



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: [H.B. 342 of the 130th G.A.](#)

Date: November 15, 2013

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Reps. Brenner and Driehaus

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Permits educational service centers to join education consortia to apply for Straight A grants and modifies grant goals

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Continuing law includes educational service centers (ESCs) in the list of entities eligible for a grant under the Straight A Program. This list also includes public schools and districts, education consortia of public schools and districts, institutions of higher education, and private entities partnering with an educational entity. The bill permits ESCs to be partners in and lead applicants for education consortia seeking grants under the program. Generally, grants awarded to single applicants are limited to \$5.0 million per year, whereas grants awarded to education consortia are limited to \$15.0 million per year. The bill also modifies the goals that projects receiving grants under the program must strive to meet to better reflect projects that may be led by an ESC. The bill does not have any direct fiscal impact on state agencies or local governments. However, it may make it easier for a project led by an ESC to qualify for a grant, which could increase competition for the awards. Am. Sub. H.B. 59 appropriates \$100.0 million in FY 2014 and \$150.0 million in FY 2015 for the Straight A Program.

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