

AN ACT

To amend sections 124.36, 2903.13, 2921.02, 3302.03, 3302.04, 3302.061, 3307.01, 3311.71, 3311.72, 3311.74, 3311.76, 3313.975, 3314.10, 3316.07, 3319.02, 3319.071, 3319.10, 3319.112, 3319.12, 3319.13, 3319.14, 3319.141, 3319.143, 3319.151, 3319.18, 3319.283, 4141.29, 5705.192, 5705.21, 5705.212, 5705.215, 5705.216, 5705.218, 5705.251, 5705.261, and 5748.01 and to enact sections 3311.741, 3311.742, 3311.751, and 3311.77 to 3311.87 of the Revised Code to revise the management of municipal school districts and community schools located within municipal school districts; to permit the establishment of a Municipal School District Transformation Alliance; to expand the offense of bribery to cover directors, officers, and employees of the Alliance; and to authorize municipal school districts to levy property taxes the revenue from which may be shared with partnering community schools.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That sections 124.36, 2903.13, 2921.02, 3302.03, 3302.04, 3302.061, 3307.01, 3311.71, 3311.72, 3311.74, 3311.76, 3313.975, 3314.10, 3316.07, 3319.02, 3319.071, 3319.10, 3319.112, 3319.12, 3319.13, 3319.14, 3319.141, 3319.143, 3319.151, 3319.18, 3319.283, 4141.29, 5705.192, 5705.21, 5705.212, 5705.215, 5705.216, 5705.218, 5705.251, 5705.261, and 5748.01 be amended and sections 3311.741, 3311.742, 3311.751, 3311.77, 3311.78, 3311.79, 3311.80, 3311.81, 3311.82, 3311.83, 3311.84, 3311.85, 3311.86, and 3311.87 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 124.36. It shall be sufficient cause for the removal of any public employees including teachers in the public schools or any state supported educational institution when such public employee or teacher advocates or

willfully retains membership in an organization which advocates overthrow of the government of the United States or of the state, by force, violence or other unlawful means.

The procedure for the termination of a contract of a teacher under the provisions of this section shall be in the manner set forth in section 3311.82 or 3319.16 of the Revised Code. The procedure for the removal of all other public employees under the provisions of this section shall be the same as is provided in section 124.34 of the Revised Code, except that the decision of the state personnel board of review or the municipal civil service commission shall be subject to appeal to the court of common pleas of the county in which such public employees are employed to determine the sufficiency of the cause of removal. Such appeal shall be taken within ten days from the finding of the board or commission.

Sec. 2903.13. (A) No person shall knowingly cause or attempt to cause physical harm to another or to another's unborn.

(B) No person shall recklessly cause serious physical harm to another or to another's unborn.

(C) Whoever violates this section is guilty of assault, and the court shall sentence the offender as provided in this division and divisions (C)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), and (6) of this section. Except as otherwise provided in division (C)(1), (2), (3), (4), or (5) of this section, assault is a misdemeanor of the first degree.

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this division, if the offense is committed by a caretaker against a functionally impaired person under the caretaker's care, assault is a felony of the fourth degree. If the offense is committed by a caretaker against a functionally impaired person under the caretaker's care, if the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of this section or section 2903.11 or 2903.16 of the Revised Code, and if in relation to the previous conviction the offender was a caretaker and the victim was a functionally impaired person under the offender's care, assault is a felony of the third degree.

(2) If the offense is committed in any of the following circumstances, assault is a felony of the fifth degree:

(a) The offense occurs in or on the grounds of a state correctional institution or an institution of the department of youth services, the victim of the offense is an employee of the department of rehabilitation and correction, the department of youth services, or a probation department or is on the premises of the particular institution for business purposes or as a visitor, and the offense is committed by a person incarcerated in the state correctional institution, by a person institutionalized in the department of

youth services institution pursuant to a commitment to the department of youth services, by a parolee, by an offender under transitional control, under a community control sanction, or on an escorted visit, by a person under post-release control, or by an offender under any other type of supervision by a government agency.

(b) The offense occurs in or on the grounds of a local correctional facility, the victim of the offense is an employee of the local correctional facility or a probation department or is on the premises of the facility for business purposes or as a visitor, and the offense is committed by a person who is under custody in the facility subsequent to the person's arrest for any crime or delinquent act, subsequent to the person's being charged with or convicted of any crime, or subsequent to the person's being alleged to be or adjudicated a delinquent child.

(c) The offense occurs off the grounds of a state correctional institution and off the grounds of an institution of the department of youth services, the victim of the offense is an employee of the department of rehabilitation and correction, the department of youth services, or a probation department, the offense occurs during the employee's official work hours and while the employee is engaged in official work responsibilities, and the offense is committed by a person incarcerated in a state correctional institution or institutionalized in the department of youth services who temporarily is outside of the institution for any purpose, by a parolee, by an offender under transitional control, under a community control sanction, or on an escorted visit, by a person under post-release control, or by an offender under any other type of supervision by a government agency.

(d) The offense occurs off the grounds of a local correctional facility, the victim of the offense is an employee of the local correctional facility or a probation department, the offense occurs during the employee's official work hours and while the employee is engaged in official work responsibilities, and the offense is committed by a person who is under custody in the facility subsequent to the person's arrest for any crime or delinquent act, subsequent to the person being charged with or convicted of any crime, or subsequent to the person being alleged to be or adjudicated a delinquent child and who temporarily is outside of the facility for any purpose or by a parolee, by an offender under transitional control, under a community control sanction, or on an escorted visit, by a person under post-release control, or by an offender under any other type of supervision by a government agency.

(e) The victim of the offense is a school teacher or administrator or a school bus operator, and the offense occurs in a school, on school premises,

in a school building, on a school bus, or while the victim is outside of school premises or a school bus and is engaged in duties or official responsibilities associated with the victim's employment or position as a school teacher or administrator or a school bus operator, including, but not limited to, driving, accompanying, or chaperoning students at or on class or field trips, athletic events, or other school extracurricular activities or functions outside of school premises.

(3) If the victim of the offense is a peace officer or an investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation, a firefighter, or a person performing emergency medical service, while in the performance of their official duties, assault is a felony of the fourth degree.

(4) If the victim of the offense is a peace officer or an investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation and if the victim suffered serious physical harm as a result of the commission of the offense, assault is a felony of the fourth degree, and the court, pursuant to division (F) of section 2929.13 of the Revised Code, shall impose as a mandatory prison term one of the prison terms prescribed for a felony of the fourth degree that is at least twelve months in duration.

(5) If the victim of the offense is an officer or employee of a public children services agency or a private child placing agency and the offense relates to the officer's or employee's performance or anticipated performance of official responsibilities or duties, assault is either a felony of the fifth degree or, if the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to an offense of violence, the victim of that prior offense was an officer or employee of a public children services agency or private child placing agency, and that prior offense related to the officer's or employee's performance or anticipated performance of official responsibilities or duties, a felony of the fourth degree.

(6) If an offender who is convicted of or pleads guilty to assault when it is a misdemeanor also is convicted of or pleads guilty to a specification as described in section 2941.1423 of the Revised Code that was included in the indictment, count in the indictment, or information charging the offense, the court shall sentence the offender to a mandatory jail term as provided in division (G) of section 2929.24 of the Revised Code.

If an offender who is convicted of or pleads guilty to assault when it is a felony also is convicted of or pleads guilty to a specification as described in section 2941.1423 of the Revised Code that was included in the indictment, count in the indictment, or information charging the offense, except as otherwise provided in division (C)(4) of this section, the court shall sentence the offender to a mandatory prison term as provided in division (B)(8) of

section 2929.14 of the Revised Code.

(D) As used in this section:

(1) "Peace officer" has the same meaning as in section 2935.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Firefighter" has the same meaning as in section 3937.41 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Emergency medical service" has the same meaning as in section 4765.01 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Local correctional facility" means a county, multicounty, municipal, municipal-county, or multicounty-municipal jail or workhouse, a minimum security jail established under section 341.23 or 753.21 of the Revised Code, or another county, multicounty, municipal, municipal-county, or multicounty-municipal facility used for the custody of persons arrested for any crime or delinquent act, persons charged with or convicted of any crime, or persons alleged to be or adjudicated a delinquent child.

(5) "Employee of a local correctional facility" means a person who is an employee of the political subdivision or of one or more of the affiliated political subdivisions that operates the local correctional facility and who operates or assists in the operation of the facility.

(6) "School teacher or administrator" means either of the following:

(a) A person who is employed in the public schools of the state under a contract described in section 3311.77 or 3319.08 of the Revised Code in a position in which the person is required to have a certificate issued pursuant to sections 3319.22 to 3319.311 of the Revised Code.

(b) A person who is employed by a nonpublic school for which the state board of education prescribes minimum standards under section 3301.07 of the Revised Code and who is certificated in accordance with section 3301.071 of the Revised Code.

(7) "Community control sanction" has the same meaning as in section 2929.01 of the Revised Code.

(8) "Escorted visit" means an escorted visit granted under section 2967.27 of the Revised Code.

(9) "Post-release control" and "transitional control" have the same meanings as in section 2967.01 of the Revised Code.

(10) "Investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation" has the same meaning as in section 2903.11 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 2921.02. (A) No person, with purpose to corrupt a public servant or party official, or improperly to influence ~~him~~ a public servant or party

official with respect to the discharge of ~~his~~ the public servant's or party official's duty, whether before or after ~~he~~ the public servant or party official is elected, appointed, qualified, employed, summoned, or sworn, shall promise, offer, or give any valuable thing or valuable benefit.

(B) No person, either before or after ~~he~~ the person is elected, appointed, qualified, employed, summoned, or sworn as a public servant or party official, shall knowingly solicit or accept for ~~himself~~ self or another person any valuable thing or valuable benefit to corrupt or improperly influence ~~him~~ the person or another public servant or party official with respect to the discharge of ~~his~~ the person's or the other public servant's or party official's duty.

(C) No person, with purpose to corrupt a witness or improperly to influence ~~him~~ a witness with respect to ~~his~~ the witness's testimony in an official proceeding, either before or after ~~he~~ the witness is subpoenaed or sworn, shall promise, offer, or give ~~him~~ the witness or another person any valuable thing or valuable benefit.

(D) No person, either before or after ~~he~~ the person is subpoenaed or sworn as a witness, shall knowingly solicit or accept for ~~himself~~ self or another person any valuable thing or valuable benefit to corrupt or improperly influence ~~him~~ self or another person with respect to ~~his~~ testimony given in an official proceeding.

(E) No person, with purpose to corrupt a director, officer, or employee of a municipal school district transformation alliance established under section 3311.86 of the Revised Code, or improperly to influence a director, officer, or employee of a municipal school district transformation alliance with respect to the discharge of the director's, officer's, or employee's duties, whether before or after the director, officer, or employee is appointed or employed, shall promise, offer, or give the director, officer, or employee any valuable thing or valuable benefit.

(F) No person, either before or after the person is appointed or employed as a director, officer, or employee of a municipal school district transformation alliance established under section 3311.86 of the Revised Code, shall knowingly solicit or accept for self or another person any valuable thing or valuable benefit to corrupt or improperly influence the person or another director, officer, or employee of a municipal school district transformation alliance with respect to the discharge of the person's or other director's, officer's, or employee's duties.

(G) Whoever violates this section is guilty of bribery, a felony of the third degree.

~~(F)~~(H) A public servant or party official, or director, officer, or

employee of a municipal school district transformation alliance established under section 3311.86 of the Revised Code, who is convicted of bribery is forever disqualified from holding any public office, employment, or position of trust in this state.

Sec. 3302.03. (A) Annually the department of education shall report for each school district and each school building in a district all of the following:

(1) The extent to which the school district or building meets each of the applicable performance indicators created by the state board of education under section 3302.02 of the Revised Code and the number of applicable performance indicators that have been achieved;

(2) The performance index score of the school district or building;

(3) Whether the school district or building has made adequate yearly progress;

(4) Whether the school district or building is excellent, effective, needs continuous improvement, is under an academic watch, or is in a state of academic emergency.

(B) Except as otherwise provided in division (B)(6) of this section:

(1) A school district or building shall be declared excellent if it meets at least ninety-four per cent of the applicable state performance indicators or has a performance index score established by the department, except that if it does not make adequate yearly progress for two or more of the same subgroups for three or more consecutive years, it shall be declared effective.

(2) A school district or building shall be declared effective if it meets at least seventy-five per cent but less than ninety-four per cent of the applicable state performance indicators or has a performance index score established by the department, except that if it does not make adequate yearly progress for two or more of the same subgroups for three or more consecutive years, it shall be declared in need of continuous improvement.

(3) A school district or building shall be declared to be in need of continuous improvement if it fulfills one of the following requirements:

(a) It makes adequate yearly progress, meets less than seventy-five per cent of the applicable state performance indicators, and has a performance index score established by the department.

(b) It does not make adequate yearly progress and either meets at least fifty per cent but less than seventy-five per cent of the applicable state performance indicators or has a performance index score established by the department.

(4) A school district or building shall be declared to be under an academic watch if it does not make adequate yearly progress and either

meets at least thirty-one per cent but less than fifty per cent of the applicable state performance indicators or has a performance index score established by the department.

(5) A school district or building shall be declared to be in a state of academic emergency if it does not make adequate yearly progress, does not meet at least thirty-one per cent of the applicable state performance indicators, and has a performance index score established by the department.

(6) Division (B)(6) of this section does not apply to any community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code in which a majority of the students are enrolled in a dropout prevention and recovery program.

A school district or building shall not be assigned a higher performance rating than in need of continuous improvement if at least ten per cent but not more than fifteen per cent of the enrolled students do not take all achievement assessments prescribed for their grade level under division (A)(1) or (B)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code from which they are not excused pursuant to division (C)(1) or (3) of section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code. A school district or building shall not be assigned a higher performance rating than under an academic watch if more than fifteen per cent but not more than twenty per cent of the enrolled students do not take all achievement assessments prescribed for their grade level under division (A)(1) or (B)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code from which they are not excused pursuant to division (C)(1) or (3) of section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code. A school district or building shall not be assigned a higher performance rating than in a state of academic emergency if more than twenty per cent of the enrolled students do not take all achievement assessments prescribed for their grade level under division (A)(1) or (B)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code from which they are not excused pursuant to division (C)(1) or (3) of section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code.

(C)(1) The department shall issue annual report cards for each school district, each building within each district, and for the state as a whole reflecting performance on the indicators created by the state board under section 3302.02 of the Revised Code, the performance index score, and adequate yearly progress.

(2) The department shall include on the report card for each district information pertaining to any change from the previous year made by the school district or school buildings within the district on any performance indicator.

(3) When reporting data on student performance, the department shall

disaggregate that data according to the following categories:

- (a) Performance of students by age group;
- (b) Performance of students by race and ethnic group;
- (c) Performance of students by gender;
- (d) Performance of students grouped by those who have been enrolled in a district or school for three or more years;
- (e) Performance of students grouped by those who have been enrolled in a district or school for more than one year and less than three years;
- (f) Performance of students grouped by those who have been enrolled in a district or school for one year or less;
- (g) Performance of students grouped by those who are economically disadvantaged;
- (h) Performance of students grouped by those who are enrolled in a conversion community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code;
- (i) Performance of students grouped by those who are classified as limited English proficient;
- (j) Performance of students grouped by those who have disabilities;
- (k) Performance of students grouped by those who are classified as migrants;
- (l) Performance of students grouped by those who are identified as gifted pursuant to Chapter 3324. of the Revised Code.

The department may disaggregate data on student performance according to other categories that the department determines are appropriate. To the extent possible, the department shall disaggregate data on student performance according to any combinations of two or more of the categories listed in divisions (C)(3)(a) to (l) of this section that it deems relevant.

In reporting data pursuant to division (C)(3) of this section, the department shall not include in the report cards any data statistical in nature that is statistically unreliable or that could result in the identification of individual students. For this purpose, the department shall not report student performance data for any group identified in division (C)(3) of this section that contains less than ten students.

(4) The department may include with the report cards any additional education and fiscal performance data it deems valuable.

(5) The department shall include on each report card a list of additional information collected by the department that is available regarding the district or building for which the report card is issued. When available, such additional information shall include student mobility data disaggregated by race and socioeconomic status, college enrollment data, and the reports

prepared under section 3302.031 of the Revised Code.

The department shall maintain a site on the world wide web. The report card shall include the address of the site and shall specify that such additional information is available to the public at that site. The department shall also provide a copy of each item on the list to the superintendent of each school district. The district superintendent shall provide a copy of any item on the list to anyone who requests it.

~~(6)(a) This division~~ Division (C)(6) of this section does not apply to conversion community schools that primarily enroll students between sixteen and twenty-two years of age who dropped out of high school or are at risk of dropping out of high school due to poor attendance, disciplinary problems, or suspensions.

(a) For any district that sponsors a conversion community school under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, the department shall combine data regarding the academic performance of students enrolled in the community school with comparable data from the schools of the district for the purpose of calculating the performance of the district as a whole on the report card issued for the district.

(b) Any district that leases a building to a community school located in the district or that enters into an agreement with a community school located in the district whereby the district and the school endorse each other's programs may elect to have data regarding the academic performance of students enrolled in the community school combined with comparable data from the schools of the district for the purpose of calculating the performance of the district as a whole on the district report card. Any district that so elects shall annually file a copy of the lease or agreement with the department.

(c) Any municipal school district, as defined in section 3311.71 of the Revised Code, that sponsors a community school located within the district's territory, or that enters into an agreement with a community school located within the district's territory whereby the district and the community school endorse each other's programs, may exercise either or both of the following elections:

(i) To have data regarding the academic performance of students enrolled in that community school combined with comparable data from the schools of the district for the purpose of calculating the performance of the district as a whole on the district's report card;

(ii) To have the number of students attending that community school noted separately on the district's report card.

The election authorized under division (C)(6)(c)(i) of this section is

subject to approval by the governing authority of the community school.

Any municipal school district that exercises an election to combine or include data under division (C)(6)(c) of this section, by the first day of October of each year, shall file with the department documentation indicating eligibility for that election, as required by the department.

(7) The department shall include on each report card the percentage of teachers in the district or building who are highly qualified, as defined by the "No Child Left Behind Act of 2001," and a comparison of that percentage with the percentages of such teachers in similar districts and buildings.

(8) The department shall include on the report card the number of lead teachers employed by each district and each building once the data is available from the education management information system established under section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code.

(D)(1) In calculating English language arts, mathematics, social studies, or science assessment passage rates used to determine school district or building performance under this section, the department shall include all students taking an assessment with accommodation or to whom an alternate assessment is administered pursuant to division (C)(1) or (3) of section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code.

(2) In calculating performance index scores, rates of achievement on the performance indicators established by the state board under section 3302.02 of the Revised Code, and adequate yearly progress for school districts and buildings under this section, the department shall do all of the following:

(a) Include for each district or building only those students who are included in the ADM certified for the first full school week of October and are continuously enrolled in the district or building through the time of the spring administration of any assessment prescribed by division (A)(1) or (B)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code that is administered to the student's grade level;

(b) Include cumulative totals from both the fall and spring administrations of the third grade English language arts achievement assessment;

(c) Except as required by the "No Child Left Behind Act of 2001" for the calculation of adequate yearly progress, exclude for each district or building any limited English proficient student who has been enrolled in United States schools for less than one full school year.

Sec. 3302.04. (A) The department of education shall establish a system of intensive, ongoing support for the improvement of school districts and school buildings. In accordance with the model of differentiated

accountability described in section 3302.041 of the Revised Code, the system shall give priority to districts and buildings that have been declared to be under an academic watch or in a state of academic emergency under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code and shall include services provided to districts and buildings through regional service providers, such as educational service centers.

(B) This division does not apply to any school district after June 30, 2008.

