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Bill Analysis
Legislative Service Commission

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(As Reported by H. Education)

Reps. Womer Benjamin, Gardner, Callender, Winkler, Harris, Bender, Brading

BILL SUMMARY

- Specifically authorizes a school district to employ under an administrative contract any person holding a professional pupil services license or an administrative specialist license or the equivalent, provided that the person is not a school counselor and spends less than 50% of the time teaching or working with students.
- Declares an emergency.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Current law authorizes a school district to employ under an administrative contract, an employee in a position for which a board of education requires an administrator's license issued by the State Board of Education (other than superintendent, assistant superintendent, principal, or assistant principal), or any *nonlicensed* employee whose job duties enable the employee to be considered as a "supervisor" or "management level employee," as defined in the Public Employees' Collective Bargaining Law.

The bill defines "other administrator" to specifically include the holder of a "professional pupil services employee license" or "administrative specialist license" (see **COMMENT**) or the equivalent if the person is "not employed as a school counselor and spends less than 50% of the time employed teaching or working with students." This specifically authorizes a school district to employ these professionals under an administrative contract. The bill continues the current law exclusion of superintendents, assistant superintendents, principals, and assistant principals from the definition of "other administrator."

COMMENT

The "professional pupil services" license is granted to persons who complete the requirements contained in Ohio Administrative Code 3301-24-05(E) for any of the following professions: school audiologist, school counselor, school psychologist, school social worker, school speech-language pathologist, school nurse, orientation and mobility specialist, occupational therapist, and physical therapist.

The "administrative specialist" license is one of three types of administrative licenses offered, the three being principal, administrative specialist, and superintendent. The administrative specialist license is added to a professional teacher license or professional pupil services license and enables the person to work in a central office or in a supervisory capacity. OAC 3301-24-05(F)(2) contains the requirements for the administrative specialist license.

HISTORY

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