



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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**Bill:** [S.B. 175 of the 129th G.A.](#)

**Date:** September 27, 2011

**Status:** As Introduced

**Sponsor:** Sen. Schiavoni

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

**Contents:** Restricts admission to community schools based on relative performance ratings of community schools and school district schools

### State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

### Local Fiscal Highlights

- No significant fiscal effect on school districts or political subdivisions.
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### Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill prohibits a community school from admitting a student who resides in the school district in which the community school is located if the student's district school has a better report card rating than the community school. However, the bill provides two exceptions to this prohibition. The community school may admit a 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.

The bill may restrict admission to certain community schools for a certain population of potential new enrollees. If the student whose admission is restricted chooses to attend a district school, the district will not have state aid for that student transferred to the community school and the district will be responsible for the costs of educating that student. However, there is nothing in the bill that directly limits overall enrollment in community schools; community schools affected by the prohibition may still enroll students from other districts or other schools with lower ratings. Likewise, students who are prohibited from enrolling in a particular community school may choose to enroll in a community school located outside their resident district or with a higher rating. Therefore, the bill is not expected to have any significant fiscal effect on

state expenditures on education or on local school district revenues or transfers to community schools.

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