



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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BILL SUMMARY

- Prohibits a community school from admitting a student from the school district in which it is located if the student's district school has a better report card rating than the community school, unless (1) the student has a disability or (2) the student's principal approves the student's admission to the community school.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

The bill prohibits a community school from admitting a student who resides in the school district in which the school is located, if the community school's report card rating is lower than the rating of the district-operated school to which the student is assigned. If, for example, the community school is rated *continuous improvement* and the student's district school is rated *effective*, the community school could not admit the student. But if the district school is also rated *continuous improvement*, or has a lower rating of *academic watch* or *academic emergency*, the community school could enroll the student.

However, there are two exceptions to this prohibition. The community school may admit the student, regardless of the school's rating, if (1) the student has a disability and is entitled to special education and related services or (2) the principal of the district school to which the student is assigned approves the student's admission to the community school. Also, the community school may continue to enroll a student who was admitted before the school became subject to the prohibition, even if the student does not qualify for one of the exceptions.¹

¹ R.C. 3314.062.

Continuing law excludes consideration of a community school's ratings on its first two report cards in any matter in which those ratings are a factor.² Therefore, those ratings may not be counted in determining if a community school is subject to the bill's prohibition. In effect, under the bill, a community school must comply with the prohibition after receiving its third report card, which is issued after the school's third year of operation.

HISTORY

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² R.C. 3314.012(B), not in the bill.

