship under sections 3313.975 to 3313.979 of the Revised Code if the treasurer of state has established an educational savings account for the student under section 3310.23 of the Revised Code for the school year for which the scholarship is sought.

Sec. 3313.98. Notwithstanding division (D) of section 3311.19 and division (D) of section 3311.52 of the Revised Code, the provisions of this section and sections 3313.981 to 3313.983 of the Revised Code that apply to a city school district do not apply to a joint vocational or cooperative education school district unless expressly specified.

(A) As used in this section and sections 3313.981 to 3313.983 of the Revised Code:

(1) "Parent" means either of the natural or adoptive parents of a student, except under the following conditions:

(a) When the marriage of the natural or adoptive parents of the student has been terminated by a divorce, dissolution of marriage, or annulment or the natural or adoptive parents of the student are living separate and apart under a legal separation decree and the court has issued an order allocating the parental rights and responsibilities with respect to the student, "parent" means the residential parent as designated by the court except that "parent" means either parent when the court issues a shared parenting decree.

(b) When a court has granted temporary or permanent custody of the student to an individual or agency other than either of the natural or adoptive parents of the student, "parent" means the legal custodian of the child.

(c) When a court has appointed a guardian for the student, "parent" means the guardian of the student.

(2) "Native student" means a student entitled under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code to attend school in a district adopting a resolution under this section.

(3) "Adjacent district" means a city, exempted village, or local school district having

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(D) Southern state community college shall submit an annual report to the director of education and workforce and the general assembly by the thirtieth day of June that includes all of the following:

- (1) The number of students and districts served by the Ohio code-scholar program;
- (2) Progress toward statewide implementation;
- (3) Regional economic and educational impact;
- (4) Use of funds for both programmatic and general operational support.

Sec. 3313.975. As used in this section and in sections 3313.976 to 3313.979 of the Revised Code, "the pilot project school district" or "the district" means any school district included in the pilot project scholarship program pursuant to this section.

(A) The director of education and workforce shall implement the pilot project scholarship program and shall include in such program any school districts that are or have ever been under federal court order requiring supervision and operational management of the district by the state superintendent or director. The program shall provide for a number of students residing in any such district to receive scholarships to attend alternative schools, and for an equal number of students to receive tutorial assistance grants while attending public school in any such district.

(B) The director shall establish an application process and deadline for accepting applications from students residing in the district to participate in the scholarship program. In the initial year of the program students may only use a scholarship to attend school in grades kindergarten through third.

The director shall award as many scholarships and tutorial assistance grants as can be funded given the amount appropriated for the program.

(C)(1) The pilot project program shall continue in effect each year that the general assembly has appropriated sufficient money to fund scholarships and tutorial assistance grants. In each year the program continues, new students may receive scholarships in grades kindergarten to twelve. A student who has received a scholarship may continue to receive one until the student has completed grade twelve.

(2) If the general assembly discontinues the scholarship program, all students who are attending an alternative school under the pilot project shall be entitled to continued admittance to that specific school through all grades that are provided in such school, under the same conditions as when they were participating in the pilot project. The director shall continue to make scholarship payments in accordance with section 3317.022 of the Revised Code for students who remain enrolled in an alternative school under this provision in any year that funds have been appropriated for this purpose.

If funds are not appropriated, the tuition charged to the parents of a student who remains enrolled in an alternative school under this provision shall not be increased beyond the amount equal to the amount of the scholarship plus any additional amount charged that student's parent in the most recent year of attendance as a participant in the pilot project, except that tuition for all the students

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conditions, the director may declare the district to be under a fiscal caution.

(3) Unless the auditor of state has elected to declare a state of fiscal watch under division (A)(4) of section 3316.03 of the Revised Code, the director shall declare a school district to be under a fiscal caution if the conditions described in divisions (A)(4)(a) and (b) of that section are both satisfied with respect to the school district.

(C) When the director declares a district to be under fiscal caution, the director shall promptly notify the district board of education of that declaration and shall request the board to provide written proposals for discontinuing or correcting the fiscal practices or budgetary conditions that prompted the declaration and for preventing the district from experiencing further fiscal difficulties that could result in the district being declared to be in a state of fiscal watch or fiscal emergency.