When a school district has been notified by the department pursuant to division (A) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code that the district or a building within the district has failed to make adequate yearly progress for two consecutive school years, the district shall develop a three-year continuous improvement plan for the district or building containing each of the following:

(1) An analysis of the reasons for the failure of the district or building to meet any of the applicable performance indicators established under section 3302.02 of the Revised Code that it did not meet and an analysis of the reasons for its failure to make adequate yearly progress;

(2) Specific strategies that the district or building will use to address the problems in academic achievement identified in division (B)(1) of this section;

(3) Identification of the resources that the district will allocate toward improving the academic achievement of the district or building;

(4) A description of any progress that the district or building made in the preceding year toward improving its academic achievement;

(5) An analysis of how the district is utilizing the professional development standards adopted by the state board pursuant to section 3319.61 of the Revised Code;

(6) Strategies that the district or building will use to improve the cultural competency, as defined pursuant to section 3319.61 of the Revised Code, of teachers and other educators.

No three-year continuous improvement plan shall be developed or adopted pursuant to this division unless at least one public hearing is held within the affected school district or building concerning the final draft of the plan. Notice of the hearing shall be given two weeks prior to the hearing by publication in one newspaper of general circulation within the territory of the affected school district or building. Copies of the plan shall be made available to the public.

(C) When a school district or building has been notified by the department pursuant to division (A) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code

that the district or building is under an academic watch or in a state of academic emergency, the district or building shall be subject to any rules establishing intervention in academic watch or emergency school districts or buildings.

(D)(1) Within one hundred twenty days after any school district or building is declared to be in a state of academic emergency under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code, the department may initiate a site evaluation of the building or school district.

(2) Division (D)(2) of this section does not apply to any school district after June 30, 2008.

If any school district that is declared to be in a state of academic emergency or in a state of academic watch under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code or encompasses a building that is declared to be in a state of academic emergency or in a state of academic watch fails to demonstrate to the department satisfactory improvement of the district or applicable buildings or fails to submit to the department any information required under rules established by the state board of education, prior to approving a three-year continuous improvement plan under rules established by the state board of education, the department shall conduct a site evaluation of the school district or applicable buildings to determine whether the school district is in compliance with minimum standards established by law or rule.

(3) Site evaluations conducted under divisions (D)(1) and (2) of this section shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(a) Determining whether teachers are assigned to subject areas for which they are licensed or certified;

(b) Determining pupil-teacher ratios;

(c) Examination of compliance with minimum instruction time requirements for each school day and for each school year;

(d) Determining whether materials and equipment necessary to implement the curriculum approved by the school district board are available;

(e) Examination of whether the teacher and principal evaluation systems comply with sections 3311.80, 3311.84, 3319.02, and 3319.111 of the Revised Code;

(f) Examination of the adequacy of efforts to improve the cultural competency, as defined pursuant to section 3319.61 of the Revised Code, of teachers and other educators.

(E) This division applies only to school districts that operate a school building that fails to make adequate yearly progress for two or more consecutive school years. It does not apply to any such district after June 30,

2008, except as provided in division (D)(2) of section 3313.97 of the Revised Code.

(1) For any school building that fails to make adequate yearly progress for two consecutive school years, the district shall do all of the following:

(a) Provide written notification of the academic issues that resulted in the building's failure to make adequate yearly progress to the parent or guardian of each student enrolled in the building. The notification shall also describe the actions being taken by the district or building to improve the academic performance of the building and any progress achieved toward that goal in the immediately preceding school year.

(b) If the building receives funds under Title 1, Part A of the "Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965," 20 U.S.C. 6311 to 6339, from the district, in accordance with section 3313.97 of the Revised Code, offer all students enrolled in the building the opportunity to enroll in an alternative building within the district that is not in school improvement status as defined by the "No Child Left Behind Act of 2001." Notwithstanding Chapter 3327. of the Revised Code, the district shall spend an amount equal to twenty per cent of the funds it receives under Title I, Part A of the "Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965," 20 U.S.C. 6311 to 6339, to provide transportation for students who enroll in alternative buildings under this division, unless the district can satisfy all demand for transportation with a lesser amount. If an amount equal to twenty per cent of the funds the district receives under Title I, Part A of the "Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965," 20 U.S.C. 6311 to 6339, is insufficient to satisfy all demand for transportation, the district shall grant priority over all other students to the lowest achieving students among the subgroup described in division (B)(3) of section 3302.01 of the Revised Code in providing transportation. Any district that does not receive funds under Title I, Part A of the "Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965," 20 U.S.C. 6311 to 6339, shall not be required to provide transportation to any student who enrolls in an alternative building under this division.

(2) For any school building that fails to make adequate yearly progress for three consecutive school years, the district shall do both of the following:

(a) If the building receives funds under Title 1, Part A of the "Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965," 20 U.S.C. 6311 to 6339, from the district, in accordance with section 3313.97 of the Revised Code, provide all students enrolled in the building the opportunity to enroll in an alternative building within the district that is not in school improvement status as defined by the "No Child Left Behind Act of 2001."

Notwithstanding Chapter 3327. of the Revised Code, the district shall provide transportation for students who enroll in alternative buildings under this division to the extent required under division (E)(2) of this section.

(b) If the building receives funds under Title I, Part A of the "Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965," 20 U.S.C. 6311 to 6339, from the district, offer supplemental educational services to students who are enrolled in the building and who are in the subgroup described in division (B)(3) of section 3302.01 of the Revised Code.

The district shall spend a combined total of an amount equal to twenty per cent of the funds it receives under Title I, Part A of the "Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965," 20 U.S.C. 6311 to 6339, to provide transportation for students who enroll in alternative buildings under division (E)(1)(b) or (E)(2)(a) of this section and to pay the costs of the supplemental educational services provided to students under division (E)(2)(b) of this section, unless the district can satisfy all demand for transportation and pay the costs of supplemental educational services for those students who request them with a lesser amount. In allocating funds between the requirements of divisions (E)(1)(b) and (E)(2)(a) and (b) of this section, the district shall spend at least an amount equal to five per cent of the funds it receives under Title I, Part A of the "Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965," 20 U.S.C. 6311 to 6339, to provide transportation for students who enroll in alternative buildings under division (E)(1)(b) or (E)(2)(a) of this section, unless the district can satisfy all demand for transportation with a lesser amount, and at least an amount equal to five per cent of the funds it receives under Title I, Part A of the "Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965," 20 U.S.C. 6311 to 6339, to pay the costs of the supplemental educational services provided to students under division (E)(2)(b) of this section, unless the district can pay the costs of such services for all students requesting them with a lesser amount. If an amount equal to twenty per cent of the funds the district receives under Title I, Part A of the "Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965," 20 U.S.C. 6311 to 6339, is insufficient to satisfy all demand for transportation under divisions (E)(1)(b) and (E)(2)(a) of this section and to pay the costs of all of the supplemental educational services provided to students under division (E)(2)(b) of this section, the district shall grant priority over all other students in providing transportation and in paying the costs of supplemental educational services to the lowest achieving students among the subgroup described in division (B)(3) of section 3302.01 of the Revised Code.

Any district that does not receive funds under Title I, Part A of the "Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965," 20 U.S.C. 6311 to

6339, shall not be required to provide transportation to any student who enrolls in an alternative building under division (E)(2)(a) of this section or to pay the costs of supplemental educational services provided to any student under division (E)(2)(b) of this section.

No student who enrolls in an alternative building under division (E)(2)(a) of this section shall be eligible for supplemental educational services under division (E)(2)(b) of this section.

(3) For any school building that fails to make adequate yearly progress for four consecutive school years, the district shall continue to comply with division (E)(2) of this section and shall implement at least one of the following options with respect to the building:

(a) Institute a new curriculum that is consistent with the statewide academic standards adopted pursuant to division (A) of section 3301.079 of the Revised Code;

(b) Decrease the degree of authority the building has to manage its internal operations;

(c) Appoint an outside expert to make recommendations for improving the academic performance of the building. The district may request the department to establish a state intervention team for this purpose pursuant to division (G) of this section.

(d) Extend the length of the school day or year;

(e) Replace the building principal or other key personnel;

(f) Reorganize the administrative structure of the building.

(4) For any school building that fails to make adequate yearly progress for five consecutive school years, the district shall continue to comply with division (E)(2) of this section and shall develop a plan during the next succeeding school year to improve the academic performance of the building, which shall include at least one of the following options:

(a) Reopen the school as a community school under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code;

(b) Replace personnel;

(c) Contract with a nonprofit or for-profit entity to operate the building;

(d) Turn operation of the building over to the department;

(e) Other significant restructuring of the building's governance.

(5) For any school building that fails to make adequate yearly progress for six consecutive school years, the district shall continue to comply with division (E)(2) of this section and shall implement the plan developed pursuant to division (E)(4) of this section.

(6) A district shall continue to comply with division (E)(1)(b) or (E)(2) of this section, whichever was most recently applicable, with respect to any

building formerly subject to one of those divisions until the building makes adequate yearly progress for two consecutive school years.

(F) This division applies only to school districts that have been identified for improvement by the department pursuant to the "No Child Left Behind Act of 2001." It does not apply to any such district after June 30, 2008.

(1) If a school district has been identified for improvement for one school year, the district shall provide a written description of the continuous improvement plan developed by the district pursuant to division (B) of this section to the parent or guardian of each student enrolled in the district. If the district does not have a continuous improvement plan, the district shall develop such a plan in accordance with division (B) of this section and provide a written description of the plan to the parent or guardian of each student enrolled in the district.

(2) If a school district has been identified for improvement for two consecutive school years, the district shall continue to implement the continuous improvement plan developed by the district pursuant to division (B) or (F)(1) of this section.

(3) If a school district has been identified for improvement for three consecutive school years, the department shall take at least one of the following corrective actions with respect to the district:

(a) Withhold a portion of the funds the district is entitled to receive under Title I, Part A of the "Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965," 20 U.S.C. 6311 to 6339;

(b) Direct the district to replace key district personnel;

(c) Institute a new curriculum that is consistent with the statewide academic standards adopted pursuant to division (A) of section 3301.079 of the Revised Code;

(d) Establish alternative forms of governance for individual school buildings within the district;

(e) Appoint a trustee to manage the district in place of the district superintendent and board of education.

The department shall conduct individual audits of a sampling of districts subject to this division to determine compliance with the corrective actions taken by the department.

(4) If a school district has been identified for improvement for four consecutive school years, the department shall continue to monitor implementation of the corrective action taken under division (F)(3) of this section with respect to the district.

(5) If a school district has been identified for improvement for five

consecutive school years, the department shall take at least one of the corrective actions identified in division (F)(3) of this section with respect to the district, provided that the corrective action the department takes is different from the corrective action previously taken under division (F)(3) of this section with respect to the district.

(G) The department may establish a state intervention team to evaluate all aspects of a school district or building, including management, curriculum, instructional methods, resource allocation, and scheduling. Any such intervention team shall be appointed by the department and shall include teachers and administrators recognized as outstanding in their fields. The intervention team shall make recommendations regarding methods for improving the performance of the district or building.

The department shall not approve a district's request for an intervention team under division (E)(3) of this section if the department cannot adequately fund the work of the team, unless the district agrees to pay for the expenses of the team.

(H) The department shall conduct individual audits of a sampling of community schools established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code to determine compliance with this section.

(I) The state board shall adopt rules for implementing this section.

Sec. 3302.061. (A) A school district board of education shall review each application received under section 3302.06 of the Revised Code and, within sixty days after receipt of the application, shall approve or disapprove the application. In reviewing applications, the board shall give preference to applications that propose innovations in one or more of the following areas:

- (1) Curriculum;
- (2) Student assessments, other than the assessments prescribed by sections 3301.0710 and 3301.0712 of the Revised Code;
- (3) Class scheduling;
- (4) Accountability measures, including innovations that expand the number and variety of measures used in order to collect more complete data about student academic performance. For this purpose, schools may consider use of measures such as end-of-course examinations, portfolios of student work, nationally or internationally normed assessments, the percentage of students enrolling in post-secondary education, or the percentage of students simultaneously obtaining a high school diploma and an associate's degree or certification to work in an industry or career field.

(5) Provision of student services, including services for students who are disabled, identified as gifted under Chapter 3324. of the Revised Code, limited English proficient, at risk of academic failure or dropping out, or at

risk of suspension or expulsion;

(6) Provision of health, counseling, or other social services to students;

(7) Preparation of students for transition to higher education or the workforce;

(8) Teacher recruitment, employment, and evaluation;

(9) Compensation for school personnel;

(10) Professional development;

(11) School governance and the roles and responsibilities of principals;

(12) Use of financial or other resources.

(B)(1) If the board approves an application seeking designation as an innovation school, it shall so designate the school that submitted the application. If the board approves an application seeking designation as an innovation school zone, it shall so designate the participating schools that submitted the application.

(2) If the board disapproves an application, it shall provide a written explanation of the basis for its decision to the school or schools that submitted the application. The school or schools may reapply for designation as an innovation school or innovation school zone at any time.

(C) The board may approve an application that allows an innovation school or a school participating in an innovation school zone to determine the compensation of board employees working in the school, but the total compensation for all such employees shall not exceed the financial resources allocated to the school by the board. The school shall not be required to comply with the salary schedule adopted by the board under section 3311.78, 3317.14, or 3317.141 of the Revised Code. The board may approve an application that allows an innovation school or a school participating in an innovation school zone to remove board employees from the school, but no employee shall be terminated except as provided in section 3311.82, 3319.081, or 3319.16 of the Revised Code.

(D) The board may do either of the following at any time:

(1) Designate a school as an innovation school by creating an innovation plan for that school and offering the school an opportunity to participate in the plan's creation;

(2) Designate as an innovation school zone two or more schools that share common interests based on factors such as geographical proximity or similar educational programs or that serve the same classes of students as they advance to higher grade levels, by creating an innovation plan for those schools and offering the schools an opportunity to participate in the plan's creation.

Sec. 3307.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) "Employer" means the board of education, school district, governing authority of any community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code, college, university, institution, or other agency within the state by which a teacher is employed and paid.

(B) "Teacher" means all of the following:

(1) Any person paid from public funds and employed in the public schools of the state under any type of contract described in section 3311.77 or 3319.08 of the Revised Code in a position for which the person is required to have a license issued pursuant to sections 3319.22 to 3319.31 of the Revised Code;

(2) Any person employed as a teacher by a community school or a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school pursuant to Chapter 3314. or 3326. of the Revised Code;

(3) Any person having a license issued pursuant to sections 3319.22 to 3319.31 of the Revised Code and employed in a public school in this state in an educational position, as determined by the state board of education, under programs provided for by federal acts or regulations and financed in whole or in part from federal funds, but for which no licensure requirements for the position can be made under the provisions of such federal acts or regulations;

(4) Any other teacher or faculty member employed in any school, college, university, institution, or other agency wholly controlled and managed, and supported in whole or in part, by the state or any political subdivision thereof, including Central state university, Cleveland state university, and the university of Toledo;

(5) The educational employees of the department of education, as determined by the state superintendent of public instruction.

In all cases of doubt, the state teachers retirement board shall determine whether any person is a teacher, and its decision shall be final.

"Teacher" does not include any eligible employee of a public institution of higher education, as defined in section 3305.01 of the Revised Code, who elects to participate in an alternative retirement plan established under Chapter 3305. of the Revised Code.

(C) "Member" means any person included in the membership of the state teachers retirement system, which shall consist of all teachers and contributors as defined in divisions (B) and (D) of this section and all disability benefit recipients, as defined in section 3307.50 of the Revised Code. However, for purposes of this chapter, the following persons shall not

be considered members:

(1) A student, intern, or resident who is not a member while employed part-time by a school, college, or university at which the student, intern, or resident is regularly attending classes;

(2) A person denied membership pursuant to section 3307.24 of the Revised Code;

(3) An other system retirant, as defined in section 3307.35 of the Revised Code, or a superannuate;

(4) An individual employed in a program established pursuant to the "Job Training Partnership Act," 96 Stat. 1322 (1982), 29 U.S.C.A. 1501.

(D) "Contributor" means any person who has an account in the teachers' savings fund or defined contribution fund.

(E) "Beneficiary" means any person eligible to receive, or in receipt of, a retirement allowance or other benefit provided by this chapter.

(F) "Year" means the year beginning the first day of July and ending with the thirtieth day of June next following, except that for the purpose of determining final average salary under the plan described in sections 3307.50 to 3307.79 of the Revised Code, "year" may mean the contract year.

(G) "Local district pension system" means any school teachers pension fund created in any school district of the state in accordance with the laws of the state prior to September 1, 1920.

(H) "Employer contribution" means the amount paid by an employer, as determined by the employer rate, including the normal and deficiency rates, contributions, and funds wherever used in this chapter.

(I) "Five years of service credit" means employment covered under this chapter and employment covered under a former retirement plan operated, recognized, or endorsed by a college, institute, university, or political subdivision of this state prior to coverage under this chapter.

(J) "Actuary" means the actuarial consultant to the state teachers retirement board, who shall be either of the following:

(1) A member of the American academy of actuaries;

(2) A firm, partnership, or corporation of which at least one person is a member of the American academy of actuaries.

(K) "Fiduciary" means a person who does any of the following:

(1) Exercises any discretionary authority or control with respect to the management of the system, or with respect to the management or disposition of its assets;

(2) Renders investment advice for a fee, direct or indirect, with respect to money or property of the system;

(3) Has any discretionary authority or responsibility in the administration of the system.

(L)(1) Except as provided in this division, "compensation" means all salary, wages, and other earnings paid to a teacher by reason of the teacher's employment, including compensation paid pursuant to a supplemental contract. The salary, wages, and other earnings shall be determined prior to determination of the amount required to be contributed to the teachers' savings fund or defined contribution fund under section 3307.26 of the Revised Code and without regard to whether any of the salary, wages, or other earnings are treated as deferred income for federal income tax purposes.

(2) Compensation does not include any of the following:

(a) Payments for accrued but unused sick leave or personal leave, including payments made under a plan established pursuant to section 124.39 of the Revised Code or any other plan established by the employer;

(b) Payments made for accrued but unused vacation leave, including payments made pursuant to section 124.13 of the Revised Code or a plan established by the employer;

(c) Payments made for vacation pay covering concurrent periods for which other salary, compensation, or benefits under this chapter are paid;

(d) Amounts paid by the employer to provide life insurance, sickness, accident, endowment, health, medical, hospital, dental, or surgical coverage, or other insurance for the teacher or the teacher's family, or amounts paid by the employer to the teacher in lieu of providing the insurance;

(e) Incidental benefits, including lodging, food, laundry, parking, or services furnished by the employer, use of the employer's property or equipment, and reimbursement for job-related expenses authorized by the employer, including moving and travel expenses and expenses related to professional development;

(f) Payments made by the employer in exchange for a member's waiver of a right to receive any payment, amount, or benefit described in division (L)(2) of this section;

(g) Payments by the employer for services not actually rendered;

(h) Any amount paid by the employer as a retroactive increase in salary, wages, or other earnings, unless the increase is one of the following:

(i) A retroactive increase paid to a member employed by a school district board of education in a position that requires a license designated for teaching and not designated for being an administrator issued under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code that is paid in accordance with uniform criteria applicable to all members employed by the board in positions requiring the

licenses;

(ii) A retroactive increase paid to a member employed by a school district board of education in a position that requires a license designated for being an administrator issued under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code that is paid in accordance with uniform criteria applicable to all members employed by the board in positions requiring the licenses;

(iii) A retroactive increase paid to a member employed by a school district board of education as a superintendent that is also paid as described in division (L)(2)(h)(i) of this section;

(iv) A retroactive increase paid to a member employed by an employer other than a school district board of education in accordance with uniform criteria applicable to all members employed by the employer.

