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Bill Analysis

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Reps. Netzley, Taylor, Buchy, Krebs, Britton, Hood, Cates

BILL SUMMARY

- Prohibits a school district board of education or an educational service center governing board from employing more than one full-time equivalent administrator for every four full-time equivalent classroom teachers employed by the board.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Under current law, unchanged by the bill, the board of education of each city, exempted village, local, and joint vocational school district is required to employ teachers for the schools in the district. Similarly, the governing board of an educational service center is permitted to employ teachers to provide educational services to local school districts within its territory and for other client school districts that have contracted for services from the center.¹ Each school district board and educational service center governing board must employ a superintendent and may employ any assistant superintendents, principals, assistant principals, and "other administrators" as the board determines are necessary.² A school district board may also employ a superintendent pro tempore to serve in place of the superintendent if the superintendent is incapacitated or is otherwise unable to serve.³

The bill prohibits a school district board or an educational service center governing board from employing more than one full-time equivalent

¹ *Secs. 3311.19(D) and 3319.07 (both not in the bill).*

² *Secs. 3319.01 and 3319.02 (both not in the bill). The law specifies that "other administrators" may include nonlicensed personnel who serve in some supervisory or management level capacity (sec. 3319.02(A)).*

³ *Sec. 3319.011 (not in the bill).*

"administrator" for every four full-time equivalent "classroom teachers" employed by the board.⁴ Under the bill, an "administrator" is a superintendent, assistant superintendent, superintendent pro tempore, principal, assistant principal, or other administrator. A "classroom teacher" is defined in the bill as a person who is employed by the board in a teaching position, who is licensed by the State Board of Education as an educator or a teacher intern, and who spends at least three hours each school day instructing students. (Sec. 3319.021.)

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⁴ *The bill refers to a "school district board," which without other specification, under R.C. section 3311.055 (not in the bill), also means an educational service center governing board.*