(D) The director, or a designee, may visit and inspect any district that is declared to be under a fiscal caution. The department of education and workforce shall provide technical assistance to the district board in implementing proposals to eliminate the practices or budgetary conditions that prompted the declaration of fiscal caution and may make recommendations concerning the board's proposals.

(E) If the director finds that a school district declared to be under a fiscal caution has not made reasonable proposals or otherwise taken action to discontinue or correct the fiscal practices or budgetary conditions that prompted the declaration of fiscal caution, and if the director considers it necessary to prevent further fiscal decline, the director may determine that the district should be in a state of fiscal watch. As provided in division (A)(3) of section 3316.03 of the Revised Code, the auditor of state shall declare the district to be in a state of fiscal watch if the auditor of state finds the director's determination to be reasonable.

Rm Sec. 3316.041. (A) Notwithstanding any provision of Chapter 133. or sections 3313.483 to 3313.4810 of the Revised Code, and subject to the approval of the director of education and workforce, a school district that is in a state of fiscal watch declared under section 3316.03 of the Revised Code may restructure or refinance loans obtained or in the process of being obtained under section 3313.483 of the Revised Code if all of the following requirements are met:

(1) The operating deficit certified for the school district for the current or preceding fiscal year under section 3313.483 of the Revised Code exceeds fifteen per cent of the district's general revenue fund for the fiscal year preceding the year for which the certification of the operating deficit is made.

(2) The school district voters have, during the period of the fiscal watch, approved the levy of a tax under section 718.09, 718.10, 5705.194, 5705.21, 5748.02, or 5748.09 of the Revised Code that is not a renewal ~~or replacement~~ levy, or a levy under section 5705.199 of the Revised Code, and that will provide new operating revenue.

(3) The board of education of the school district has adopted or amended the financial plan required by section 3316.04 of the Revised Code to reflect the restructured or refinanced loans, and

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sets forth the means by which the district will bring projected operating revenues and expenditures, and projected debt service obligations, into balance for the life of any such loan.

(B) Subject to the approval of the director, the school district may issue securities to evidence the restructuring or refinancing authorized by this section. Such securities may extend the original period for repayment not to exceed ten years, and may alter the frequency and amount of repayments, interest or other financing charges, and other terms or agreements under which the loans were originally contracted, provided the loans received under sections 3313.483 of the Revised Code are repaid from funds the district would otherwise receive under Chapter 3317. of the Revised Code, as required under division (E)(3) of section 3313.483 of the Revised Code. Securities issued for the purpose of restructuring or refinancing under this section shall be repaid in equal payments and at equal intervals over the term of the debt and are not eligible to be included in any subsequent proposal to restructure or refinance.

(C) Unless the district is declared to be in a state of fiscal emergency under division (D) of section 3316.04 of the Revised Code, a school district shall remain in a state of fiscal watch for the duration of the repayment period of any loan restructured or refinanced under this section.

Sec. 3316.043. Upon the approval by the director of education and workforce of an initial financial plan under section 3316.04 of the Revised Code or a financial recovery plan under section 3316.06 of the Revised Code, the board of education of the school district for which the plan was approved shall revise the district's five-year current budget information and three-year projection of revenues and expenditures in accordance with rules adopted under section 5705.391 of the Revised Code so that the five-year current budget information and -three-year projection is are consistent with the financial plan or financial recovery plan. In the case of a school district declared to be in a state of fiscal emergency, the five-year current budget information and -three-year projection shall be revised by the financial planning and supervision commission for that district.

Sec. 3316.06. (A) Within one hundred twenty days after the first meeting of a school district financial planning and supervision commission, the commission shall adopt a financial recovery plan regarding the school district for which the commission was created. During the formulation of the plan, the commission shall seek appropriate input from the school district board and from the community. This plan shall contain the following:

(1) Actions to be taken to:

(a) Eliminate all fiscal emergency conditions declared to exist pursuant to division (B) of section 3316.03 of the Revised Code;

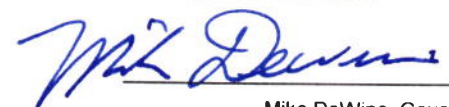
(b) Satisfy any judgments, past-due accounts payable, and all past-due and payable payroll and fringe benefits;

(c) Eliminate the deficits in all deficit funds, except that any prior year deficits in the capital and maintenance fund established pursuant to section 3315.18 of the Revised Code shall be forgiven;

(d) Restore to special funds any moneys from such funds that were used for purposes not

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within the purposes of such funds, or borrowed from such funds by the purchase of debt obligations of the school district with the moneys of such funds, or missing from the special funds and not accounted for, if any;

(e) Balance the budget, avoid future deficits in any funds, and maintain on a current basis payments of payroll, fringe benefits, and all accounts;

(f) Avoid any fiscal emergency condition in the future;

(g) Restore the ability of the school district to market long-term general obligation bonds under provisions of law applicable to school districts generally.