(i) Payments made to or on behalf of a teacher that are in excess of the annual compensation that may be taken into account by the retirement system under division (a)(17) of section 401 of the "Internal Revenue Code of 1986," 100 Stat. 2085, 26 U.S.C.A. 401(a)(17), as amended. For a teacher who first establishes membership before July 1, 1996, the annual compensation that may be taken into account by the retirement system shall be determined under division (d)(3) of section 13212 of the "Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993," Pub. L. No. 103-66, 107 Stat. 472.

(j) Payments made under division (B), (C), or (E) of section 5923.05 of the Revised Code, Section 4 of Substitute Senate Bill No. 3 of the 119th general assembly, Section 3 of Amended Substitute Senate Bill No. 164 of the 124th general assembly, or Amended Substitute House Bill No. 405 of the 124th general assembly;

(k) Anything of value received by the teacher that is based on or attributable to retirement or an agreement to retire.

(3) The retirement board shall determine by rule both of the following:

(a) Whether particular forms of earnings are included in any of the categories enumerated in this division;

(b) Whether any form of earnings not enumerated in this division is to be included in compensation.

Decisions of the board made under this division shall be final.

(M) "Superannuate" means both of the following:

(1) A former teacher receiving from the system a retirement allowance under section 3307.58 or 3307.59 of the Revised Code;

(2) A former teacher receiving a benefit from the system under a plan established under section 3307.81 of the Revised Code, except that "superannuate" does not include a former teacher who is receiving a benefit based on disability under a plan established under section 3307.81 of the

Revised Code.

For purposes of sections 3307.35 and 3307.353 of the Revised Code, "superannuate" also means a former teacher receiving from the system a combined service retirement benefit paid in accordance with section 3307.57 of the Revised Code, regardless of which retirement system is paying the benefit.

Sec. 3311.71. (A) As used in this section and in sections 3311.72 to ~~3311.76~~ 3311.87 of the Revised Code:

(1) "Municipal school district" means a school district that is or has ever been under a federal court order requiring supervision and operational, fiscal, and personnel management of the district by the state superintendent of public instruction.

(2) "Mayor" means the mayor of the municipal corporation containing the greatest portion of a municipal school district's territory.

(B) Whenever any municipal school district is released by a federal court from an order requiring supervision and operational, fiscal, and personnel management of the district by the state superintendent, the management and control of that district shall be assumed, effective immediately, by a new nine-member board of education. Members of the new board shall be appointed by the mayor, who shall also designate one member as the chairperson of the board. In addition to the rights, authority, and duties conferred upon the chairperson by sections 3311.71 to ~~3311.76~~ 3311.87 of the Revised Code, the chairperson shall have all the rights, authority, and duties conferred upon the president of a board of education by the Revised Code that are not inconsistent with sections 3311.71 to ~~3311.76~~ 3311.87 of the Revised Code.

(C) No school board member shall be appointed by the mayor pursuant to division (B) of this section until the mayor has received a slate of at least eighteen candidates nominated by a municipal school district nominating panel, at least three of whom reside in the municipal school district but not in the municipal corporation containing the greatest portion of the district's territory. The municipal school district nominating panel shall be initially convened and chaired by the state superintendent of public instruction, who shall serve as a nonvoting member for the first two years of the panel's existence, and shall consist of eleven persons selected as follows:

- (1) Three parents or guardians of children attending the schools of the municipal school district appointed by the district parent-teacher association, or similar organization selected by the state superintendent;
- (2) Three persons appointed by the mayor;
- (3) One person appointed by the president of the legislative body of the

municipal corporation containing the greatest portion of the municipal school district's territory;

(4) One teacher appointed by the collective bargaining representative of the school district's teachers;

(5) One principal appointed through a vote of the school district's principals, which vote shall be conducted by the state superintendent;

(6) One representative of the business community appointed by an organized collective business entity selected by the mayor;

(7) One president of a public or private institution of higher education located within the municipal school district appointed by the state superintendent of public instruction.

The municipal school district nominating panel shall select one of its members as its chairperson commencing two years after the date of the first meeting of the panel, at which time the state superintendent of public instruction shall no longer convene or chair the panel. Thereafter, the panel shall meet as necessary to make nominations at the call of the chairperson. All members of the panel shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority. Vacancies on the panel shall be filled in the same manner as the initial appointments.

(D) No individual shall be appointed by the mayor pursuant to division (B) or (F) of this section unless the individual has been nominated by the nominating panel, resides in the school district, and holds no elected public office. At any given time, four of the nine members appointed by the mayor to serve on the board pursuant to either division (B) or (F) of this section shall have displayed, prior to appointment, significant expertise in either the education field, finance, or business management. At all times at least one member of the board shall be an individual who resides in the municipal school district but not in the municipal corporation containing the greatest portion of the district's territory.

(E) The terms of office of all members appointed by the mayor pursuant to division (B) of this section shall expire on the next thirtieth day of June following the referendum election required by section 3311.73 of the Revised Code. The mayor may, with the advice and consent of the nominating panel, remove any member appointed pursuant to that division or division (F) of this section for cause.

(F) If the voters of the district approve the continuation of an appointed board at the referendum election required by section 3311.73 of the Revised Code, the mayor shall appoint the members of a new board from a slate prepared by the nominating panel in the same manner as the initial board was appointed pursuant to divisions (B), (C), and (D) of this section. Five of

the members of the new board shall be appointed to four-year terms and the other four shall be appointed to two-year terms, each term beginning on the first day of July. Thereafter, the mayor shall appoint members to four-year terms in the same manner as described in divisions (B), (C), and (D) of this section. The minimum number of individuals who shall be on the slate prepared by the nominating panel for this purpose shall be at least twice the number of members to be appointed, including at least two who reside in the municipal school district but not in the municipal corporation containing the greatest portion of the district's territory.

(G) In addition to the nine members appointed by the mayor, the boards appointed pursuant to divisions (B) and (F) of this section shall include the following nonvoting ex officio members:

(1) If the main campus of a state university specified in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code is located within the municipal school district, the president of the university or the president's designee;

(2) If any community college has its main branch located within the district, the president of the community college that has the largest main branch within the district, or the president's designee.

Sec. 3311.72. This section does not apply to any principal, assistant principal, or other administrator who is employed to perform administrative functions primarily within one school building.

(A) On the effective date of the assumption of control of a municipal school district by the new board of education pursuant to division (B) of section 3311.71 of the Revised Code, the treasurer, business manager, superintendent, assistant superintendents, and other administrators of the school district shall submit their resignations to the board. As used in this section, "other administrator" has the same meaning as in section 3319.02 of the Revised Code.

(B) Notwithstanding Chapter 3319. of the Revised Code:

(1) Until thirty months after the date of the assumption of control of a municipal school district by a board pursuant to division (B) of section 3311.71 of the Revised Code, the mayor shall appoint the chief executive officer and fill any vacancies occurring in that position.

(2) After the board appointed pursuant to division (B) of section 3311.71 of the Revised Code has been in control of a municipal school district for thirty months, the mayor shall appoint the chief executive officer and fill any vacancies occurring in that position, with the concurrence of the board.

(3) After the first date of the assumption of control of a municipal school district by a board pursuant to division (F) of section 3311.71 of the

Revised Code, the board shall appoint the chief executive officer and fill any vacancies occurring in that position, with the concurrence of the mayor.

(4) An individual appointed to the position of chief executive officer under division (B)(1), (2), or (3) of this section shall have a contract with the school district that includes such terms and conditions of employment as are agreeable to the board and the appointee, except that each such contract shall contain a provision stating that, unless the individual chooses to terminate the contract at a prior time:

(a) During the first thirty months after the date of the assumption of control of the municipal school district by the board pursuant to division (B) of section 3311.71 of the Revised Code, the individual will serve at the pleasure of the mayor;

(b) Beginning thirty months after the date of assumption of control, the individual will serve at the pleasure of the board, with the mayor's concurrence required for removal.

(C) The chief executive officer shall appoint a chief financial officer, a chief academic officer, a chief operating officer, and a chief communications officer and any other administrators for the district as the chief executive officer shall determine to be necessary. The chief executive officer shall also appoint ombudspersons who shall answer questions and seek to resolve problems and concerns raised by parents and guardians of children attending district schools. The chief executive officer shall appoint a sufficient number of ombudspersons to serve the needs of the parents and guardians.

A municipal school district is not required to have a superintendent appointed pursuant to section 3319.01 of the Revised Code or a treasurer elected pursuant to section 3313.22 of the Revised Code. In addition to the rights, authority, and duties conferred upon the chief executive officer and chief financial officer in sections 3311.71 to ~~3311.76~~ 3311.87 of the Revised Code, the chief executive officer and the chief financial officer shall have all of the rights, authority, and duties conferred upon the superintendent of a school district and the treasurer of a board of education, respectively, by the Revised Code that are not inconsistent with sections 3311.71 to ~~3311.76~~ 3311.87 of the Revised Code.

(D) Notwithstanding Chapters 124. and 3319. of the Revised Code, an individual appointed to an administrative position in a municipal school district by its chief executive officer shall have a contract with the school district that includes such terms and conditions of employment as are agreeable to the chief executive officer and the appointee, except that each such contract shall contain a provision stating that, unless the appointee

chooses to terminate the contract at a prior time, the appointee will serve at the pleasure of the chief executive officer.

(E) The chief executive officer shall also contract for or employ such consultants, counsel, or other outside parties as in the chief executive officer's reasonable judgment shall be necessary to design, implement, or evaluate the plan required by section 3311.74 of the Revised Code and to properly operate the school district, subject to appropriations by the board.

(F) Notwithstanding section 3301.074 and Chapter 3319. of the Revised Code, no person appointed under this section shall be required to hold any license, certificate, or permit.

Sec. 3311.74. (A) The board of education of a municipal school district, in consultation with the department of education, shall set goals for the district's educational, financial, and management progress and establish accountability standards with which to measure the district's progress.

(B)(1) The chief executive officer of a municipal school district shall develop, implement, and regularly update a plan to measure student academic performance at each school within the district. Where The plan developed by the chief executive officer shall include a component that requires the parents or guardians of students who attend the district's schools to attend, prior to the fifteenth day of December each year, at least one parent-teacher conference or similar event held by the school the student attends to provide an opportunity for the parents and guardians to meet the student's teachers, discuss expectations for the student, discuss the student's performance, and foster communication between home and school.

(2) Where measurements demonstrate that students in particular schools are not achieving, or are not improving their achievement levels at an acceptable rate, the plan shall contain provisions requiring the chief executive officer, with the concurrence of the board, to take corrective action within those schools, including, but not limited to, reallocation of academic and financial resources, reassignment of staff, redesign of academic ~~program~~, programs, adjusting the length of the school year or school day, and deploying additional assistance to students.

(3) Prior to taking corrective action pursuant to the plan, the chief executive officer shall first identify which schools are in need of corrective action, what corrective action is warranted at each school, and when the corrective action should be implemented. Collectively, these items shall be known as the "corrective plan." The corrective plan is not intended to be used as a cost savings measure; rather, it is intended to improve student performance at targeted schools.

Immediately after developing the corrective plan, the chief executive

officer and the presiding officer of each labor organization whose members will be affected by the corrective plan shall each appoint up to four individuals to form one or more corrective action teams. The corrective action teams, within the timelines set by the chief executive officer for implementation of the corrective plan, shall collaborate with the chief executive officer and, where there are overlapping or mutual concerns, with other corrective action teams to make recommendations to the chief executive officer on implementation of the corrective plan.

If the chief executive officer disagrees with all or part of the recommendations of a corrective action team, or if a corrective action team fails to make timely recommendations on the implementation of all or part of the corrective plan, the chief executive officer may implement the corrective plan in the manner in which the chief executive officer determines to be in the best interest of the students, consistent with the timelines originally established.

The chief executive officer and any corrective action team are not bound by the applicable provisions of collective bargaining agreements in developing recommendations for and implementing the corrective plan.

(4) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code, the content and implementation of the corrective plan prevail over any conflicting provision of a collective bargaining agreement entered into on or after the effective date of this amendment.

(C) Annually the chief executive officer shall issue a report to residents of the district that includes results of achievement measurements made under division (B)(1) of this section and delineates the nature of any reforms and corrective actions being taken in response to any failure to achieve at an acceptable level or rate. The report shall also contain descriptions of efforts undertaken to improve the overall quality or efficiency of operation of the district, shall list the source of all district revenues, and shall contain a description of all district expenditures during the preceding fiscal year.

(D) The chief executive officer shall implement a public awareness campaign to keep the parents and guardians of the district's students informed of the changes being implemented within the district. The campaign may include such methods as community forums, letters, and brochures. It shall include annual distribution to all parents and guardians of an information card specifying the names and business addresses and telephone numbers of the ombudspersons appointed under section 3311.72 of the Revised Code and other employees of the district board of education who may serve as information resources for parents and guardians.

Sec. 3311.741. (A) This section applies only to a municipal school

district in existence on July 1, 2012.

(B) Not later than December 1, 2012, the board of education of each municipal school district to which this section applies shall submit to the superintendent of public instruction an array of measures to be used in evaluating the performance of the district. The measures shall assess at least overall student achievement, student progress over time, the achievement and progress over time of each of the applicable categories of students described in division (C)(3) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code, and college and career readiness. The state superintendent shall approve or disapprove the measures by January 15, 2013. If the measures are disapproved, the state superintendent shall recommend modifications that will make the measures acceptable.

(C) Beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, the board annually shall establish goals for improvement on each of the measures approved under division (B) of this section. The school district's performance data for the 2011-2012 school year shall be used as a baseline for determining improvement.

(D) Not later than October 1, 2013, and by the first day of October each year thereafter, the board shall issue a report describing the school district's performance for the previous school year on each of the measures approved under division (B) of this section and whether the district has met each of the improvement goals established for that year under division (C) of this section. The board shall provide the report to the governor, the superintendent of public instruction, and, in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code, the general assembly.

(E) Not later than November 15, 2017, the superintendent of public instruction shall evaluate the school district's performance based on the measures approved under division (B) of this section and shall issue a report to the governor and general assembly.

Sec. 3311.742. (A) As used in this section, "partnering community school" means a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code that is located within the territory of a municipal school district and that either is sponsored by the district or is a party to an agreement with the district whereby the district and the community school endorse each other's programs.

(B) The board of education of each municipal school district and the governing authority of each partnering community school shall require each of its schools offering grades nine to twelve to establish a student advisory committee to make recommendations as prescribed in this division. The principal of the school and, if applicable, representatives of the teachers'

labor organization who are employed in the school shall determine the composition of the committee and the process for selecting committee members, which shall allow for all students enrolled in the school to be informed about, and involved in, member selection.

The committee shall make regular recommendations, but at least semiannually, regarding the following:

- (1) Strategies to improve teaching and learning at the school;
- (2) How to use technology in the classroom to engage students in the learning process;
- (3) Strategies to encourage high-achieving students to work with underperforming students to improve the school's academic culture and graduation rate;
- (4) Ways in which students may improve the behavior of other students and reduce incidents of bullying and other disruptive conduct;
- (5) Procedures for monitoring the progress of the changes implemented;
- (6) Any other issues requested by school personnel or the board or governing authority.

(C) The student advisory committee shall provide copies of its recommendations to the district chief executive officer, the school principal, and, if applicable, the person designated to be the representative of the teachers' labor organization for the school. The board or governing authority shall post the recommendations on the district's or school's web site.

Sec. 3311.751. Notwithstanding division (F) of section 5705.10 of the Revised Code, if a municipal school district board of education sells real property that it owns in its corporate capacity, moneys received from the sale may be paid into the general fund of the district, as long as all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- (A) The district has owned the real property for at least ten years.
- (B) The real property and any improvements to that real property were not acquired with the proceeds of public obligations, as defined in section 133.01 of the Revised Code, of the district that are outstanding at the time of the sale.
- (C) The deposit of those moneys in that manner is not prohibited by any agreements the district board has entered into with the Ohio school facilities commission.

Sec. 3311.76. (A) Notwithstanding Chapters 3302. and 3317. of the Revised Code, upon written request of the district chief executive officer, the state superintendent of public instruction may exempt a municipal school district from any rules adopted under Title XXXIII of the Revised Code except for any rule adopted under Chapter 3307. or 3309., sections

3319.07 to 3319.21, or Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code, and may authorize a municipal school district to apply funds allocated to the district under Chapter 3317. of the Revised Code, except those specifically allocated to purposes other than current expenses, to the payment of debt charges on the district's public obligations. The request must specify the provisions from which the district is seeking exemption or the application of funds requested and the reasons for the request. The state superintendent shall approve the request if the superintendent finds the requested exemption or application of funds is in the best interest of the district's students. The superintendent shall approve or disapprove the request within thirty days and shall notify the district board and the district chief executive officer of approval or reasons for disapproving the request.

(B) The board of education of a municipal school district may apply for an exemption from specific statutory provisions or rules under section 3302.07 of the Revised Code.

(C) In addition to the rights, authority, and duties conferred upon a municipal school district and its board of education in sections 3311.71 to 3311.76 3311.87 of the Revised Code, a municipal school district and its board shall have all of the rights, authority, and duties conferred upon a city school district and its board by law that are not inconsistent with sections 3311.71 to 3311.76 3311.87 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3311.77. Notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code to the contrary, and except as otherwise specified in division (G)(1) of this section, a municipal school district shall be subject to this section instead of section 3319.08 of the Revised Code. Section 3319.0811 of the Revised Code shall not apply to the district.

(A) The board of education of each municipal school district shall enter into written contracts for the employment and re-employment of all teachers. Contracts for the employment of teachers shall be of three types, limited contracts, extended limited contracts, and continuing contracts. If the board authorizes compensation in addition to the salary paid under section 3311.78 of the Revised Code for the performance of duties by a teacher that are in addition to the teacher's regular teaching duties, the board shall enter into a supplemental written contract with each teacher who is to perform additional duties. Such supplemental written contracts shall be limited contracts. Such written contracts and supplemental written contracts shall set forth the teacher's duties and shall specify the salaries and compensation to be paid for regular teaching duties and additional teaching duties, respectively.

If the board adopts a motion or resolution to employ a teacher under a

limited contract or extended limited contract, or under a continuing contract pursuant to division (E) of this section, and the teacher accepts such employment, the failure of such parties to execute a written contract shall not void such employment contract.

(B) Teachers shall be paid for all time lost when the schools in which they are employed are closed due to an epidemic or other public calamity, and for time lost due to illness or otherwise for not less than five days annually as authorized by regulations which the board shall adopt.

(C) The term of a limited contract for a teacher shall not exceed the following:

(1) Five years, in the case of a contract entered into prior to the effective date of this section;

(2) A term as authorized in division (D) of this section, in the case of a contract entered into on or after the effective date of this section.

(D) The term of an initial limited contract for a teacher described in division (C)(2) of this section shall not exceed two years. Any subsequent limited contract entered into with that teacher shall not exceed five years.

(E) A continuing contract is a contract that remains in effect until the teacher resigns, elects to retire, or is retired pursuant to former section 3307.37 of the Revised Code, or until it is terminated or suspended and shall be granted only to teachers who have provided notice of their eligibility by the fifteenth day of September of the year the teacher becomes eligible for a continuing contract and who have met one of the following criteria:

(1) The teacher holds a professional, permanent, or life teacher's certificate;

(2) The teacher meets the following conditions:

(a) The teacher was initially issued a teacher's certificate or educator license prior to January 1, 2011.

(b) The teacher holds a professional educator license issued under section 3319.22 or 3319.222 or former section 3319.22 of the Revised Code or a senior professional educator license or lead professional educator license issued under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code.

