



## **H.B. 492**

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(As Introduced)

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### **BILL SUMMARY**

- Reinstates until July 1, 2006, the limitation on the number of contracts between the State Board of Education and new start-up community schools outside the pilot project area.

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### **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

Community schools are public, nonprofit, nonsectarian schools that are not part of any school district but operate under contract with a public sponsor. "Conversion" community schools are former public schools that are sponsored by any state school district and are not affected by this bill. Start-up community schools are new schools that may be established only in "challenged school districts" and may be sponsored only by designated public entities.<sup>1</sup> The bill affects only start-up community schools that are sponsored by the State Board of Education.

Under existing law, from July 1, 2000 to July 1, 2001, no more than 125 contracts between the State Board of Education and start-up schools were to be in effect outside the pilot project area (Lucas County) at any time. According to the Department of Education as of October 22, 2001, there were 75 contracts for state

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<sup>1</sup> "Challenged school districts" include all Lucas county districts, the "Big-Eight" districts, the 13 other large urban districts, and any district declared to be in a state of academic emergency.

*Sponsors for start-up schools may be the board of education of the district in which the school will be located, the board of education for an adjacent district, or the State Board of Education. In Lucas County, it also may be the educational service center serving the county or the University of Toledo Board of Trustees or its designee.*

board-sponsored start-up schools (outside of Lucas County), 38 contracts for schools not yet in operation, 7 schools with preliminary agreements, and 2 contracts for schools in suspended operation. The bill reinstates this limitation and extends it until July 1, 2006.<sup>2</sup>

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## HISTORY

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<sup>2</sup> *The bill maintains the statement of intent of the General Assembly to determine whether to continue the limitations on the number of start-up community schools required in section 3314.013 following an examination of the results of studies conducted by the Legislative Office of Education Oversight.*