(2) The management structure that will enable the school district to take the actions enumerated in division (A)(1) of this section. The plan shall specify the level of fiscal and management control that the commission will exercise within the school district during the period of fiscal emergency, and shall enumerate respectively, the powers and duties of the commission and the powers and duties of the school board during that period. The commission may elect to assume any of the powers and duties of the school board it considers necessary, including all powers related to personnel, curriculum, and legal issues in order to successfully implement the actions described in division (A)(1) of this section.

(3) The target dates for the commencement, progress upon, and completion of the actions enumerated in division (A)(1) of this section and a reasonable period of time expected to be required to implement the plan. The commission shall prepare a reasonable time schedule for progress toward and achievement of the requirements for the plan, and the plan shall be consistent with that time schedule.

(4) The amount and purpose of any issue of debt obligations that will be issued, together with assurances that any such debt obligations that will be issued will not exceed debt limits supported by appropriate certifications by the fiscal officer of the school district and the county auditor. If the commission considers it necessary in order to maintain or improve educational opportunities of pupils in the school district, the plan may include a proposal to restructure or refinance outstanding debt obligations incurred by the board under section 3313.483 of the Revised Code contingent upon the approval, during the period of the fiscal emergency, by district voters of a tax levied under section 718.09, 718.10, 5705.194, 5705.21, 5748.02, 5748.08, or 5748.09 of the Revised Code that is not a renewal or replacement levy, or a levy under section 5705.199 of the Revised Code, and that will provide new operating revenue. Notwithstanding any provision of Chapter 133. or sections 3313.483 to 3313.4810 of the Revised Code, following the required approval of the district voters and with the approval of the commission, the school district may issue securities to evidence the restructuring or refinancing. Those securities may extend the original period for repayment, not to exceed ten years, and may alter the frequency and amount of repayments, interest or other financing charges, and other terms of agreements under which the debt originally was contracted, at the discretion of the commission, provided that any loans received pursuant to section 3313.483 of the Revised Code shall be paid from funds the district would

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otherwise receive under Chapter 3317. of the Revised Code, as required under division (E)(3) of section 3313.483 of the Revised Code. The securities issued for the purpose of restructuring or refinancing the debt shall be repaid in equal payments and at equal intervals over the term of the debt and are not eligible to be included in any subsequent proposal for the purpose of restructuring or refinancing debt under this section.

(5) An evaluation of the feasibility of entering into shared services agreements with other political subdivisions for the joint exercise of any power, performance of any function, or rendering of any service, if so authorized by statute.

(B) Any financial recovery plan may be amended subsequent to its adoption. Each financial recovery plan shall be updated annually.

(C) Each school district financial planning and supervision commission shall submit the financial recovery plan it adopts or updates under this section to the director of education and workforce for approval immediately following its adoption or updating. The director shall evaluate the plan and either approve or disapprove it within thirty calendar days from the date of its submission. If the plan is disapproved, the director shall recommend modifications that will render it acceptable. No financial planning and supervision commission shall implement a financial recovery plan that is adopted or updated on or after April 10, 2001, unless the director has approved it.

Sec. 3316.08. During a school district's fiscal emergency period, the auditor of state shall determine annually, or at any other time upon request of the financial planning and supervision commission, whether the school district will incur an operating deficit. If the auditor of state determines that a school district will incur an operating deficit, the auditor of state shall certify that determination to the director of education and workforce, the financial planning and supervision commission, and the board of education of the school district. Upon receiving the auditor of state's certification, the commission shall adopt a resolution requesting that the board of education work with the county auditor or tax commissioner to estimate the amount and rate of a tax levy that is needed under section 5705.194, 5705.199, or 5705.21 or Chapter 5748. of the Revised Code to produce a positive fund balance not later than the ~~five~~ third year of the ~~five-year~~ three-year forecast submitted under section 5705.391 of the Revised Code.