(c) The teacher has completed the applicable one of the following:

(i) If the teacher did not hold a master's degree at the time of initially receiving a teacher's certificate under former law or an educator license, thirty semester hours of coursework in the area of licensure or in an area related to the teaching field since the initial issuance of such certificate or license, as specified in rules which the state board of education shall adopt;

(ii) If the teacher held a master's degree at the time of initially receiving a teacher's certificate under former law or an educator license, six semester

hours of graduate coursework in the area of licensure or in an area related to the teaching field since the initial issuance of such certificate or license, as specified in rules which the state board shall adopt.

(3) The teacher meets the following conditions:

(a) The teacher never held a teacher's certificate and was initially issued an educator license on or after January 1, 2011.

(b) The teacher holds a professional educator license, senior professional educator license, or lead professional educator license issued under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code.

(c) The teacher has held an educator license for at least seven years.

(d) The teacher has completed the applicable one of the following:

(i) If the teacher did not hold a master's degree at the time of initially receiving an educator license, thirty semester hours of coursework in the area of licensure or in an area related to the teaching field since the initial issuance of that license, as specified in rules which the state board shall adopt;

(ii) If the teacher held a master's degree at the time of initially receiving an educator license, six semester hours of graduate coursework in the area of licensure or in an area related to the teaching field since the initial issuance of that license, as specified in rules which the state board shall adopt.

(F) Nothing in division (E) of this section shall be construed to void or otherwise affect a continuing contract entered into prior to the effective date of this section.

(G) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code:

(1) The requirements of division (D)(3) of section 3319.08 of the Revised Code prevail over any conflicting provisions of a collective bargaining agreement entered into between October 16, 2009, and the effective date of this section.

(2) The requirements of this section prevail over any conflicting provisions of a collective bargaining agreement entered into on or after the effective date of this section.

(H) Wherever the term "educator license" is used in this section without reference to a specific type of educator license, the term does not include an educator license for substitute teaching issued under section 3319.226 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3311.78. Notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code to the contrary, a municipal school district shall be subject to this section instead of sections 3317.13, 3317.14, and 3317.141 of the Revised Code.

(A) As used in this section, "principal" includes an assistant principal.

(B) The board of education of each municipal school district annually shall adopt a differentiated salary schedule for teachers based upon performance as described in division (D) of this section. The board also annually shall adopt a differentiated salary schedule for principals based upon performance as described in division (D) of this section.

For each teacher or principal hired on or after the effective date of this section, the board shall determine the teacher's or principal's initial placement on the applicable salary schedule based on years of experience and area of licensure and any other factors the board considers appropriate. For each teacher hired prior to the effective date of this section, the board shall initially place the teacher on the applicable salary schedule so that the teacher's annual salary on the schedule is comparable to the teacher's annual salary for the school year immediately prior to the school year covered by the schedule. For each principal hired prior to the effective date of this section, the board shall initially place the principal on the applicable salary schedule consistent with the principal's employment contract.

(C) The salary of a teacher shall not be reduced unless such reduction is accomplished as part of a negotiated collective bargaining agreement. The salary of a principal shall not be reduced during the term of the principal's employment contract unless such reduction is by mutual agreement of the board and the principal or is part of a uniform plan affecting the entire district.

(D) For purposes of the schedules, the board shall measure a teacher's or principal's performance by considering all of the following:

(1) The level of license issued under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code that the teacher or principal holds;

(2) Whether the teacher or principal is a highly qualified teacher, as defined in section 3319.074 of the Revised Code;

(3) Ratings received by the teacher or principal on performance evaluations conducted under section 3311.80 or 3311.84 of the Revised Code;

(4) Any specialized training and experience in the assigned position.

(E) The salary schedules adopted under this section may provide for additional compensation for teachers or principals who perform duties, not contracted for under a supplemental contract, that the board determines warrant additional compensation. Those duties may include, but are not limited to, assignment to a school building eligible for funding under Title I of the "Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965," 20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.; assignment to a building in "school improvement" status under the "No Child Left Behind Act of 2001," as defined in section 3302.01 of the

Revised Code; teaching in a grade level or subject area in which the board has determined there is a shortage within the district; assignment to a hard-to-staff school, as determined by the board; or teaching in a school with an extended school day or school year.

(F) The chief executive officer of the district, or the chief executive officer's designee, annually shall review the salary of each teacher and principal and make a recommendation to the board. Based on the recommendation, the board may increase a teacher's or principal's salary based on the teacher's or principal's performance and duties as provided for in divisions (D) and (E) of this section. The performance-based increase for a teacher or principal rated as accomplished shall be greater than the performance-based increase for a teacher or principal rated as proficient. Notwithstanding division (C) of this section, division (C) of section 3319.02, and section 3319.12 of the Revised Code, the board may decrease the teacher's or principal's salary if the teacher or principal will perform fewer or different duties described in division (E) of this section in the school year for which the salary is decreased.

(G) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code, the requirements of this section prevail over any conflicting provisions of a collective bargaining agreement entered into on or after the effective date of this section. However, the board and the teachers' labor organization shall negotiate the implementation of the differentiated salary schedule for teachers and may negotiate additional factors regarding teacher salaries, provided those factors are consistent with this section.

Sec. 3311.79. (A) When assigning teachers to schools of a municipal school district prior to the start of a school year, teachers may apply for open positions. All applicants shall be considered. Applicants may be interviewed by a building level team comprised of the building principal, a representative of the district teachers' labor organization, a parent, a staff member in the same job classification as the posted position, and any other members mutually agreed upon by the principal and the labor organization representative. When openings occur, the principal and labor organization representative shall mutually select the members of the building level team. Interviews by the building level team shall not be delayed due to the unavailability of duly notified team members. The team shall make recommendations whether to assign a teacher to an open position in the building based on how suitably the teacher's credentials fulfill the needs of the particular school. For this purpose, the building level team shall consider the following credentials:

(1) The level of license issued under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code that the teacher holds;

(2) The number of subject areas the teacher is licensed to teach;

(3) Whether the teacher is a highly qualified teacher, as defined in section 3319.074 of the Revised Code;

(4) The results of the teacher's performance evaluations conducted under section 3311.80 of the Revised Code;

(5) Whether the teacher has recently taught and been evaluated in the subject areas the teacher would teach at the school;

(6) Any specialized training or experience the teacher possesses that are relevant to the open position;

(7) Any other credentials established by the district chief executive officer or a building level team.

(B) The building level team shall make its recommendations to the district chief executive officer or the chief executive officer's designee for the chief executive officer's or designee's final approval of the assignment.

(C) In the event that open positions in one or more school buildings have not been filled through the procedures set forth in divisions (A) and (B) of this section, or if the building level team has not been able to reach a consensus on a candidate, by ten days prior to the first work day for teachers of the school year, the district chief executive officer or the chief executive officer's designee shall assign teachers to any of those open positions based on the best interests of the district. In making an assignment under this division, the chief executive officer or the chief executive officer's designee shall take into consideration all input from the building level team members.

(D) In the event that a position opens after the first student day of the school year, the building level team interview and recommendation procedures set forth in divisions (A) and (B) of this section shall be used to fill the open position. If any positions remain open, or if the building level team has not been able to reach a consensus on a candidate, after a reasonable period of time as determined by the chief executive officer or the chief executive officer's designee, the chief executive officer or the chief executive officer's designee shall assign teachers to any of those open positions based on the best interests of the district. In making an assignment under this division, the chief executive officer or the chief executive officer's designee shall take into consideration all input from the building level team members.

(E) In the event it becomes necessary to assign, reassign, or transfer a teacher, whether voluntarily or involuntarily on the part of the teacher, for the purpose of promoting the best interests of the district, the chief executive

officer or the chief executive officer's designee shall first meet with the teacher, the principals of the affected buildings, and a representative of the district teachers' labor organization. The assignment, reassignment, or transfer shall not be delayed due to the unavailability of the meeting participants who have been duly notified.

(F) The district chief executive officer or a building level team shall not use seniority or continuing contract status as the primary factor in determining any teacher's assignment to a school.

(G) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code, the requirements of this section prevail over any conflicting provisions of a collective bargaining agreement entered into on or after the effective date of this section. However, the board and the teachers' labor organization shall negotiate regarding the implementation of this section, including the processes by which each building level team conducts its interviews and makes recommendations, consistent with this section.

Sec. 3311.80. Notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code to the contrary, a municipal school district shall be subject to this section instead of section 3319.111 of the Revised Code.

(A) Not later than July 1, 2013, the board of education of each municipal school district and the teachers' labor organization shall develop and adopt standards-based teacher evaluation procedures that conform with the framework for evaluation of teachers developed under section 3319.112 of the Revised Code. The evaluation procedures shall include at least formal observations and classroom walk-throughs, which may be announced or unannounced; examinations of samples of work, such as lesson plans or assessments designed by a teacher; and multiple measures of student academic growth.

(B) When using measures of student academic growth as a component of a teacher's evaluation, those measures shall include the value-added progress dimension prescribed by section 3302.021 of the Revised Code. For teachers of grade levels and subjects for which the value-added progress dimension is not applicable, the board shall administer assessments on the list developed under division (B)(2) of section 3319.112 of the Revised Code.

(C)(1) Each teacher employed by the board shall be evaluated at least once each school year, except as provided in division (C)(2) of this section. The composite evaluation shall be completed not later than the first day of June and the teacher shall receive a written report of the results of the composite evaluation not later than ten days after its completion or the last

teacher work day of the school year, whichever is earlier.

(2) Each teacher who received a rating of accomplished on the teacher's most recent evaluation conducted under this section may be evaluated once every two school years, except that the teacher shall be evaluated in any school year in which the teacher's contract is due to expire. The biennial composite evaluation shall be completed not later than the first day of June of the applicable school year, and the teacher shall receive a written report of the results of the composite evaluation not later than ten days after its completion or the last teacher work day of the school year, whichever is earlier.

(D) Each evaluation conducted pursuant to this section shall be conducted by one or more of the following persons who have been trained to conduct evaluations in accordance with criteria that shall be developed jointly by the chief executive officer of the district, or the chief executive officer's designee, and the teachers' labor organization:

(1) The chief executive officer or a subordinate officer of the district with responsibility for instruction or academic affairs;

(2) A person who is under contract with the board pursuant to section 3319.02 of the Revised Code and holds a license designated for being a principal issued under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code;

(3) A person who is under contract with the board pursuant to section 3319.02 of the Revised Code and holds a license designated for being a vocational director or a supervisor in any educational area issued under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code;

(4) A person designated to conduct evaluations under an agreement providing for peer assistance and review entered into by the board and the teachers' labor organization.

(E) The evaluation procedures shall describe how the evaluation results will be used for decisions regarding compensation, retention, promotion, and reductions in force and for removal of poorly performing teachers.

(F) A teacher may challenge any violations of the evaluation procedures in accordance with the grievance procedure specified in any applicable collective bargaining agreement. A challenge under this division is limited to the determination of procedural errors that have resulted in substantive harm to the teacher and to ordering the correction of procedural errors. The failure of the board or a person conducting an evaluation to strictly comply with any deadline or evaluation forms established as part of the evaluation process shall not be cause for an arbitrator to determine that a procedural error occurred, unless the arbitrator finds that the failure resulted in substantive harm to the teacher. The arbitrator shall have no jurisdiction to

modify the evaluation results, but the arbitrator may stay any decision taken pursuant to division (E) of this section pending the board's correction of any procedural error. The board shall correct any procedural error within fifteen business days after the arbitrator's determination that a procedural error occurred.

(G) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code, the requirements of this section prevail over any conflicting provisions of a collective bargaining agreement entered into on or after the effective date of this section. However, the board and the teachers' labor organization may negotiate additional evaluation procedures, including an evaluation process incorporating peer assistance and review, provided the procedures are consistent with this section.

(H) This section does not apply to administrators appointed by the chief executive officer of a municipal school district under section 3311.72 of the Revised Code, administrators subject to evaluation procedures under section 3311.84 or 3319.02 of the Revised Code, or to any teacher employed as a substitute for less than one hundred twenty days during a school year pursuant to section 3319.10 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3311.81. Notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code to the contrary, a municipal school district shall be subject to this section instead of section 3319.11 of the Revised Code.

(A) As used in this section:

(1) "Evaluation procedures" means the procedures adopted pursuant to division (A) of section 3311.80 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Limited contract" means a limited contract, as described in section 3311.77 of the Revised Code, that the board of education of a municipal school district enters into with a teacher who is not eligible for a continuing contract.

(3) "Extended limited contract" means a limited contract, as described in section 3311.77 of the Revised Code, that the board enters into with a teacher who is eligible for a continuing contract, but to whom a continuing contract has not been granted by the board.

(B) The board of education of each municipal school district shall enter into a limited contract with each teacher employed by the board who is not eligible to be considered for a continuing contract.

Any teacher employed under a limited contract who is not eligible to be considered for a continuing contract is, at the expiration of such limited contract, considered re-employed under a one-year limited contract, unless the board gives such teacher written notice of its intention not to re-employ such teacher on or before the first day of June. The teacher is presumed to

have accepted such employment unless the teacher notifies the board in writing to the contrary on or before the tenth day of July.

Any teacher receiving a written notice of the intention of the board not to re-employ such teacher pursuant to this division is entitled to a hearing under division (C) of this section.

(C) Any teacher receiving written notice of the intention of the board not to re-employ such teacher pursuant to division (B) of this section may request a hearing before the board. The request for a hearing shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the chief financial officer of the district within ten days of the date of receipt of the notice. The hearing shall be held in executive session of the board at the board's next scheduled meeting. Following the hearing, or if no hearing is requested, the board shall act on the question of the teacher's re-employment. The decision of the board shall be final and shall not be subject to further appeal.

(D)(1) Upon the recommendation of the chief executive officer that a teacher be re-employed where the teacher satisfies the criteria in division (E) of section 3311.77 of the Revised Code and has taught in the district for at least three years, or at least two years in the case of a teacher who received a continuing contract elsewhere, the board shall enter into a continuing contract with the teacher, unless the board by a three-fourths vote of its full membership rejects the recommendation of the chief executive officer. If the board rejects the recommendation, or if the chief executive officer recommends that the teacher not be re-employed, the board may proceed not to renew the teacher's contract in accordance with this section as if the teacher was not eligible to be considered for a continuing contract.

(2) In the event the chief executive officer does not recommend to the board that a teacher receive a continuing contract where the teacher satisfies the criteria in division (E) of section 3311.77 of the Revised Code and has taught in the district for at least three years, or at least two years in the case of a teacher who received a continuing contract elsewhere, the chief executive officer may recommend to the board that the teacher receive an extended limited contract. In that event, the chief executive officer, or the chief executive officer's designee, shall provide the teacher written notice, not less than five business days prior to any board action on the recommendation, with reasons directed at professional development. The board shall act on the recommendation for an extended limited contract with reasons directed at professional development not later than the first day of June. An extended limited contract may be issued:

(a) For a teacher who has been awarded a continuing contract in another school district and has served in the municipal school district for two years,

in one-year increments or for multiple years, in no event to exceed a total of two years;

(b) For a teacher who is newly eligible for a continuing contract, in one-year increments or for multiple years, in no event to exceed a total of four years.

Upon any subsequent reemployment of the teacher after the expiration of the extended limited contract or contracts, only a continuing contract may be entered into. The teacher is presumed to have accepted employment under such continuing contract unless the teacher notifies the board in writing to the contrary before the tenth day of July, and a continuing contract shall be executed accordingly.

(3) In the event the chief executive officer fails to make any recommendation regarding a contract for a teacher who satisfies the criteria in division (E) of section 3311.77 of the Revised Code and has taught in the district for at least three years, or at least two years in the case of a teacher who received a continuing contract elsewhere, the teacher shall be re-employed under a one-year extended limited contract. That contract may be subsequently extended for an additional one to three years consistent with divisions (D)(2)(a) and (b) of this section. The teacher is presumed to have accepted employment under such extended limited contract unless the teacher notifies the board in writing to the contrary before the tenth day of July.

(E) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any supplemental written contracts entered into pursuant to section 3311.77 of the Revised Code.

(F) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code, the requirements of this section prevail over any conflicting provisions of a collective bargaining agreement entered into on or after the effective date of this section. However, the board and the teachers' labor organization shall negotiate the due process procedures preceding a teacher's receipt of a written notice indicating the intent of the board not to re-employ the teacher, which procedures shall be consistent with this section.

Sec. 3311.82. Notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code to the contrary, a municipal school district shall be subject to this section instead of sections 3319.16 and 3319.161 of the Revised Code with respect to termination of teacher contracts, but those sections shall apply to the district with respect to termination of contracts with other district employees licensed by the state board of education, subject to section 3311.72 and division (F) of section 3311.84 of the Revised Code.

(A) The board of education of a municipal school district may terminate the contract of a teacher employed by the board only for good and just cause. In addition, the board may place a teacher on disciplinary suspension without pay for a definite period of time for good and just cause. For purposes of contract terminations, good and just cause shall include receiving a composite evaluation rating of ineffective under section 3311.80 of the Revised Code for two consecutive years. A violation of division (A)(7) of section 2907.03 of the Revised Code is grounds for termination or disciplinary suspension without pay of a teacher under this section.

(B) If an administrator determines, after a preliminary investigation, that a teacher may have engaged in conduct that could lead to a recommendation for termination or disciplinary suspension without pay, the teacher shall be entitled to a fact-finding hearing to determine if termination or disciplinary suspension without pay is warranted. The hearing shall be held before an administrator designated by the chief executive officer of the district. Prior to the hearing, the administrator designated by the chief executive officer shall provide the teacher with written notice of the allegations and of the right to request representation by the teachers' labor organization, and copies of any written evidence related to the allegations. The hearing shall be held within a reasonable period of time following the teacher's receipt of the written notice of the allegations. The teacher may have a representative of the teachers' labor organization present at the hearing. During the hearing, the teacher shall be given a meaningful opportunity to respond to the allegations, including the opportunity to submit additional evidence. Not later than ten business days after the hearing, the administrator designated by the chief executive officer shall notify the teacher in writing of the administrator's recommendation for discipline and the rationale for the recommendation, and shall provide a copy of the notification to the chief executive officer.

(C) If the administrator designated by the chief executive officer recommends to the chief executive officer that the teacher be terminated or placed on disciplinary suspension without pay, the chief executive officer shall review the evidence and determine whether termination or disciplinary suspension without pay is warranted. The chief executive officer shall make a recommendation regarding discipline at the next scheduled meeting of the board. The board may adopt or modify the chief executive officer's recommendation, except that the board shall not increase the recommended discipline. The board shall notify the teacher of any action taken by the board on the chief executive officer's recommendation. Any termination or disciplinary suspension without pay imposed by the board shall take effect

immediately.

(D) A teacher who is terminated or placed on disciplinary suspension without pay under this section may appeal the board's action in accordance with the grievance procedures specified in any applicable collective bargaining agreement. The failure of the board, chief executive officer, or administrator designated by the chief executive officer to strictly comply with any procedures established by this section or applicable collective bargaining agreement shall not be cause for an arbitrator to overturn the termination or disciplinary suspension without pay, unless the arbitrator finds that the failure resulted in substantive harm to the teacher.

(E) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code:

(1) The provisions of section 3319.16 of the Revised Code relating to the grounds for termination of the contract of a teacher prevail over any conflicting provisions of a collective bargaining agreement entered into prior to the effective date of this section.

(2) The requirements of this section prevail over any conflicting provisions of a collective bargaining agreement entered into on or after the effective date of this section.

Sec. 3311.83. Notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code to the contrary, and except as otherwise specified in division (E) of this section, a municipal school district shall be subject to this section instead of section 3319.17 of the Revised Code with respect to suspension of teacher contracts, but sections 3311.72, 3319.17, and 3319.171 of the Revised Code shall apply to the district with respect to suspension of contracts of other district employees who may be licensed by the state board of education.

