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Bill Analysis
Legislative Service Commission

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(As Introduced)

**Reps. Flannery, Hartnett, Peterson, Barrett, Pringle, Ford, Patton,
Van Vyven, Sulzer**

BILL SUMMARY

- Requires the Legislative Office of Education Oversight, by October 15, 2000, to compile and review competency-based education standards that school districts have developed and, with the assistance of an advisory committee, to develop recommendations for a set of statewide standards.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

The bill requires the Legislative Office of Education Oversight (LOEO) to compile and review the competency-based standards that each school district has been required to develop under continuing law and to use that data to develop a set of statewide competency-based standards.¹ Like these school district standards, the statewide standards developed by LOEO must encompass the areas of composition, mathematics, science, citizenship, and reading in grades one through 12. The bill requires LOEO to report its recommended set of statewide standards to the General Assembly by October 15, 2000.

The bill also provides for the establishment of an "advisory committee" to assist LOEO in developing the statewide standards. This committee is to be composed of 16 members who include the following:

- Director of Management and Budget;
- Superintendent of Public Instruction;

¹ R.C. 3301.0715 (not in the bill) requires each school district to develop a competency-based program for composition, mathematics, science, citizenship, and reading in grades one through 12. The programs must include for each grade pupil performance objectives, curricula and instructional methods, periodic assessment, and intervention services.

- One member of the State Board of Education appointed by the Board President;
- An elementary school teacher and a secondary school teacher each appointed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction; and
- One member of a school district board appointed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction from each of the 11 State Board of Education electoral districts.²

The Superintendent's appointments are to be made after considering names suggested by professional education associations.

The bill specifies that the members of the advisory committee are to be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred while engaged in committee business.

HISTORY

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² Under continuing law, 11 of the 19 voting members of the State Board of Education are elected from 11 districts, each comprising the territory of three contiguous Ohio Senate districts. (R.C. 3301.01(B), not in the bill.)