The board of education shall recommend to the commission whether the board supports or opposes a tax levy under section 5705.194, 5705.199, or 5705.21 or Chapter 5748. of the Revised Code and shall provide supporting documentation to the commission of its recommendation.

After considering the board of education's recommendation and supporting documentation, the commission shall adopt a resolution to either submit a ballot question proposing a tax levy or not to submit such a question.

Except as otherwise provided in this division, the tax shall be levied in the manner prescribed for a tax levied under section 5705.194, 5705.199, or 5705.21 or under Chapter 5748. of the Revised Code. If the commission decides that a tax should be levied, the tax shall be levied for the purpose of paying current operating expenses of the school district. The rate of a property tax

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(D) Upon receipt of the certification provided for in division (B) of this section, the director of budget and management shall follow the procedures set forth in section 126.29 of the Revised Code.

(E) If, at the time of termination of the commission, an effective financial accounting and reporting system has not been fully implemented, the auditor of state shall monitor the progress of implementation and shall exercise authority under this section and Chapter 117. of the Revised Code to secure full implementation at the earliest time feasible but within two years after such termination.

Sec. 3317.01. As used in this section, "school district," unless otherwise specified, means any city, local, exempted village, joint vocational, or cooperative education school district and any educational service center.

This chapter shall be administered by the department of education and workforce. The department of education and workforce shall calculate the amounts payable to each school district and shall certify the amounts payable to each eligible district to the treasurer of the district as provided by this chapter. Certification of moneys pursuant to this section shall include the amounts payable to each school building, at a frequency determined by the department, for each subgroup of students, as defined in section 3317.40 of the Revised Code, receiving services, provided for by state funding, from the district or school. No moneys shall be distributed pursuant to this chapter without the approval of the controlling board.

The department shall, in accordance with appropriations made by the general assembly, meet the financial obligations of this chapter.

Moneys distributed to school districts pursuant to this chapter shall be calculated based on the annual enrollment calculated from the three reports required under ~~sections~~ section 3317.03 and ~~3317.036~~ of the Revised Code and paid on a fiscal year basis, beginning with the first day of July and extending through the thirtieth day of June. In any given fiscal year, prior to school districts submitting the first report required under section 3317.03 of the Revised Code, enrollment for the districts shall be calculated based on the third report submitted by the districts for the previous fiscal year. The moneys appropriated for each fiscal year shall be distributed periodically to each school district unless otherwise provided for. The department, in June of each year, shall submit to the controlling board the department's year-end distributions pursuant to this chapter.

Except as otherwise provided, payments under this chapter shall be made only to those school districts in which:

(A) The school district, except for any educational service center and any joint vocational or cooperative education school district, levies for current operating expenses at least twenty mills, unless the school district is levying less than that amount due to the operation of section 5705.316 or 5705.32 of the Revised Code. Levies for joint vocational or cooperative education school districts or county school financing districts, limited to or to the extent apportioned to current expenses, shall be included in this qualification requirement. School district income tax levies under Chapter 5748. of the Revised Code, limited to or to the extent apportioned to current operating expenses, shall be

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(b) For fiscal year ~~2026-2028~~ and each fiscal year thereafter, an index calculated in a manner determined by the general assembly.

(J) "Educational choice scholarship unit" means a unit that consists of all of the students for whom educational choice scholarships are awarded under sections 3310.03 and 3310.032 of the Revised Code.

(K) "Enrolled ADM" means the following:

(1) For a city, local, or exempted village school district, the enrollment reported under division (A) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code, as verified by the department and adjusted if so ordered under division (K) of that section, and as further adjusted by the department, as follows:

(a) Add the students described in division (A)(1)(b) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code;

rm9 (b) Subtract the students counted under divisions (A)(2)(a), (b), (d), (g), (h), (i), and (j), and (k) *rm9* of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code;

(c) Count only twenty per cent of the number of joint vocational school district students counted under division (A)(3) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code;

(d) Add twenty per cent of the number of students who are entitled to attend school in the district under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code and are enrolled in another school district under a career-technical education compact;

(e) Add twenty per cent of the number of students described in division (A)(1)(b) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code who enroll in a joint vocational school district or under a career-technical education compact.