(A) When, for any of the following reasons that apply to a municipal school district, the district board of education decides that it will be necessary to reduce the number of teachers it employs, it may make a reasonable reduction:

(1) Return to duty of regular teachers after leaves of absence, including leaves of absence provided pursuant to section 3319.13 or 3319.14 of the Revised Code;

(2) Decreased enrollment of students in the district;

(3) Academic reasons resulting in consolidation of teaching positions, duties, or functions or resulting in changes in educational programs;

(4) Financial reasons;

(5) Territorial changes affecting the district.

(B) In making any such reduction, the board shall proceed to suspend contracts in accordance with the recommendation of the district's chief

executive officer and divisions (B)(1) and (2) and (E) of this section.

(1) Each teacher affected by the reduction, based on area of licensure, shall be placed in one of the following categories:

(a) Category 1A, which shall contain all teachers on limited or extended limited contracts with a composite evaluation rating of ineffective;

(b) Category 1B, which shall contain all teachers on continuing contracts with a composite evaluation rating of ineffective;

(c) Category 2A, which shall contain all teachers on limited or extended limited contracts with a composite evaluation rating of developing;

(d) Category 2B, which shall contain all teachers on continuing contracts with a composite evaluation rating of developing;

(e) Category 3A, which shall contain all teachers on limited or extended limited contracts with a composite evaluation rating of proficient;

(f) Category 3B, which shall contain all teachers on continuing contracts with a composite evaluation rating of proficient;

(g) Category 4A, which shall contain all teachers on limited or extended limited contracts with a composite evaluation rating of accomplished;

(h) Category 4B, which shall contain all teachers on continuing contracts with a composite evaluation rating of accomplished.

(2) Consistent with division (E) of this section, reductions in the affected area of licensure shall be made starting with teachers in category 1A and shall proceed sequentially through teachers in category 4B, until all necessary reductions have occurred.

(3) The evaluation ratings specified in division (B)(1) of this section refer to composite evaluation ratings assigned to a teacher in accordance with the evaluation procedures adopted under section 3311.80 of the Revised Code.

(C) On a case-by-case basis, in lieu of suspending a contract in whole, the board may suspend a contract in part, so that an individual is required to work a percentage of the time the employee otherwise is required to work under the contract and receives a commensurate percentage of the full compensation the employee otherwise would receive under the contract.

(D) The teachers whose contracts are suspended by the board pursuant to this section shall have the right of restoration by the board if and when teaching positions become vacant or are created, for which the teachers are or become qualified within three years after the date of the suspension of contract. Consistent with division (E) of this section, the board shall rehire teachers in the affected area of licensure starting with teachers in category 4B and shall proceed sequentially through teachers in category 1A, until all vacant positions have been filled. No teacher whose contract has been

suspended pursuant to this section shall lose the right of restoration by reason of having declined recall to a position that is less than full-time or, if the teacher was not employed full-time just prior to suspension of the teacher's continuing contract, to a position requiring a lesser percentage of full-time employment than the position the teacher last held while employed in the district.

(E)(1) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code, the requirements of this section prevail over any conflicting provisions of a collective bargaining agreement entered into on or after the effective date of this section. However, the board and the teachers' labor organization shall negotiate how specialized training and experience will be factored into reduction in force and recall decisions regardless of the categories prescribed by division (B) of this section. In addition, the board and the teachers' labor organization may negotiate additional factors to be considered in determining the order of reductions, which factors shall not be inconsistent with division (B) of this section.

(2) After applying specialized training and experience and any other negotiated factors, teachers within the same category prescribed by division (B) of this section shall be given preference based on seniority.

Sec. 3311.84. Notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code to the contrary, a municipal school district shall be subject to this section instead of division (D) of section 3319.02 of the Revised Code with respect to principals and assistant principals, but all other provisions of that section shall apply to the district with respect to principals and assistant principals. Section 3319.02 of the Revised Code in its entirety shall apply to the district with respect to employees other than principals and assistant principals who are covered by that section, except as otherwise provided in section 3311.72 of the Revised Code.

(A) As used in this section, "principal" includes an assistant principal.

(B) The board of education of each municipal school district shall adopt procedures for the evaluation of principals and shall evaluate all principals in accordance with those procedures. The procedures shall be based on principles comparable to the teacher evaluation procedures adopted under section 3311.80 of the Revised Code, but shall be tailored to the duties and responsibilities of principals and the environment in which principals work. Each evaluation shall measure the principal's effectiveness in performing the duties included in the principal's job description and shall be considered by the board in deciding whether to renew the principal's contract of employment.

(C) The evaluation procedures adopted under this section shall require

each principal to be evaluated annually through a written evaluation process. The evaluation shall be conducted by the chief executive officer of the district, or the chief executive officer's designee.

(D) To provide time to show progress in correcting deficiencies identified in the evaluation, each evaluation shall be completed as follows:

(1) In any school year that the principal's contract of employment is not due to expire, at least one evaluation shall be completed in that year. A written copy of the evaluation shall be provided to the principal by the end of the principal's contract year as defined by the principal's annual salary notice.

(2) In any school year that the principal's contract of employment is due to expire, at least a preliminary evaluation and a final evaluation shall be completed in that year. A written copy of the preliminary evaluation shall be provided to the principal at least sixty days prior to any action by the board on the principal's contract of employment. The final evaluation shall indicate the chief executive officer's intended recommendation to the board regarding a contract of employment for the principal. A written copy of the final evaluation shall be provided to the principal at least five days prior to the chief executive officer making the recommendation to the board.

(E) At least thirty days prior to taking action to renew or not renew the contract of a principal, the board shall notify the principal of the board's intended action and that the principal may request a meeting with the board regarding the board's intended action. Upon request of the principal, the board shall grant the principal a meeting in executive session. In that meeting, the board shall discuss its reasons for considering renewal or nonrenewal of the contract. The principal shall be permitted to have a representative, chosen by the principal, present at the meeting.

The establishment of evaluation procedures in accordance with this section shall not create an expectancy of continued employment. Nothing in this section shall prevent the board from making the final determination regarding the renewal or nonrenewal of a principal's contract.

(F) Termination of a principal's contract shall be in accordance with section 3319.16 of the Revised Code, except as follows:

(1) Failure of the principal's building to meet academic performance standards established by the chief executive officer shall be considered good and just cause for termination under that section.

(2) If the chief executive officer intends to recommend to the board that the principal's contract be terminated, the chief executive officer shall provide the principal a written copy of the principal's evaluation at least five days prior to making the recommendation to the board.

Sec. 3311.85. (A) The board of education of each municipal school district annually shall approve a calendar or calendars establishing a school year that complies with the minimum school year prescribed by section 3313.48 of the Revised Code. The board has final authority to establish a school calendar, including the starting and ending times for the school day, for one or more of the district's school buildings that provides for additional student days or hours beyond the minimum prescribed by that section. A school's calendar may prescribe year-round instruction or an extended school day.

(B) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code, the requirements and authorizations of this section prevail over any conflicting provisions of a collective bargaining agreement entered into on or after the effective date of this section. However, the district board and teachers' labor organization shall negotiate regarding any additional compensation for an extended school year or school day, consistent with section 3311.78 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3311.86. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Alliance" means a municipal school district transformation alliance established as a nonprofit corporation.

(2) "Alliance municipal school district" means a municipal school district for which an alliance has been created under this section.

(3) "Partnering community school" means a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code that is located within the territory of a municipal school district and that either is sponsored by the district or is a party to an agreement with the district whereby the district and the community school endorse each other's programs.

(4) "Transformation alliance education plan" means a plan prepared by the mayor, and confirmed by the alliance, to transform public education in the alliance municipal school district to a system of municipal school district schools and partnering community schools that will be held to the highest standards of school performance and student achievement.

(B) If one or more partnering community schools are located in a municipal school district, the mayor may initiate proceedings to establish a municipal school district transformation alliance as a nonprofit corporation under Chapter 1702. of the Revised Code. The mayor shall have sole authority to appoint the directors of any alliance created under this section. The directors of the alliance shall include representatives of all of the following:

- (1) The municipal school district;
- (2) Partnering community schools;

(3) Members of the community at large, including parents and educators;

(4) The business community, including business leaders and foundation leaders.

No one group listed in divisions (B)(1) to (4) of this section shall comprise a majority of the directors. The mayor shall be an ex officio director, and serve as the chairperson of the board of directors, of any alliance created under this section. If the proceedings are initiated, the mayor shall identify the directors in the articles of incorporation filed under section 1702.04 of the Revised Code.

(C)(1) A majority of the members of the board of directors of the alliance shall constitute a quorum of the board. Any formal action taken by the board of directors shall take place at a meeting of the board and shall require the concurrence of a majority of the members of the board. Meetings of the board of directors shall be public meetings open to the public at all times, except that the board may hold an executive session for any of the purposes for which an executive session of a public body is permitted under division (G) of section 121.22 of the Revised Code. The board of directors shall establish reasonable methods whereby any person may determine the time and place of all of the board's public meetings and by which any person, upon request, may obtain reasonable advance notification of the board's public meetings. Provisions for that advance notification may include, but are not limited to, mailing notices to all subscribers on a mailing list or mailing notices in self-addressed, stamped envelopes provided by the person.

(2) All records of the alliance shall be organized and maintained by the alliance and also filed with the department of education. The alliance and the department shall make those records available to the public as though those records were public records for purposes of Chapter 149. of the Revised Code. The department shall promptly notify the alliance upon the department's receipt of any requests for records relating to the alliance pursuant to section 149.43 of the Revised Code.

(3) The board of directors of the alliance shall establish a conflicts of interest policy and shall adopt that policy, and any amendments to the policy, at a meeting of the board held in accordance with this section.

(D) If an alliance is created under this section, the alliance shall do all of the following:

(1) Report annually on the performance of all municipal school district schools and all community schools established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code and located in the district, using the criteria adopted under

division (B) of section 3311.87 of the Revised Code:

(2) Confirm and monitor implementation of the transformation alliance education plan;

(3) Suggest national education models for and provide input in the development of new municipal school district schools and partnering community schools.

(E) Divisions (E)(1) to (3) of this section apply to each community school sponsor that is subject to approval by the department of education under section 3314.015 of the Revised Code whose approval under that section is granted or renewed on or after the effective date of this section. Divisions (E)(1) to (3) of this section do not apply to a sponsor that has been approved by the department prior to that date, until the sponsor's approval is renewed or granted anew on or after that date.

(1) Before a sponsor to which this section applies may sponsor new community schools in an alliance municipal school district, the sponsor shall request recommendation from the alliance to sponsor community schools in the district.

(2) The alliance shall review the sponsor's application and shall make a recommendation based on the standards for sponsors developed under division (A)(2) of section 3311.87 of the Revised Code.

(3) The department shall use the standards developed under division (A)(2) of section 3311.87 of the Revised Code, in addition to any other requirements of the Revised Code, to review a sponsor's request and make a final determination, on recommendation of the alliance, of whether the sponsor may sponsor new community schools in the alliance municipal school district.

No sponsor shall be required to receive authorization to sponsor new community schools under division (E)(3) of this section more than one time.

(F) Directors, officers, and employees of an alliance are not public employees or public officials, are not subject to Chapters 124., 145., and 4117. of the Revised Code, and are not "public officials" or "public servants" as defined in section 2921.01 of the Revised Code. Membership on the board of directors of an alliance does not constitute the holding of an incompatible public office or employment in violation of any statutory or common law prohibition against the simultaneous holding of more than one public office or employment. Members of the board of directors of an alliance are not disqualified from holding any public office by reason of that membership, and do not forfeit by reason of that membership the public office or employment held when appointed to the board, notwithstanding any contrary disqualification or forfeiture requirement under the Revised

Code or the common law of this state.

(G) The authority to establish an alliance under this section expires on January 1, 2018. Any alliance established under this section is terminated, and any related authority granted to the alliance under this section expires on that date.

Sec. 3311.87. The department of education, in conjunction with the municipal school district transformation alliance established under section 3311.86 of the Revised Code, if such an alliance is established under that section, and a statewide nonprofit organization whose membership is comprised solely of entities that sponsor community schools and whose members sponsor the majority of start-up community schools in the state, shall do all of the following:

(A) Not later than December 31, 2012, establish both of the following:

(1) Objective criteria to be used by a sponsor to determine if it will sponsor new community schools located within the municipal school district. Beginning with any community school that opens after July 1, 2013, each sponsor shall use the criteria established under this division to determine whether to sponsor a community school in the municipal district.

(2) Criteria for assessing the ability of a sponsor to successfully sponsor a community school in a municipal school district.

The criteria adopted under divisions (A)(1) and (2) of this section shall be based on standards issued by the national association of charter school authorizers or any other nationally organized community or charter school organization.

(B) Not later than April 30, 2013, establish a comprehensive framework to assess the efficacy of district schools and community schools located in the municipal school district. Where possible, the framework shall be based on nationally accepted quality standards and principles for schools and shall be specific to a school's model, mission, and student populations.

Sec. 3313.975. As used in this section and in sections 3313.975 3313.976 to 3313.979 of the Revised Code, "the pilot project school district" or "the district" means any school district included in the pilot project scholarship program pursuant to this section.

(A) The superintendent of public instruction shall establish a pilot project scholarship program and shall include in such program any school districts that are or have ever been under federal court order requiring supervision and operational management of the district by the state superintendent. The program shall provide for a number of students residing in any such district to receive scholarships to attend alternative schools, and for an equal number of students to receive tutorial assistance grants while

attending public school in any such district.

(B) The state superintendent shall establish an application process and deadline for accepting applications from students residing in the district to participate in the scholarship program. In the initial year of the program students may only use a scholarship to attend school in grades kindergarten through third.

The state superintendent shall award as many scholarships and tutorial assistance grants as can be funded given the amount appropriated for the program. In no case, however, shall more than fifty per cent of all scholarships awarded be used by students who were enrolled in a nonpublic school during the school year of application for a scholarship.

(C)(1) The pilot project program shall continue in effect each year that the general assembly has appropriated sufficient money to fund scholarships and tutorial assistance grants. In each year the program continues, new students may receive scholarships in grades kindergarten to twelve. A student who has received a scholarship may continue to receive one until the student has completed grade twelve.

(2) If the general assembly discontinues the scholarship program, all students who are attending an alternative school under the pilot project shall be entitled to continued admittance to that specific school through all grades that are provided in such school, under the same conditions as when they were participating in the pilot project. The state superintendent shall continue to make scholarship payments in accordance with division (A) or (B) of section 3313.979 of the Revised Code for students who remain enrolled in an alternative school under this provision in any year that funds have been appropriated for this purpose.

If funds are not appropriated, the tuition charged to the parents of a student who remains enrolled in an alternative school under this provision shall not be increased beyond the amount equal to the amount of the scholarship plus any additional amount charged that student's parent in the most recent year of attendance as a participant in the pilot project, except that tuition for all the students enrolled in such school may be increased by the same percentage.

(D) Notwithstanding sections 124.39, 3307.54, and ~~3319.17~~ 3311.83 of the Revised Code, if the pilot project school district experiences a decrease in enrollment due to participation in a state-sponsored scholarship program pursuant to sections 3313.974 to 3313.979 of the Revised Code, the district board of education may enter into an agreement with any teacher it employs to provide to that teacher severance pay or early retirement incentives, or both, if the teacher agrees to terminate the employment contract with the

district board, provided any collective bargaining agreement in force pursuant to Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code does not prohibit such an agreement for termination of a teacher's employment contract.

Sec. 3314.10. (A)(1) The governing authority of any community school established under this chapter may employ teachers and nonteaching employees necessary to carry out its mission and fulfill its contract.

(2) Except as provided under division (A)(3) of this section, employees hired under this section may organize and collectively bargain pursuant to Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code. Notwithstanding division (D)(1) of section 4117.06 of the Revised Code, a unit containing teaching and nonteaching employees employed under this section shall be considered an appropriate unit. As applicable, employment under this section is subject to either Chapter 3307. or 3309. of the Revised Code.

(3) If a school is created by converting all or part of an existing public school rather than by establishment of a new start-up school, at the time of conversion, the employees of the community school shall remain part of any collective bargaining unit in which they were included immediately prior to the conversion and shall remain subject to any collective bargaining agreement for that unit in effect on the first day of July of the year in which the community school initially begins operation and shall be subject to any subsequent collective bargaining agreement for that unit, unless a petition is certified as sufficient under division (A)(6) of this section with regard to those employees. Any new employees of the community school shall also be included in the unit to which they would have been assigned had not the conversion taken place and shall be subject to the collective bargaining agreement for that unit unless a petition is certified as sufficient under division (A)(6) of this section with regard to those employees.

Notwithstanding division (B) of section 4117.01 of the Revised Code, the board of education of a school district and not the governing authority of a community school shall be regarded, for purposes of Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code, as the "public employer" of the employees of a conversion community school subject to a collective bargaining agreement pursuant to division (A)(3) of this section unless a petition is certified under division (A)(6) of this section with regard to those employees. Only on and after the effective date of a petition certified as sufficient under division (A)(6) of this section shall division (A)(2) of this section apply to those employees of that community school and only on and after the effective date of that petition shall Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code apply to the governing authority of that community school with regard to those employees.

(4) Notwithstanding sections 4117.03 to 4117.18 of the Revised Code

and Section 4 of Amended Substitute Senate Bill No. 133 of the 115th general assembly, the employees of a conversion community school who are subject to a collective bargaining agreement pursuant to division (A)(3) of this section shall cease to be subject to that agreement and all subsequent agreements pursuant to that division and shall cease to be part of the collective bargaining unit that is subject to that and all subsequent agreements, if a majority of the employees of that community school who are subject to that collective bargaining agreement sign and submit to the state employment relations board a petition requesting all of the following:

(a) That all the employees of the community school who are subject to that agreement be removed from the bargaining unit that is subject to that agreement and be designated by the state employment relations board as a new and separate bargaining unit for purposes of Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code;

(b) That the employee organization certified as the exclusive representative of the employees of the bargaining unit from which the employees are to be removed be certified as the exclusive representative of the new and separate bargaining unit for purposes of Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code;

(c) That the governing authority of the community school be regarded as the "public employer" of these employees for purposes of Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code.

(5) Notwithstanding sections 4117.03 to 4117.18 of the Revised Code and Section 4 of Amended Substitute Senate Bill No. 133 of the 115th general assembly, the employees of a conversion community school who are subject to a collective bargaining agreement pursuant to division (A)(3) of this section shall cease to be subject to that agreement and all subsequent agreements pursuant to that division, shall cease to be part of the collective bargaining unit that is subject to that and all subsequent agreements, and shall cease to be represented by any exclusive representative of that collective bargaining unit, if a majority of the employees of the community school who are subject to that collective bargaining agreement sign and submit to the state employment relations board a petition requesting all of the following:

(a) That all the employees of the community school who are subject to that agreement be removed from the bargaining unit that is subject to that agreement;

(b) That any employee organization certified as the exclusive representative of the employees of that bargaining unit be decertified as the exclusive representative of the employees of the community school who are

subject to that agreement;

(c) That the governing authority of the community school be regarded as the "public employer" of these employees for purposes of Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code.

(6) Upon receipt of a petition under division (A)(4) or (5) of this section, the state employment relations board shall check the sufficiency of the signatures on the petition. If the signatures are found sufficient, the board shall certify the sufficiency of the petition and so notify the parties involved, including the board of education, the governing authority of the community school, and any exclusive representative of the bargaining unit. The changes requested in a certified petition shall take effect on the first day of the month immediately following the date on which the sufficiency of the petition is certified under division (A)(6) of this section.

