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Bill Analysis

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Reps. Oakar, Callender, Fedor, Distel, Hartnett, Carano, Barrett, Setzer, Calvert, Woodard

BILL SUMMARY

- Requires each school district and each nonpublic school to have an employee trained in the performance of the Heimlich maneuver present during periods of food service to students.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

(R.C. 3313.815)

Continuing law authorizes each school district board to provide food services to students enrolled in the district or, at cost, to residents of the district who are over 60 years old. In addition, both school districts and nonpublic schools may receive federal moneys to support school lunches, school breakfasts, milk services for children, food service equipment assistance, commodity distribution, and other special food service programs.¹

The bill requires any school district or nonpublic school that operates such a food service to require at least one employee who has been trained in methods to prevent choking and who has demonstrated an ability to perform the Heimlich maneuver to be present while students are served food. The Department of Education is required to establish guidelines for use by districts and schools in implementing the requirement to have a qualified person present.

¹ R.C. 3313.81 and 3313.813 (neither section in the bill) and 42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq. and 42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq. The federal school food service programs pay moneys to the state, which then passes those moneys on to school districts and nonpublic schools based on the need of children enrolled in the districts' schools. The state provides some state moneys to match these federal grants.

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