(2) For a joint vocational school district, the final number verified by the department, based on the enrollment reported and certified under division (D) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code, as adjusted, if so ordered, under division (K) of that section, and as further adjusted by the department by adding the students described in division (D)(1)(b) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code;

(3) For the community and STEM school unit, the sum of the number of students reported as enrolled in community schools under divisions (B)(1) and (2) of section 3314.08 of the Revised Code and the number of students reported as enrolled in STEM schools under division (A) of section 3326.32 of the Revised Code;

(4) For the educational choice scholarship unit, the number of students for whom educational choice scholarships are awarded under sections 3310.03 and 3310.032 of the Revised Code as reported under division (A)(2)(g) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code;

(5) For the pilot project scholarship unit, the number of students for whom pilot project scholarships are awarded under sections 3313.974 to 3313.979 of the Revised Code as reported under division (A)(2)(b) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code;

(6) For the autism scholarship unit, the number of students for whom autism scholarships are awarded under section 3310.41 of the Revised Code as reported under division (A)(2)(h) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code;

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(7) For the Jon Peterson special needs scholarship unit, the number of students for whom Jon Peterson special needs scholarships are awarded under sections 3310.51 to 3310.64 of the Revised Code as reported under division (A)(2)(h) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code;

rmv (8) For the nonchartered educational savings account unit, the number of students for whom educational savings accounts are established under sections 3310.21 to 3310.26 of the Revised Code as reported under division (A)(2)(k) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code;

(L)(1) "Formula ADM" means, for a city, local, or exempted village school district, the enrollment reported under division (A) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code, as verified by the department and adjusted if so ordered under division (K) of that section, and as further adjusted by the department, as follows:

(a) Count only twenty per cent of the number of joint vocational school district students counted under division (A)(3) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code;

(b) Add twenty per cent of the number of students who are entitled to attend school in the district under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code and are enrolled in another school district under a career-technical education compact.

(2) "Formula ADM" means, for a joint vocational school district, the final number verified by the department, based on the enrollment reported and certified under division (D) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code, as adjusted, if so ordered, under division (K) of that section.

(M) "FTE basis" means a count of students based on full-time equivalency, in accordance with rules adopted by the department pursuant to section 3317.03 of the Revised Code. In adopting its rules under this division, the department shall provide for counting any student in category one, two, three, four, five, or six special education ADM or in category one, two, three, four, or five career-technical education ADM in the same proportion the student is counted in enrolled ADM and formula ADM.

(N) For fiscal years ~~2024-2026~~ and ~~2025-2027~~, "funding base" means, for a city, local, or exempted village school district, the sum of the following as calculated by the department:

(1) The district's "general funding base," which equals the amount calculated as follows:

(a) Compute the sum of the following:

(i) The amount calculated for the district for fiscal year 2020 under division (A)(1) of Section 265.220 of H.B. 166 of the 133rd general assembly after any adjustments required under Section 265.227 of H.B. 166 of the 133rd general assembly and prior to any funding reductions authorized by Executive Order 2020-19D, "Implementing Additional Spending Controls to Balance the State Budget" issued on May 7, 2020;

(ii) For fiscal years ~~2024-2026~~ and ~~2025-2027~~, the district's payments for fiscal year 2020 under divisions (C)(1), (3), and (4) of section 3313.981 of the Revised Code as those divisions existed prior to September 30, 2021.

(b) Subtract from the amount calculated in division (N)(1)(a) of this section the sum of the following:

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(Q) For fiscal years ~~2024-2026~~ and ~~2025-2027~~, "funding base" for a STEM school means the following:

(1) For a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school that was in operation for the entirety of fiscal year 2020, the amount paid to the school for that fiscal year under section 3326.33 of the Revised Code as that section existed prior to September 30, 2021, in accordance with division (A) of Section 265.235 of H.B. 166 of the 133rd general assembly and the amount, if any, paid to the school for that fiscal year under section 3326.41 of the Revised Code in accordance with division (B) of Section 265.235 of H.B. 166 of the 133rd general assembly;

(2) For a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school that was in operation for part of fiscal year 2020, the amount that would have been paid to the school for that fiscal year under section 3326.33 of the Revised Code as that section existed prior to September 30, 2021, in accordance with division (A) of Section 265.235 of H.B. 166 of the 133rd general assembly if the school had been in operation for the entirety of that fiscal year, as calculated by the department, and the amount that would have been paid to the school for that fiscal year under section 3326.41 of the Revised Code in accordance with division (B) of Section 265.235 of H.B. 166 of the 133rd general assembly, if any, if the school had been in operation for the entirety of that fiscal year, as calculated by the department;