(B)(1) The board of education of each city, local, and exempted village school district sponsoring a community school and the governing board of each educational service center in which a community school is located shall adopt a policy that provides a leave of absence of at least three years to each teacher or nonteaching employee of the district or service center who is employed by a conversion or new start-up community school sponsored by the district or located in the district or center for the period during which the teacher or employee is continuously employed by the community school. The policy shall also provide that any teacher or nonteaching employee may return to employment by the district or service center if the teacher or employee leaves or is discharged from employment with the community school for any reason, unless, in the case of a teacher, the board of the district or service center determines that the teacher was discharged for a reason for which the board would have sought to discharge the teacher under section 3311.82 or 3319.16 of the Revised Code, in which case the board may proceed to discharge the teacher utilizing the procedures of that section. Upon termination of such a leave of absence, any seniority that is applicable to the person shall be calculated to include all of the following: all employment by the district or service center prior to the leave of absence; all employment by the community school during the leave of absence; and all employment by the district or service center after the leave of absence. The policy shall also provide that if any teacher holding valid certification returns to employment by the district or service center upon termination of such a leave of absence, the teacher shall be restored to the previous position and salary or to a position and salary similar thereto. If, as a result of teachers returning to employment upon termination of such leaves of absence, a school district or educational service center reduces the number

of teachers it employs, it shall make such reductions in accordance with section 3319.171 of the Revised Code.

Unless a collective bargaining agreement providing otherwise is in effect for an employee of a conversion community school pursuant to division (A)(3) of this section, an employee on a leave of absence pursuant to this division shall remain eligible for any benefits that are in addition to benefits under Chapter 3307. or 3309. of the Revised Code provided by the district or service center to its employees provided the employee pays the entire cost associated with such benefits, except that personal leave and vacation leave cannot be accrued for use as an employee of a school district or service center while in the employ of a community school unless the district or service center board adopts a policy expressly permitting this accrual.

(2) While on a leave of absence pursuant to division (B)(1) of this section, a conversion community school shall permit a teacher to use sick leave accrued while in the employ of the school district from which the leave of absence was taken and prior to commencing such leave. If a teacher who is on such a leave of absence uses sick leave so accrued, the cost of any salary paid by the community school to the teacher for that time shall be reported to the department of education. The cost of employing a substitute teacher for that time shall be paid by the community school. The department of education shall add amounts to the payments made to a community school under this chapter as necessary to cover the cost of salary reported by a community school as paid to a teacher using sick leave so accrued pursuant to this section. The department shall subtract the amounts of any payments made to community schools under this division from payments made to such sponsoring school district under Chapter 3317. of the Revised Code.

A school district providing a leave of absence and employee benefits to a person pursuant to this division is not liable for any action of that person while the person is on such leave and employed by a community school.

Sec. 3316.07. (A) A school district financial planning and supervision commission has the following powers, duties, and functions:

(1) To review or to assume responsibility for the development of all tax budgets, tax levy and bond and note resolutions, appropriation measures, and certificates of estimated resources of the school district in order to ensure that such are consistent with the financial recovery plan and a balanced appropriation budget for the current fiscal year, and to request and review any supporting information upon which the financial recovery plan and balanced appropriation budget may be developed and based, and to

determine whether revenue estimates and estimates of expenditures and appropriations will result in a balanced budget;

(2) To inspect and secure copies of any document, resolution, or instrument pertaining to the effective financial accounting and reporting system, debt obligations, debt limits, financial recovery plan, balanced appropriation budgets, appropriation measures, report of audit, statement or invoice, or other worksheet or record of the school district;

(3) To inspect and secure copies of any document, instrument, certification, records of proceedings, or other worksheet or records of the county budget commission, county auditor, or other official or employee of the school district or of any other political subdivision or agency of government of the state;

(4) To review, revise, and approve determinations and certifications affecting the school district made by the county budget commission or county auditor pursuant to Chapter 5705. of the Revised Code to ensure that such determinations and certifications are consistent with the laws of the state;

(5) To bring civil actions, including mandamus, to enforce this chapter;

(6) After consultation with the officials of the school district and the auditor of state, to implement or require implementation of any necessary or appropriate steps to bring the books of account, accounting systems, and financial procedures and reports of the school district into compliance with requirements prescribed by the auditor of state, and to assume responsibility for achieving such compliance and for making any desirable modifications and supplementary systems and procedures pertinent to the school district;

(7) To assist or provide assistance to the school district or to assume the total responsibility for the structuring or the terms of, and the placement for sale of, debt obligations of the school district;

(8) To perform all other powers, duties, and functions as provided under this chapter;

(9) To make and enter into all contracts and agreements necessary or incidental to the performance of its duties and the exercise of its powers under this chapter;

(10) To consult with officials of the school district and make recommendations or assume the responsibility for implementing cost reductions and revenue increases to achieve balanced budgets and carry out the financial recovery plan in accordance with this chapter;

(11) To make reductions in force to bring the school district's budget into balance, notwithstanding division (A) of section 3311.83, section 3319.081, and divisions (A) and (B) of section 3319.17 of the Revised

Code, notwithstanding any provision of a policy adopted under section 3319.171 of the Revised Code, and notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in section 4117.08 or 4117.10 of the Revised Code or in any collective bargaining agreement entered into on or after November 21, 1997.

In making reductions in force, the commission shall first consider reasonable reductions among the administrative and ~~non-teaching~~ nonteaching employees of the school district giving due regard to ensuring the district's ability to maintain the personnel, programs, and services essential to the provision of an adequate educational program.

In making these reductions in ~~non-teaching~~ nonteaching employees in districts where Chapter 124. of the Revised Code controls such reductions, the reductions shall be made in accordance with sections 124.321 to 124.327 of the Revised Code. In making these reductions in ~~non-teaching~~ nonteaching employees in districts where Chapter 124. of the Revised Code does not control these reductions, within each category of ~~non-teaching~~ nonteaching employees, the commission shall give preference to those employees with continuing contracts or non-probationary status and who have greater seniority.

If revenues and expenditures cannot be balanced by reasonable reductions in administrative and ~~non-teaching~~ nonteaching employees, the commission may also make reasonable reductions in the number of teaching contracts. If the commission finds it necessary to suspend teaching contracts, it shall suspend them in accordance with divisions (B) to (D) of section 3311.83 or division (C) of section 3319.17 of the Revised Code but shall consider a reduction in non-classroom teachers before classroom teachers.

(B) During the fiscal emergency period, the commission shall, in addition to other powers:

(1) With respect to the appropriation measure in effect at the commencement of the fiscal emergency period of the school district if that period commenced more than three months prior to the end of the current fiscal year, and otherwise with respect to the appropriation measure for the next fiscal year:

(a) Review and determine the adequacy of all revenues to meet all expenditures for such fiscal year;

(b) Review and determine the extent of any deficiency of revenues to meet such expenditures;

(c) Require the school district board or superintendent to provide justification documents to substantiate, to the extent and in the manner considered necessary, any item of revenue or appropriation;

(d) Not later than sixty days after taking office or after receiving the appropriation measure for the next fiscal year, issue a public report regarding its review pursuant to division (B)(1) of this section.

(2) Require the school district board, by resolution, to establish monthly levels of expenditures and encumbrances consistent with the financial recovery plan and the commission's review pursuant to divisions (B)(1)(a) and (b) of this section, or establish such levels itself. If the commission permits the district board to make expenditures, the commission shall monitor the monthly levels of expenditures and encumbrances and require justification documents to substantiate any departure from any approved level. No district board shall make any expenditure apart from the approved level without the written approval of the commission.

(C) In making any determination pursuant to division (B) of this section, the commission may rely on any information considered in its judgment reliable or material and shall not be restricted by any tax budget or certificate or any other document the school district may have adopted or received from any other governmental agency.

(D) County, state, and school district officers or employees shall assist the commission diligently and promptly in the prosecution of its duties, including the furnishing of any materials, including justification documents, required.

(E) Annually on or before the first day of April during the fiscal emergency period, the commission shall make reports and recommendations to the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate concerning progress of the school district to eliminate fiscal emergency conditions, failures of the school district to comply with this chapter, and recommendations for further actions to attain the objectives of this chapter, including any legislative action needed to make provisions of law more effective for their purposes, or to enhance revenue raising or financing capabilities of school districts. The commission may make such interim reports as it considers appropriate for such purposes and shall make such additional reports as may be requested by either house of the general assembly.

Sec. 3319.02. (A)(1) As used in this section, "other administrator" means any of the following:

(a) Except as provided in division (A)(2) of this section, any employee in a position for which a board of education requires a license designated by rule of the department of education for being an administrator issued under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code, including a professional pupil services employee or administrative specialist or an equivalent of either one who is

not employed as a school counselor and spends less than fifty per cent of the time employed teaching or working with students;

(b) Any nonlicensed employee whose job duties enable such employee to be considered as either a "supervisor" or a "management level employee," as defined in section 4117.01 of the Revised Code;

(c) A business manager appointed under section 3319.03 of the Revised Code.

(2) As used in this section, "other administrator" does not include a superintendent, assistant superintendent, principal, or assistant principal.

(B) The board of education of each school district and the governing board of an educational service center may appoint one or more assistant superintendents and such other administrators as are necessary. An assistant educational service center superintendent or service center supervisor employed on a part-time basis may also be employed by a local board as a teacher. The board of each city, exempted village, and local school district shall employ principals for all high schools and for such other schools as the board designates, and those boards may appoint assistant principals for any school that they designate.

(C) In educational service centers and in city, exempted village, and local school districts, assistant superintendents, principals, assistant principals, and other administrators shall only be employed or reemployed in accordance with nominations of the superintendent, except that a board of education of a school district or the governing board of a service center, by a three-fourths vote of its full membership, may reemploy any assistant superintendent, principal, assistant principal, or other administrator whom the superintendent refuses to nominate.

The board of education or governing board shall execute a written contract of employment with each assistant superintendent, principal, assistant principal, and other administrator it employs or reemploys. The term of such contract shall not exceed three years except that in the case of a person who has been employed as an assistant superintendent, principal, assistant principal, or other administrator in the district or center for three years or more, the term of the contract shall be for not more than five years and, unless the superintendent of the district recommends otherwise, not less than two years. If the superintendent so recommends, the term of the contract of a person who has been employed by the district or service center as an assistant superintendent, principal, assistant principal, or other administrator for three years or more may be one year, but all subsequent contracts granted such person shall be for a term of not less than two years and not more than five years. When a teacher with continuing service status

becomes an assistant superintendent, principal, assistant principal, or other administrator with the district or service center with which the teacher holds continuing service status, the teacher retains such status in the teacher's nonadministrative position as provided in sections 3311.77, 3319.08, and 3319.09 of the Revised Code.

A board of education or governing board may reemploy an assistant superintendent, principal, assistant principal, or other administrator at any regular or special meeting held during the period beginning on the first day of January of the calendar year immediately preceding the year of expiration of the employment contract and ending on the last day of March of the year the employment contract expires.

Except by mutual agreement of the parties thereto, no assistant superintendent, principal, assistant principal, or other administrator shall be transferred during the life of a contract to a position of lesser responsibility. No contract may be terminated by a board except pursuant to section 3319.16 of the Revised Code. No contract may be suspended except pursuant to section 3319.17 or 3319.171 of the Revised Code. The salaries and compensation prescribed by such contracts shall not be reduced by a board unless such reduction is a part of a uniform plan affecting the entire district or center. The contract shall specify the employee's administrative position and duties as included in the job description adopted under division (D) of this section, the salary and other compensation to be paid for performance of duties, the number of days to be worked, the number of days of vacation leave, if any, and any paid holidays in the contractual year.

An assistant superintendent, principal, assistant principal, or other administrator is, at the expiration of the current term of employment, deemed reemployed at the same salary plus any increments that may be authorized by the board, unless such employee notifies the board in writing to the contrary on or before the first day of June, or unless such board, on or before the last day of March of the year in which the contract of employment expires, either reemploys such employee for a succeeding term or gives written notice of its intention not to reemploy the employee. The term of reemployment of a person reemployed under this paragraph shall be one year, except that if such person has been employed by the school district or service center as an assistant superintendent, principal, assistant principal, or other administrator for three years or more, the term of reemployment shall be two years.

(D)(1) Each board shall adopt procedures for the evaluation of all assistant superintendents, principals, assistant principals, and other administrators and shall evaluate such employees in accordance with those

procedures. The procedures for the evaluation of principals shall be based on principles comparable to the teacher evaluation policy adopted by the board under section 3319.111 of the Revised Code, but shall be tailored to the duties and responsibilities of principals and the environment in which principals work. An evaluation based upon procedures adopted under this division shall be considered by the board in deciding whether to renew the contract of employment of an assistant superintendent, principal, assistant principal, or other administrator.

(2) The evaluation shall measure each assistant superintendent's, principal's, assistant principal's, and other administrator's effectiveness in performing the duties included in the job description and the evaluation procedures shall provide for, but not be limited to, the following:

(a) Each assistant superintendent, principal, assistant principal, and other administrator shall be evaluated annually through a written evaluation process.

(b) The evaluation shall be conducted by the superintendent or designee.

(c) In order to provide time to show progress in correcting the deficiencies identified in the evaluation process, the evaluation process shall be completed as follows:

(i) In any school year that the employee's contract of employment is not due to expire, at least one evaluation shall be completed in that year. A written copy of the evaluation shall be provided to the employee no later than the end of the employee's contract year as defined by the employee's annual salary notice.

(ii) In any school year that the employee's contract of employment is due to expire, at least a preliminary evaluation and at least a final evaluation shall be completed in that year. A written copy of the preliminary evaluation shall be provided to the employee at least sixty days prior to any action by the board on the employee's contract of employment. The final evaluation shall indicate the superintendent's intended recommendation to the board regarding a contract of employment for the employee. A written copy of the evaluation shall be provided to the employee at least five days prior to the board's acting to renew or not renew the contract.

(3) Termination of an assistant superintendent, principal, assistant principal, or other administrator's contract shall be pursuant to section 3319.16 of the Revised Code. Suspension of any such employee shall be pursuant to section 3319.17 or 3319.171 of the Revised Code.

(4) Before taking action to renew or nonrenew the contract of an assistant superintendent, principal, assistant principal, or other administrator under this section and prior to the last day of March of the year in which

such employee's contract expires, the board shall notify each such employee of the date that the contract expires and that the employee may request a meeting with the board. Upon request by such an employee, the board shall grant the employee a meeting in executive session. In that meeting, the board shall discuss its reasons for considering renewal or nonrenewal of the contract. The employee shall be permitted to have a representative, chosen by the employee, present at the meeting.

(5) The establishment of an evaluation procedure shall not create an expectancy of continued employment. Nothing in division (D) of this section shall prevent a board from making the final determination regarding the renewal or nonrenewal of the contract of any assistant superintendent, principal, assistant principal, or other administrator. However, if a board fails to provide evaluations pursuant to division (D)(2)(c)(i) or (ii) of this section, or if the board fails to provide at the request of the employee a meeting as prescribed in division (D)(4) of this section, the employee automatically shall be reemployed at the same salary plus any increments that may be authorized by the board for a period of one year, except that if the employee has been employed by the district or service center as an assistant superintendent, principal, assistant principal, or other administrator for three years or more, the period of reemployment shall be for two years.

(E) On nomination of the superintendent of a service center a governing board may employ supervisors who shall be employed under written contracts of employment for terms not to exceed five years each. Such contracts may be terminated by a governing board pursuant to section 3319.16 of the Revised Code. Any supervisor employed pursuant to this division may terminate the contract of employment at the end of any school year after giving the board at least thirty days' written notice prior to such termination. On the recommendation of the superintendent the contract or contracts of any supervisor employed pursuant to this division may be suspended for the remainder of the term of any such contract pursuant to section 3319.17 or 3319.171 of the Revised Code.

(F) A board may establish vacation leave for any individuals employed under this section. Upon such an individual's separation from employment, a board that has such leave may compensate such an individual at the individual's current rate of pay for all lawfully accrued and unused vacation leave credited at the time of separation, not to exceed the amount accrued within three years before the date of separation. In case of the death of an individual employed under this section, such unused vacation leave as the board would have paid to the individual upon separation under this section shall be paid in accordance with section 2113.04 of the Revised Code, or to

the estate.

(G) The board of education of any school district may contract with the governing board of the educational service center from which it otherwise receives services to conduct searches and recruitment of candidates for assistant superintendent, principal, assistant principal, and other administrator positions authorized under this section.

Sec. 3319.071. The board of education of any school district may, by resolution, establish a professional development program for teachers in accordance with which it may reimburse teachers employed by the district for all or any part of the cost incurred by the teacher in the successful completion of a course or training program in which the teacher enrolled as part of the development program. The terms and conditions for participation shall be determined by the board and shall be included in the resolution establishing the program.

No teacher shall be required to participate in a professional development program under this section. When a teacher is participating in such a program, such participation does not constitute the performance of duties by such teacher in addition to the teacher's regular teaching duties and is not subject to section 3311.77 or 3319.08 of the Revised Code.

As used in this section, "teacher" has the meaning contained in division (A) of section 3319.09 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3319.10. Teachers may be employed as substitute teachers for terms not to exceed one year for assignment as services are needed to take the place of regular teachers absent on account of illness or on leaves of absence or to fill temporarily positions created by emergencies; such assignment to be subject to termination when such services no longer are needed.

A teacher employed as a substitute with an assignment to one specific teaching position shall after sixty days of service be granted sick leave, visiting days, and other local privileges granted to regular teachers including a salary not less than the minimum salary on the current adopted salary schedule.

A teacher employed as a substitute for one hundred twenty days or more during a school year and re-employed for or assigned to a specific teaching position for the succeeding year shall receive a contract as a regular teacher if the substitute meets the local educational requirements for the employment of regular teachers.

Teachers employed as substitutes on a casual or day-to-day basis shall not be entitled to the notice of nonre-employment prescribed in section 3311.81 or 3319.11 of the Revised Code, but boards of education may grant

such teachers sick leave and other local privileges and cumulate such service in determining seniority.

For purposes of determining in any school year the days of service of a substitute teacher under this section, any teacher's days of service in that school year while conditionally employed as a substitute teacher under section 3319.101 of the Revised Code shall count as days of service as a substitute teacher under this section.

Sec. 3319.112. (A) Not later than December 31, 2011, the state board of education shall develop a standards-based state framework for the evaluation of teachers. The framework shall establish an evaluation system that does the following:

(1) Provides for multiple evaluation factors, including student academic growth which shall account for fifty per cent of each evaluation;

(2) Is aligned with the standards for teachers adopted under section 3319.61 of the Revised Code;

(3) Requires observation of the teacher being evaluated, including at least two formal observations by the evaluator of at least thirty minutes each and classroom walk-throughs;

(4) Assigns a rating on each evaluation in accordance with division (B) of this section;

(5) Requires each teacher to be provided with a written report of the results of the teacher's evaluation;

(6) Identifies measures of student academic growth for grade levels and subjects for which the value-added progress dimension prescribed by section 3302.021 of the Revised Code does not apply;

(7) Implements a classroom-level, value-added program developed by a nonprofit organization described in division (B) of section 3302.021 of the Revised Code;

(8) Provides for professional development to accelerate and continue teacher growth and provide support to poorly performing teachers;

(9) Provides for the allocation of financial resources to support professional development.

(B) For purposes of the framework developed under this section, the state board also shall do the following:

(1) Develop specific standards and criteria that distinguish between the following levels of performance for teachers and principals for the purpose of assigning ratings on the evaluations conducted under sections 3311.80, 3311.84, 3319.02, and 3319.111 of the Revised Code:

(a) Accomplished;

(b) Proficient;

(c) Developing;

(d) Ineffective.

(2) For grade levels and subjects for which the assessments prescribed under sections 3301.0710 and 3301.0712 of the Revised Code and the value-added progress dimension prescribed by section 3302.021 of the Revised Code do not apply, develop a list of student assessments that measure mastery of the course content for the appropriate grade level, which may include nationally normed standardized assessments, industry certification examinations, or end-of-course examinations.

(C) The state board shall consult with experts, teachers and principals employed in public schools, and representatives of stakeholder groups in developing the standards and criteria required by division (B)(1) of this section.

(D) To assist school districts in developing evaluation policies under sections 3311.80, 3311.84, 3319.02, and 3319.111 of the Revised Code, the department shall do both of the following:

(1) Serve as a clearinghouse of promising evaluation procedures and evaluation models that districts may use;

(2) Provide technical assistance to districts in creating evaluation policies.

Sec. 3319.12. Each board of education shall cause notice to be given annually not later than the first day of July to each teacher who holds a contract valid for the succeeding school year, as to the salary to be paid such teacher during such year. Such salary shall not be lower than the salary paid during the preceding school year unless such reduction is a part of a uniform plan affecting the entire district. This section does not prevent increases of salary after the board's annual notice has been given.

Except by mutual agreement of the parties thereto a teacher employed under a contract of employment in an administrative, or supervisory position in a school district, or in any position provided for by section 3319.01 or 3319.02 of the Revised Code, shall not be transferred during the life of ~~his~~ the teacher's contract to a position of lesser responsibility. No contract or supplemental contract for the employment of a teacher, whether for an administrative or supervisory position, a position provided for by sections 3319.01 and 3319.02 of the Revised Code, regular teaching duties, or additional duties, may be terminated or suspended by a board of education except pursuant to section 3311.82, 3319.02, or 3319.16 of the Revised Code, and the salaries and compensations prescribed by such contracts shall not be reduced by a board of education unless such reduction is a part of a uniform plan affecting the entire district. This section shall apply only to

contracts entered into after August 18, 1969.

Sec. 3319.13. Upon the written request of a teacher or a regular nonteaching school employee, a board of education may grant a leave of absence for a period of not more than two consecutive school years for educational, professional, or other purposes, and shall grant such leave where illness or other disability is the reason for the request. Upon subsequent request, such leave may be renewed by the board. Without request, a board may grant similar leave of absence and renewals thereof to any teacher or regular nonteaching school employee because of physical or mental disability, but such teacher may have a hearing on such unrequested leave of absence or its renewals in accordance with section 3311.82 or 3319.16 of the Revised Code, and such nonteaching school employee may have a hearing on such unrequested leave of absence or its renewals in accordance with division (C) of section 3319.081 of the Revised Code. Upon the return to service of a teacher or a nonteaching school employee at the expiration of a leave of absence, the teacher or nonteaching school employee shall resume the contract status that the teacher or nonteaching school employee held prior to the leave of absence. Any teacher who leaves a teaching position for service in the uniformed services and who returns from service in the uniformed services that is terminated in a manner other than as described in section 4304 of Title 38 of the United States Code, "Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994," 108 Stat. 3149, 38 U.S.C.A. 4304, shall resume the contract status held prior to entering the uniformed services, subject to passing a physical examination by an individual authorized by the Revised Code to conduct physical examinations, including a physician assistant, a clinical nurse specialist, a certified nurse practitioner, or a certified nurse-midwife. Any written documentation of the physical examination shall be completed by the individual who conducted the examination. Such contract status shall be resumed at the first of the school semester or the beginning of the school year following return from the uniformed services. For purposes of this section and section 3319.14 of the Revised Code, "uniformed services" and "service in the uniformed services" have the same meanings as defined in section 5923.05 of the Revised Code.

Upon the return of a nonteaching school employee from a leave of absence, the board may terminate the employment of a person hired exclusively for the purpose of replacing the returning employee while the returning employee was on leave. If, after the return of a nonteaching employee from leave, the person employed exclusively for the purpose of replacing an employee while the employee was on leave is continued in

employment as a regular nonteaching school employee or if the person is hired by the board as a regular nonteaching school employee within a year after employment as a replacement is terminated, the person shall, for purposes of section 3319.081 of the Revised Code, receive credit for the person's length of service with the school district during such replacement period in the following manner:

(A) If employed as a replacement for less than twelve months, the person shall be employed under a contract valid for a period equal to twelve months less the number of months employed as a replacement. At the end of such contract period, if the person is reemployed it shall be under a two-year contract. Subsequent reemployment shall be pursuant to division (B) of section 3319.081 of the Revised Code.

(B) If employed as a replacement for twelve months or more but less than twenty-four months, the person shall be employed under a contract valid for a period equal to twenty-four months less the number of months employed as a replacement. Subsequent reemployment shall be pursuant to division (B) of section 3319.081 of the Revised Code.

(C) If employed as a replacement for more than twenty-four months, the person shall be employed pursuant to division (B) of section 3319.081 of the Revised Code.

For purposes of this section, employment during any part of a month shall count as employment during the entire month.

Sec. 3319.14. Any teacher who has left, or leaves, a teaching position, by resignation or otherwise, and within forty school days thereafter entered, or enters, the uniformed services and whose service is terminated in a manner other than as described in section 4304 of Title 38 of the United States Code, "Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994," 108 Stat. 3149, 38 U.S.C.A. 4304, shall be reemployed by the board of education of the district in which the teacher held such teaching position, under the same type of contract as that which the teacher last held in such district, if the teacher applies to the board of education for reemployment in accordance with the "Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994," 108 Stat. 3149, 38 U.S.C.A. 4312. Upon such application, the teacher shall be reemployed at the first of the next school semester, if the application is made not less than thirty days prior to the first of the next school semester, in which case the teacher shall be reemployed the first of the following school semester, unless the board of education waives the requirement for the thirty-day period.

For the purposes of seniority and placement on the salary schedule, years of absence performing service in the uniformed services shall be

counted as though teaching service had been performed during such time.

The board of education of the district in which such teacher was employed and is reemployed under this section may suspend the contract of the teacher whose services become unnecessary by reason of the return of a teacher from service in the uniformed services in accordance with section 3311.83, 3319.17, or 3319.171 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3319.141. Each person who is employed by any board of education in this state, except for substitutes, adult education instructors who are scheduled to work the full-time equivalent of less than one hundred twenty days per school year, or persons who are employed on an as-needed, seasonal, or intermittent basis, shall be entitled to fifteen days sick leave with pay, for each year under contract, which shall be credited at the rate of one and one-fourth days per month. Teachers and regular nonteaching school employees, upon approval of the responsible administrative officer of the school district, may use sick leave for absence due to personal illness, pregnancy, injury, exposure to contagious disease which could be communicated to others, and for absence due to illness, injury, or death in the employee's immediate family. Unused sick leave shall be cumulative up to one hundred twenty work days, unless more than one hundred twenty days are approved by the employing board of education. The previously accumulated sick leave of a person who has been separated from public service, whether accumulated pursuant to section 124.38 of the Revised Code or pursuant to this section, shall be placed to the person's credit upon re-employment in the public service, provided that such re-employment takes place within ten years of the date of the last termination from public service. A teacher or nonteaching school employee who transfers from one public agency to another shall be credited with the unused balance of the teacher's or nonteaching employee's accumulated sick leave up to the maximum of the sick leave accumulation permitted in the public agency to which the employee transfers. Teachers and nonteaching school employees who render regular part-time, per diem, or hourly service shall be entitled to sick leave for the time actually worked at the same rate as that granted like full-time employees, calculated in the same manner as the ratio of sick leave granted to hours of service established by section 124.38 of the Revised Code. Each board of education may establish regulations for the entitlement, crediting and use of sick leave by those substitute teachers employed by such board pursuant to section 3319.10 of the Revised Code who are not otherwise entitled to sick leave pursuant to such section. A board of education shall require a teacher or nonteaching school employee to furnish a written, signed statement on forms prescribed by such board to justify the

use of sick leave. If medical attention is required, the employee's statement shall list the name and address of the attending physician and the dates when the physician was consulted. Nothing in this section shall be construed to waive the physician-patient privilege provided by section 2317.02 of the Revised Code. Falsification of a statement is grounds for suspension or termination of employment under sections 3311.82, 3319.081, and 3319.16 of the Revised Code. No sick leave shall be granted or credited to a teacher after the teacher's retirement or termination of employment.

Except to the extent used as sick leave, leave granted under regulations adopted by a board of education pursuant to section 3311.77 or 3319.08 of the Revised Code shall not be charged against sick leave earned or earnable under this section. Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect in any other way the granting of leave pursuant to section 3311.77 or 3319.08 of the Revised Code and any granting of sick leave pursuant to such section shall be charged against sick leave accumulated pursuant to this section.

This section shall not be construed to interfere with any unused sick leave credit in any agency of government where attendance records are maintained and credit has been given for unused sick leave. Unused sick leave accumulated by teachers and nonteaching school employees under section 124.38 of the Revised Code shall continue to be credited toward the maximum accumulation permitted in accordance with this section. Each newly hired regular nonteaching and each regular nonteaching employee of any board of education who has exhausted the employee's accumulated sick leave shall be entitled to an advancement of not less than five days of sick leave each year, as authorized by rules which each board shall adopt, to be charged against the sick leave the employee subsequently accumulates under this section.

This section shall be uniformly administered.

Sec. 3319.143. Notwithstanding section 3319.141 of the Revised Code, the board of education of a city, exempted village, local or joint vocational school district may adopt a policy of assault leave by which an employee who is absent due to physical disability resulting from an assault which occurs in the course of board employment will be maintained on full pay status during the period of such absence. A board of education electing to effect such a policy of assault leave shall establish rules for the entitlement, crediting, and use of assault leave and file a copy of same with the state board of education. A board of education adopting this policy shall require an employee to furnish a signed statement on forms prescribed by such board to justify the use of assault leave. If medical attention is required, a certificate from a licensed physician stating the nature of the disability and

its duration shall be required before assault leave can be approved for payment. Falsification of either a signed statement or a physician's certificate is ground for suspension or termination of employment under section 3311.82 or 3319.16 of the Revised Code.

Assault leave granted under rules adopted by a board of education pursuant to this section shall not be charged against sick leave earned or earnable under section 3319.141 of the Revised Code or leave granted under rules adopted by a board of education pursuant to section 3311.77 or 3319.08 of the Revised Code. This section shall be uniformly administered in those districts where such policy is adopted.

Sec. 3319.151. (A) No person shall reveal to any student any specific question that the person knows is part of an assessment to be administered under section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code or in any other way assist a pupil to cheat on such an assessment.

(B) On a finding by the state board of education, after investigation, that a school employee who holds a license issued under sections 3319.22 to 3319.31 of the Revised Code has violated division (A) of this section, the license of such teacher shall be suspended for one year. Prior to commencing an investigation, the board shall give the teacher notice of the allegation and an opportunity to respond and present a defense.

(C)(1) Violation of division (A) of this section is grounds for termination of employment of a nonteaching employee under division (C) of section 3319.081 or section 124.34 of the Revised Code.

(2) Violation of division (A) of this section is grounds for termination of a teacher contract under section 3311.82 or 3319.16 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3319.18. If an entire school district or that part of a school district which comprises the territory in which a school is situated is transferred to any other district, or if a new school district is created, the teachers in such districts or schools employed on continuing contracts immediately prior to such transfer, or creation shall, subject to section 3311.83, 3319.17, or 3319.171 of the Revised Code, have continuing service status in the newly created district, or in the district to which the territory is transferred.

The limited contracts of the teachers employed in such districts or schools immediately prior to such transfer, or creation, shall become the legal obligations of the board of education in the newly created district, or in the district to which the territory is transferred, subject to section 3311.83, 3319.17, or 3319.171 of the Revised Code. The teaching experience of such teachers in such prior districts or schools shall be included in the three years of service required under section 3319.11 of the Revised Code for a teacher to become eligible for continuing service status.

Teachers employed on limited or continuing contracts in an entire school district or that part of a school district which comprises the territory in which a school is situated which is transferred to any other district or which is merged with other school territory to create a new school district, shall be placed, on the effective date of such transfer or merger, on the salary schedule of the district to which the territory is transferred or the newly created district, according to their training and experience. Such experience shall be the total sum of the years taught in the district whose territory was transferred or merged to create a new district, plus the total number of years of teaching experience recognized by such previous district upon its first employment of such teachers.

The placement of the teachers on the salary schedule, pursuant to this section, shall not result, however, in the salary of any teacher being less than the teacher's current annual salary for regular duties, in existence immediately prior to the merger or transfer.

When suspending contracts in accordance with an administrative personnel suspension policy adopted under section 3319.171 of the Revised Code, a board may consider years of teaching service in the previous district in its decision if it is a part of the suspension policy.

Sec. 3319.283. (A) The board of education of any school district may employ an individual who is not certificated or licensed as required by Chapter 3319. of the Revised Code, but who meets the following qualifications, as a teacher in the schools of the district:

(1) The individual is a veteran of the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged within three years of June 30, 1997;

(2) While in the armed forces the individual had meaningful teaching or other instructional experience;

(3) The individual holds at least a baccalaureate degree.

(B) An individual employed under this section shall be deemed to hold a teaching certificate or educator license for the purposes of state and federal law and rules and regulations and school district policies, rules, and regulations. However, an individual employed under this section is not a highly qualified teacher for purposes of the school district's compliance with section 3319.074 of the Revised Code. Each individual employed under this section shall meet the requirement to successfully complete fifteen hours, or the equivalent, of coursework every five years that is approved by the local professional development committee as is required of other teachers licensed in accordance with Chapter 3319. of the Revised Code.

(C) The superintendent of public instruction may revoke the right of an individual employed under division (A) of this section to teach if, after an

investigation and an adjudication conducted pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, the superintendent finds that the person is not competent to teach the subject the person has been employed to teach or did not fulfill the requirements of division (A) of this section. No individual whose right to teach has been revoked under this division shall teach in a public school, and no board of education may engage such an individual to teach in the schools of its district.

Notwithstanding division (B) of this section, a board of education is not required to comply with the provisions of sections 3311.81, 3311.82, 3319.11, and 3319.16 of the Revised Code with regard to termination of employment if the superintendent, after an investigation and an adjudication, has revoked the individual's right to teach.

Sec. 4141.29. Each eligible individual shall receive benefits as compensation for loss of remuneration due to involuntary total or partial unemployment in the amounts and subject to the conditions stipulated in this chapter.

(A) No individual is entitled to a waiting period or benefits for any week unless the individual:

(1) Has filed a valid application for determination of benefit rights in accordance with section 4141.28 of the Revised Code;

(2) Has made a claim for benefits in accordance with section 4141.28 of the Revised Code;

(3) Has registered at an employment office or other registration place maintained or designated by the director of job and family services. Registration shall be made in accordance with the time limits, frequency, and manner prescribed by the director.

(4)(a)(i) Is able to work and available for suitable work and, except as provided in division (A)(4)(a)(ii) of this section, is actively seeking suitable work either in a locality in which the individual has earned wages subject to this chapter during the individual's base period, or if the individual leaves that locality, then in a locality where suitable work normally is performed.

(ii) The director may waive the requirement that a claimant be actively seeking work when the director finds that the individual has been laid off and the employer who laid the individual off has notified the director within ten days after the layoff, that work is expected to be available for the individual within a specified number of days not to exceed forty-five calendar days following the last day the individual worked. In the event the individual is not recalled within the specified period, this waiver shall cease to be operative with respect to that layoff.

(b) The individual shall be instructed as to the efforts that the individual

must make in the search for suitable work, except where the active search for work requirement has been waived under division (A)(4)(a) of this section, and shall keep a record of where and when the individual has sought work in complying with those instructions and, upon request, shall produce that record for examination by the director.

(c) An individual who is attending a training course approved by the director meets the requirement of this division, if attendance was recommended by the director and the individual is regularly attending the course and is making satisfactory progress. An individual also meets the requirements of this division if the individual is participating and advancing in a training program, as defined in division (P) of section 5709.61 of the Revised Code, and if an enterprise, defined in division (B) of section 5709.61 of the Revised Code, is paying all or part of the cost of the individual's participation in the training program with the intention of hiring the individual for employment as a new employee, as defined in division (L) of section 5709.61 of the Revised Code, for at least ninety days after the individual's completion of the training program.

(d) An individual who becomes unemployed while attending a regularly established school and whose base period qualifying weeks were earned in whole or in part while attending that school, meets the availability and active search for work requirements of division (A)(4)(a) of this section if the individual regularly attends the school during weeks with respect to which the individual claims unemployment benefits and makes self available on any shift of hours for suitable employment with the individual's most recent employer or any other employer in the individual's base period, or for any other suitable employment to which the individual is directed, under this chapter.

(e) The director shall adopt any rules that the director deems necessary for the administration of division (A)(4) of this section.

(f) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, no otherwise eligible individual shall be denied benefits for any week because the individual is in training approved under section 236(a)(1) of the "Trade Act of 1974," 88 Stat. 1978, 19 U.S.C.A. 2296, nor shall that individual be denied benefits by reason of leaving work to enter such training, provided the work left is not suitable employment, or because of the application to any week in training of provisions in this chapter, or any applicable federal unemployment compensation law, relating to availability for work, active search for work, or refusal to accept work.

For the purposes of division (A)(4)(f) of this section, "suitable employment" means with respect to an individual, work of a substantially

equal or higher skill level than the individual's past adversely affected employment, as defined for the purposes of the "Trade Act of 1974," 88 Stat. 1978, 19 U.S.C.A. 2101, and wages for such work at not less than eighty per cent of the individual's average weekly wage as determined for the purposes of that federal act.

(5) Is unable to obtain suitable work. An individual who is provided temporary work assignments by the individual's employer under agreed terms and conditions of employment, and who is required pursuant to those terms and conditions to inquire with the individual's employer for available work assignments upon the conclusion of each work assignment, is not considered unable to obtain suitable employment if suitable work assignments are available with the employer but the individual fails to contact the employer to inquire about work assignments.

(6) Participates in reemployment services, such as job search assistance services, if the individual has been determined to be likely to exhaust benefits under this chapter, including compensation payable pursuant to 5 U.S.C.A. Chapter 85, other than extended compensation, and needs reemployment services pursuant to the profiling system established by the director under division (K) of this section, unless the director determines that:

- (a) The individual has completed such services; or
- (b) There is justifiable cause for the claimant's failure to participate in such services.

(B) An individual suffering total or partial unemployment is eligible for benefits for unemployment occurring subsequent to a waiting period of one week and no benefits shall be payable during this required waiting period. Not more than one week of waiting period shall be required of any individual in any benefit year in order to establish the individual's eligibility for total or partial unemployment benefits.

(C) The waiting period for total or partial unemployment shall commence on the first day of the first week with respect to which the individual first files a claim for benefits at an employment office or other place of registration maintained or designated by the director or on the first day of the first week with respect to which the individual has otherwise filed a claim for benefits in accordance with the rules of the department of job and family services, provided such claim is allowed by the director.

(D) Notwithstanding division (A) of this section, no individual may serve a waiting period or be paid benefits under the following conditions:

- (1) For any week with respect to which the director finds that:
 - (a) The individual's unemployment was due to a labor dispute other than

a lockout at any factory, establishment, or other premises located in this or any other state and owned or operated by the employer by which the individual is or was last employed; and for so long as the individual's unemployment is due to such labor dispute. No individual shall be disqualified under this provision if either of the following applies:

(i) The individual's employment was with such employer at any factory, establishment, or premises located in this state, owned or operated by such employer, other than the factory, establishment, or premises at which the labor dispute exists, if it is shown that the individual is not financing, participating in, or directly interested in such labor dispute;

(ii) The individual's employment was with an employer not involved in the labor dispute but whose place of business was located within the same premises as the employer engaged in the dispute, unless the individual's employer is a wholly owned subsidiary of the employer engaged in the dispute, or unless the individual actively participates in or voluntarily stops work because of such dispute. If it is established that the claimant was laid off for an indefinite period and not recalled to work prior to the dispute, or was separated by the employer prior to the dispute for reasons other than the labor dispute, or that the individual obtained a bona fide job with another employer while the dispute was still in progress, such labor dispute shall not render the employee ineligible for benefits.