(3) For a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school that was not in operation for fiscal year 2020, the amount that would have been paid to the school if it was in operation for that school year under section 3326.33 of the Revised Code as that section existed prior to September 30, 2021, in accordance with division (A) of Section 265.235 of H.B. 166 of the 133rd general assembly if the school had been in operation for the entirety of that fiscal year, as calculated by the department, and the amount that would have been paid to the school for that fiscal year under section 3326.41 of the Revised Code in accordance with division (B) of Section 265.235 of H.B. 166 of the 133rd general assembly, if any, if the school had been in operation for the entirety of that fiscal year, as calculated by the department.

(R) "Funding unit" means any of the following:

- (1) A city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational school district;
- (2) The community and STEM school unit;
- (3) The educational choice scholarship unit;
- (4) The pilot project scholarship unit;
- (5) The autism scholarship unit;
- (6) The Jon Peterson special needs scholarship unit;
- (7) The nonchartered educational savings account unit.

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(S) "Jon Peterson special needs scholarship unit" means a unit that consists of all of the students for whom Jon Peterson scholarships are awarded under sections 3310.51 to 3310.64 of the Revised Code.

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(GG) "Statewide average career-technical base cost per pupil" means the following:

(1) For fiscal years ~~2024-2026~~ and ~~2025-2027~~, the statewide average career-technical base cost per pupil calculated under division (B) of section 3317.018 of the Revised Code;

(2) For fiscal year ~~2026-2028~~ and each fiscal year thereafter, an amount calculated in a manner determined by the general assembly.

(HH) "STEM school" means a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code.

(II) "Taxes charged and payable" means the taxes charged and payable against real and public utility property after making the reduction required by section 319.301 of the Revised Code, plus the taxes levied against tangible personal property.

(JJ) For purposes of sections 3317.017 and ~~3317.16~~ 3317.165 of the Revised Code, "three-year average valuation" for a fiscal year means the average of total taxable value for the three most recent tax years for which data is available, as certified under section 3317.021 of the Revised Code.

(KK) "Total ADM" means, for a city, local, or exempted village school district, the enrollment reported under division (A) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code minus the enrollment reported under divisions (A)(2)(a), (b), (g), (h), and (i) and (k) of that section, as verified by the department and adjusted if so ordered under division (K) of that section.

(LL) "Total special education ADM" means the sum of categories one through six special education ADM.

(MM) "Total taxable value" means the sum of the amounts certified for a city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational school district under divisions (A)(1) and (2) of section 3317.021 of the Revised Code.

(NN) "Tuition discount" means any deduction from the base tuition amount per student charged by a chartered nonpublic school, to which the student's family is entitled due to one or more of the following conditions:

- (1) The student's family has multiple children enrolled in the same school.
- (2) The student's family is a member of or affiliated with a religious or secular organization that provides oversight of the school or from which the school has agreed to enroll students.
- (3) The student's parent is an employee of the school.
- (4) Some other qualification not based on the income of the student's family or the student's athletic or academic ability and for which all students in the school may qualify.

RMD (OO) "Nonchartered educational savings account unit" means a unit that consists of all the students for whom educational savings accounts are established under sections 3310.21 to 3310.26 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3317.021. (A) On or before the first day of June of each year, the tax commissioner shall certify to the department of education and workforce and the office of budget and management the information described in divisions (A)(1) to (5) of this section for each city, exempted village,

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shall make the determination required by this division and report the quotient obtained under division (C)(3) of this section to the department and the office of budget and management. This quotient represents the number of mills that the department shall include in determining whether the district meets the qualification requirement of division (A) of section 3317.01 of the Revised Code.

The tax commissioner shall make the determination required by this division as follows:

(1) Multiply one mill times the total taxable value of the district as determined in divisions (A)(1) and (2) of this section;

(2) Estimate the total amount of tax liability for the current tax year under taxes levied by Chapter 5748. of the Revised Code that are apportioned to current operating expenses of the district, excluding any income tax receipts allocated for the project cost, debt service, or maintenance set-aside associated with a state-assisted classroom facilities project as authorized by section 3318.052 of the Revised Code;

(3) Divide the amount estimated under division (C)(2) of this section by the product obtained under division (C)(1) of this section.

Sec. 3317.022. The department of education and workforce shall compute and distribute state core foundation funding to each eligible funding unit that is a city, local, or exempted village school district, the community and STEM school unit, the educational choice scholarship unit, the pilot project scholarship unit, the autism scholarship unit, ^{RND} and the Jon Peterson special needs scholarship unit, and the nonchartered educational savings account unit for the fiscal year, using the information obtained under section 3317.021 of the Revised Code in the calendar year in which the fiscal year begins in accordance with the following: ^{RND}

For fiscal years ~~2024-2026~~ and ~~2025-2027~~, for a funding unit that is a city, local, or exempted village school district:

The district's funding base + [(the district's state core foundation funding components for that fiscal year calculated under divisions (A)(1), (2), (3), (5), (6), (7), and (8) of this section - the district's general funding base calculated in accordance with division (N)(1) of section 3317.02 of the Revised Code) X the district's general phase-in percentage for that fiscal year] + [(the district's disadvantaged pupil impact aid for that fiscal year calculated under division (A)(4) of this section - the district's disadvantaged pupil impact aid funding base calculated in accordance with division (N)(2) of section 3317.02 of the Revised Code) X the district's phase-in percentage for disadvantaged pupil impact aid for that fiscal year] ~~+ the district's supplemental targeted assistance funds calculated under section 3317.0218 of the Revised Code~~

For fiscal year ~~2026-2028~~ and each fiscal year thereafter, for a funding unit that is a city, local, or exempted village school district, the sum of the district's state core foundation funding components for that fiscal year calculated under divisions (A)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), and (8) of this section ~~and the district's supplemental targeted assistance funds calculated under section 3317.0218 of the Revised Code~~, if the general assembly authorizes such payments to these funding units.

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For fiscal years ~~2024-2026~~ and ~~2025~~2027, for the community and STEM school unit, an amount calculated in accordance with section 3317.026 of the Revised Code.

For fiscal years ~~2026~~-year 2028 and each fiscal year thereafter, for the community and STEM school unit, an amount calculated in accordance with divisions (A)(1), (3), (4), (5), (7), (8), ~~and (9), and (14)~~ of this section, if the general assembly authorizes such payments to these funding units.

For the educational choice scholarship unit, the amount calculated under division (A)(10) of this section.

For the pilot project scholarship unit, the amount calculated under division (A)(11) of this section.

For the autism scholarship unit, the amount calculated under division (A)(12) of this section.

For the Jon Peterson special needs scholarship unit, the amount calculated under division (A)(13) of this section.

RND For fiscal year 2027 and each fiscal year thereafter, for the nonchartered educational savings account unit, the amount calculated under division (A)(15) of this section.

(A) A funding unit's state core foundation funding components shall be the following:

(1)(a) If the funding unit is a city, local, or exempted village school district, the district's state share, which is equal to the following:

(i) For fiscal years ~~2024-2026~~ and ~~2025~~2027, the amount calculated under division (B) of section 3317.017 of the Revised Code;

(ii) For fiscal year ~~2026-2028~~ and each fiscal year thereafter, an amount calculated in a manner determined by the general assembly.

(b) If the funding unit is the community and STEM school unit, the aggregate base cost for all schools in that unit, which is equal to the following:

(i) For fiscal years ~~2024-2026~~ and ~~2025~~2027, the amount calculated under section 3317.0110 of the Revised Code;

(ii) For fiscal year ~~2026-2028~~ and each fiscal year thereafter, an amount calculated in a manner determined by the general assembly.

(2) If the funding unit is a city, local, or exempted village school district, targeted assistance funds equal to the following:

(a) For fiscal years ~~2024-2026~~ and ~~2025~~2027, an amount calculated under section 3317.0217 of the Revised Code;

(b) For fiscal year ~~2026-2028~~ and each fiscal year thereafter, an amount calculated in a manner determined by the general assembly.

(3) If the funding unit is a city, local, or exempted village school district or the community and STEM school unit, additional state aid for special education and related services provided under Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code calculated as follows:

(a) For fiscal years ~~2024-2026~~ and ~~2025~~2027, the sum of the following:

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