(b) The individual has been given a disciplinary layoff for misconduct in connection with the individual's work.

(2) For the duration of the individual's unemployment if the director finds that:

(a) The individual quit work without just cause or has been discharged for just cause in connection with the individual's work, provided division (D)(2) of this section does not apply to the separation of a person under any of the following circumstances:

(i) Separation from employment for the purpose of entering the armed forces of the United States if the individual is inducted into the armed forces within one of the following periods:

(I) Thirty days after separation;

(II) One hundred eighty days after separation if the individual's date of induction is delayed solely at the discretion of the armed forces.

(ii) Separation from employment pursuant to a labor-management contract or agreement, or pursuant to an established employer plan, program, or policy, which permits the employee, because of lack of work, to accept a separation from employment;

(iii) The individual has left employment to accept a recall from a prior

employer or, except as provided in division (D)(2)(a)(iv) of this section, to accept other employment as provided under section 4141.291 of the Revised Code, or left or was separated from employment that was concurrent employment at the time of the most recent separation or within six weeks prior to the most recent separation where the remuneration, hours, or other conditions of such concurrent employment were substantially less favorable than the individual's most recent employment and where such employment, if offered as new work, would be considered not suitable under the provisions of divisions (E) and (F) of this section. Any benefits that would otherwise be chargeable to the account of the employer from whom an individual has left employment or was separated from employment that was concurrent employment under conditions described in division (D)(2)(a)(iii) of this section, shall instead be charged to the mutualized account created by division (B) of section 4141.25 of the Revised Code, except that any benefits chargeable to the account of a reimbursing employer under division (D)(2)(a)(iii) of this section shall be charged to the account of the reimbursing employer and not to the mutualized account, except as provided in division (D)(2) of section 4141.24 of the Revised Code.

(iv) When an individual has been issued a definite layoff date by the individual's employer and before the layoff date, the individual quits to accept other employment, the provisions of division (D)(2)(a)(iii) of this section apply and no disqualification shall be imposed under division (D) of this section. However, if the individual fails to meet the employment and earnings requirements of division (A)(2) of section 4141.291 of the Revised Code, then the individual, pursuant to division (A)(5) of this section, shall be ineligible for benefits for any week of unemployment that occurs prior to the layoff date.

(b) The individual has refused without good cause to accept an offer of suitable work when made by an employer either in person or to the individual's last known address, or has refused or failed to investigate a referral to suitable work when directed to do so by a local employment office of this state or another state, provided that this division shall not cause a disqualification for a waiting week or benefits under the following circumstances:

(i) When work is offered by the individual's employer and the individual is not required to accept the offer pursuant to the terms of the labor-management contract or agreement; or

(ii) When the individual is attending a training course pursuant to division (A)(4) of this section except, in the event of a refusal to accept an offer of suitable work or a refusal or failure to investigate a referral, benefits

thereafter paid to such individual shall not be charged to the account of any employer and, except as provided in division (B)(1)(b) of section 4141.241 of the Revised Code, shall be charged to the mutualized account as provided in division (B) of section 4141.25 of the Revised Code.

(c) Such individual quit work to marry or because of marital, parental, filial, or other domestic obligations.

(d) The individual became unemployed by reason of commitment to any correctional institution.

(e) The individual became unemployed because of dishonesty in connection with the individual's most recent or any base period work. Remuneration earned in such work shall be excluded from the individual's total base period remuneration and qualifying weeks that otherwise would be credited to the individual for such work in the individual's base period shall not be credited for the purpose of determining the total benefits to which the individual is eligible and the weekly benefit amount to be paid under section 4141.30 of the Revised Code. Such excluded remuneration and noncredited qualifying weeks shall be excluded from the calculation of the maximum amount to be charged, under division (D) of section 4141.24 and section 4141.33 of the Revised Code, against the accounts of the individual's base period employers. In addition, no benefits shall thereafter be paid to the individual based upon such excluded remuneration or noncredited qualifying weeks.

For purposes of division (D)(2)(e) of this section, "dishonesty" means the commission of substantive theft, fraud, or deceitful acts.

(E) No individual otherwise qualified to receive benefits shall lose the right to benefits by reason of a refusal to accept new work if:

(1) As a condition of being so employed the individual would be required to join a company union, or to resign from or refrain from joining any bona fide labor organization, or would be denied the right to retain membership in and observe the lawful rules of any such organization.

(2) The position offered is vacant due directly to a strike, lockout, or other labor dispute.

(3) The work is at an unreasonable distance from the individual's residence, having regard to the character of the work the individual has been accustomed to do, and travel to the place of work involves expenses substantially greater than that required for the individual's former work, unless the expense is provided for.

(4) The remuneration, hours, or other conditions of the work offered are substantially less favorable to the individual than those prevailing for similar work in the locality.

(F) Subject to the special exceptions contained in division (A)(4)(f) of this section and section 4141.301 of the Revised Code, in determining whether any work is suitable for a claimant in the administration of this chapter, the director, in addition to the determination required under division (E) of this section, shall consider the degree of risk to the claimant's health, safety, and morals, the individual's physical fitness for the work, the individual's prior training and experience, the length of the individual's unemployment, the distance of the available work from the individual's residence, and the individual's prospects for obtaining local work.

(G) The "duration of unemployment" as used in this section means the full period of unemployment next ensuing after a separation from any base period or subsequent work and until an individual has become reemployed in employment subject to this chapter, or the unemployment compensation act of another state, or of the United States, and until such individual has worked six weeks and for those weeks has earned or been paid remuneration equal to six times an average weekly wage of not less than: eighty-five dollars and ten cents per week beginning on June 26, 1990; and beginning on and after January 1, 1992, twenty-seven and one-half per cent of the statewide average weekly wage as computed each first day of January under division (B)(3) of section 4141.30 of the Revised Code, rounded down to the nearest dollar, except for purposes of division (D)(2)(c) of this section, such term means the full period of unemployment next ensuing after a separation from such work and until such individual has become reemployed subject to the terms set forth above, and has earned wages equal to one-half of the individual's average weekly wage or sixty dollars, whichever is less.

(H) If a claimant is disqualified under division (D)(2)(a), (c), or (d) of this section or found to be qualified under the exceptions provided in division (D)(2)(a)(i), (iii), or (iv) of this section or division (A)(2) of section 4141.291 of the Revised Code, then benefits that may become payable to such claimant, which are chargeable to the account of the employer from whom the individual was separated under such conditions, shall be charged to the mutualized account provided in section 4141.25 of the Revised Code, provided that no charge shall be made to the mutualized account for benefits chargeable to a reimbursing employer, except as provided in division (D)(2) of section 4141.24 of the Revised Code. In the case of a reimbursing employer, the director shall refund or credit to the account of the reimbursing employer any over-paid benefits that are recovered under division (B) of section 4141.35 of the Revised Code. Amounts chargeable to other states, the United States, or Canada that are subject to agreements and

arrangements that are established pursuant to section 4141.43 of the Revised Code shall be credited or reimbursed according to the agreements and arrangements to which the chargeable amounts are subject.

(I)(1) Benefits based on service in employment as provided in divisions (B)(2)(a) and (b) of section 4141.01 of the Revised Code shall be payable in the same amount, on the same terms, and subject to the same conditions as benefits payable on the basis of other service subject to this chapter; except that after December 31, 1977:

(a) Benefits based on service in an instructional, research, or principal administrative capacity in an institution of higher education, as defined in division (Y) of section 4141.01 of the Revised Code; or for an educational institution as defined in division (CC) of section 4141.01 of the Revised Code, shall not be paid to any individual for any week of unemployment that begins during the period between two successive academic years or terms, or during a similar period between two regular but not successive terms or during a period of paid sabbatical leave provided for in the individual's contract, if the individual performs such services in the first of those academic years or terms and has a contract or a reasonable assurance that the individual will perform services in any such capacity for any such institution in the second of those academic years or terms.

(b) Benefits based on service for an educational institution or an institution of higher education in other than an instructional, research, or principal administrative capacity, shall not be paid to any individual for any week of unemployment which begins during the period between two successive academic years or terms of the employing educational institution or institution of higher education, provided the individual performed those services for the educational institution or institution of higher education during the first such academic year or term and, there is a reasonable assurance that such individual will perform those services for any educational institution or institution of higher education in the second of such academic years or terms.

If compensation is denied to any individual for any week under division (I)(1)(b) of this section and the individual was not offered an opportunity to perform those services for an institution of higher education or for an educational institution for the second of such academic years or terms, the individual is entitled to a retroactive payment of compensation for each week for which the individual timely filed a claim for compensation and for which compensation was denied solely by reason of division (I)(1)(b) of this section. An application for retroactive benefits shall be timely filed if received by the director or the director's deputy within or prior to the end of

the fourth full calendar week after the end of the period for which benefits were denied because of reasonable assurance of employment. The provision for the payment of retroactive benefits under division (I)(1)(b) of this section is applicable to weeks of unemployment beginning on and after November 18, 1983. The provisions under division (I)(1)(b) of this section shall be retroactive to September 5, 1982, only if, as a condition for full tax credit against the tax imposed by the "Federal Unemployment Tax Act," 53 Stat. 183 (1939), 26 U.S.C.A. 3301 to 3311, the United States secretary of labor determines that retroactivity is required by federal law.

(c) With respect to weeks of unemployment beginning after December 31, 1977, benefits shall be denied to any individual for any week which commences during an established and customary vacation period or holiday recess, if the individual performs any services described in divisions (I)(1)(a) and (b) of this section in the period immediately before the vacation period or holiday recess, and there is a reasonable assurance that the individual will perform any such services in the period immediately following the vacation period or holiday recess.

(d) With respect to any services described in division (I)(1)(a), (b), or (c) of this section, benefits payable on the basis of services in any such capacity shall be denied as specified in division (I)(1)(a), (b), or (c) of this section to any individual who performs such services in an educational institution or institution of higher education while in the employ of an educational service agency. For this purpose, the term "educational service agency" means a governmental agency or governmental entity that is established and operated exclusively for the purpose of providing services to one or more educational institutions or one or more institutions of higher education.

(e) Any individual employed by a public school district, other than a municipal school district as defined in section 3311.71 of the Revised Code, or a county board of developmental disabilities shall be notified by the thirtieth day of April each year if the individual is not to be reemployed the following academic year.

(2) No disqualification will be imposed, between academic years or terms or during a vacation period or holiday recess under this division, unless the director or the director's deputy has received a statement in writing from the educational institution or institution of higher education that the claimant has a contract for, or a reasonable assurance of, reemployment for the ensuing academic year or term.

(3) If an individual has employment with an educational institution or an institution of higher education and employment with a noneducational

employer, during the base period of the individual's benefit year, then the individual may become eligible for benefits during the between-term, or vacation or holiday recess, disqualification period, based on employment performed for the noneducational employer, provided that the employment is sufficient to qualify the individual for benefit rights separately from the benefit rights based on school employment. The weekly benefit amount and maximum benefits payable during a disqualification period shall be computed based solely on the nonschool employment.

(J) Benefits shall not be paid on the basis of employment performed by an alien, unless the alien had been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence at the time the services were performed, was lawfully present for purposes of performing the services, or was otherwise permanently residing in the United States under color of law at the time the services were performed, under section 212(d)(5) of the "Immigration and Nationality Act," 66 Stat. 163, 8 U.S.C.A. 1101:

(1) Any data or information required of individuals applying for benefits to determine whether benefits are not payable to them because of their alien status shall be uniformly required from all applicants for benefits.

(2) In the case of an individual whose application for benefits would otherwise be approved, no determination that benefits to the individual are not payable because of the individual's alien status shall be made except upon a preponderance of the evidence that the individual had not, in fact, been lawfully admitted to the United States.

(K) The director shall establish and utilize a system of profiling all new claimants under this chapter that:

(1) Identifies which claimants will be likely to exhaust regular compensation and will need job search assistance services to make a successful transition to new employment;

(2) Refers claimants identified pursuant to division (K)(1) of this section to reemployment services, such as job search assistance services, available under any state or federal law;

(3) Collects follow-up information relating to the services received by such claimants and the employment outcomes for such claimant's subsequent to receiving such services and utilizes such information in making identifications pursuant to division (K)(1) of this section; and

(4) Meets such other requirements as the United States secretary of labor determines are appropriate.

Sec. 5705.192. (A) For the purposes of this section only, "taxing authority" includes a township board of park commissioners appointed under section 511.18 of the Revised Code.

(B) A taxing authority may propose to replace an existing levy that the taxing authority is authorized to levy, regardless of the section of the Revised Code under which the authority is granted, except a school district emergency levy proposed pursuant to sections 5705.194 to 5705.197 of the Revised Code. The taxing authority may propose to replace the existing levy in its entirety at the rate at which it is authorized to be levied; may propose to replace a portion of the existing levy at a lesser rate; or may propose to replace the existing levy in its entirety and increase the rate at which it is levied. If the taxing authority proposes to replace an existing levy, the proposed levy shall be called a replacement levy and shall be so designated on the ballot. Except as otherwise provided in this division, a replacement levy shall be limited to the purpose of the existing levy, and shall appear separately on the ballot from, and shall not be conjoined with, the renewal of any other existing levy. In the case of an existing school district levy imposed under section 5705.21 of the Revised Code for the purpose specified in division (F) of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code, the replacement for that existing levy may be for the same purpose or for the purpose of general permanent improvements as defined in section 5705.21 of the Revised Code.

The resolution proposing a replacement levy shall specify the purpose of the levy; its proposed rate expressed in mills; whether the proposed rate is the same as the rate of the existing levy, a reduction, or an increase; the extent of any reduction or increase expressed in mills; the first calendar year in which the levy will be due; and the term of the levy, expressed in years or, if applicable, that it will be levied for a continuing period of time.

The sections of the Revised Code governing the maximum rate and term of the existing levy, the contents of the resolution that proposed the levy, the adoption of the resolution, the arrangements for the submission of the question of the levy, and notice of the election also govern the respective provisions of the proposal to replace the existing levy, except as provided in ~~division divisions~~ (B)(1) ~~or (2)~~ to (3) of this section:

(1) In the case of an existing school district levy imposed under section 5705.21 of the Revised Code for the purpose specified in division (F) of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code that is to be replaced by a levy for general permanent improvements, the maximum term of the replacement levy is not limited to the term of the existing levy and may be for a continuing period of time.

(2) The date on which the election is held shall be as follows:

(a) For the replacement of a levy with a fixed term of years, the date of the general election held during the last year the existing levy may be

extended on the real and public utility property tax list and duplicate, or the date of any election held in the ensuing year;

(b) For the replacement of a levy imposed for a continuing period of time, the date of any election held in any year after the year the levy to be replaced is first approved by the electors, except that only one election on the question of replacing the levy may be held during any calendar year.

The failure by the electors to approve a proposal to replace a levy imposed for a continuing period of time does not terminate the existing continuing levy.

(3) In the case of an existing school district levy imposed under division (B) of section 5705.21, division (C) of section 5705.212, or division (J) of section 5705.218 of the Revised Code, the rates allocated to the municipal school district and to partnering community schools each may be increased or decreased or remain the same, and the total rate may be increased, decreased, or remain the same.

(C) The form of the ballot at the election on the question of a replacement levy shall be as follows:

"A replacement of a tax for the benefit of (name of subdivision or public library) for the purpose of (the purpose stated in the resolution) at a rate not exceeding mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to (rate expressed in dollars and cents) for each one hundred dollars in valuation, for (number of years levy is to run, or that it will be levied for a continuous period of time)

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If the replacement levy is proposed by a municipal school district to replace an existing tax levied under division (B) of section 5705.21, division (C)(1) of section 5705.212, or division (J) of section 5705.218 of the Revised Code, the form of the ballot shall be modified by adding, after the phrase "each one dollar of valuation," the following: "(of which mills is to be allocated to partnering community schools)."

If the proposal is to replace an existing levy and increase the rate of the existing levy, the form of the ballot shall be changed by adding the words "..... mills of an existing levy and an increase of mills, to constitute" after the words "a replacement of." If the proposal is to replace only a portion of an existing levy, the form of the ballot shall be changed by adding the words "a portion of an existing levy, being a reduction of

mills, to constitute" after the words "a replacement of." If the existing levy is imposed under division (B) of section 5705.21, division (C)(1) of section 5705.212, or division (J) of section 5705.218 of the Revised Code, the form of the ballot also shall state the portion of the total increased rate or of the total rate as reduced that is to be allocated to partnering community schools.

If the tax is to be placed on the tax list of the current tax year, the form of the ballot shall be modified by adding at the end of the form the phrase ", commencing in (first year the replacement tax is to be levied), first due in calendar year (first calendar year in which the tax shall be due)."

The question covered by the resolution shall be submitted as a separate proposition, but may be printed on the same ballot with any other proposition submitted at the same election, other than the election of officers. More than one such question may be submitted at the same election.

(D) Two existing levies, or any portion of those levies, may be combined into one replacement levy, so long as both of the existing levies are for the same purpose and either both are due to expire the same year or both are for a continuing period of time. The question of combining all or portions of the two existing levies into the replacement levy shall appear as one ballot proposition before the electors. If the electors approve the ballot proposition, all or the stated portions of the two existing levies are replaced by one replacement levy.

(E) A levy approved in excess of the ten-mill limitation under this section shall be certified to the tax commissioner. In the first year of a levy approved under this section, the levy shall be extended on the tax lists after the February settlement succeeding the election at which the levy was approved. If the levy is to be placed on the tax lists of the current year, as specified in the resolution providing for its submission, the result of the election shall be certified immediately after the canvass by the board of elections to the taxing authority, which shall forthwith make the necessary levy and certify it to the county auditor, who shall extend it on the tax lists for collection. After the first year, the levy shall be included in the annual tax budget that is certified to the county budget commission.

If notes are authorized to be issued in anticipation of the proceeds of the existing levy, notes may be issued in anticipation of the proceeds of the replacement levy, and such issuance is subject to the terms and limitations governing the issuance of notes in anticipation of the proceeds of the existing levy.

(F) This section does not authorize a tax to be levied in any year after

the year in which revenue is not needed for the purpose for which the tax is levied.

Sec. 5705.21. (A) At any time, the board of education of any city, local, exempted village, cooperative education, or joint vocational school district, by a vote of two-thirds of all its members, may declare by resolution that the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the school district, that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of such limitation for one of the purposes specified in division (A), (D), (F), (H), or (DD) of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code, for general permanent improvements, for the purpose of operating a cultural center, or for the purpose of providing education technology, and that the question of such additional tax levy shall be submitted to the electors of the school district at a special election on a day to be specified in the resolution. If the resolution states that the levy is for the purpose of operating a cultural center, the ballot shall state that the levy is "for the purpose of operating the (name of cultural center)."

As used in this ~~section~~ division, "cultural center" means a freestanding building, separate from a public school building, that is open to the public for educational, musical, artistic, and cultural purposes; "education technology" means, but is not limited to, computer hardware, equipment, materials, and accessories, equipment used for two-way audio or video, and software; and "general permanent improvements" means permanent improvements without regard to the limitation of division (F) of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code that the improvements be a specific improvement or a class of improvements that may be included in a single bond issue.

~~The submission of questions to the electors under this section is subject to the limitation on the number of election dates established by section 5705.214 of the Revised Code.~~

~~(B)~~ Such A resolution adopted under this division shall be confined to a single purpose and shall specify the amount of the increase in rate that it is necessary to levy, the purpose of the levy, and the number of years during which the increase in rate shall be in effect. The number of years may be any number not exceeding five or, if the levy is for current expenses of the district or for general permanent improvements, for a continuing period of time. ~~The~~

(B)(1) The board of education of a municipal school district, by resolution, may declare that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of paying the current expenses of the

district and of partnering community schools and that the question of the additional tax levy shall be submitted to the electors of the school district at a special election on a day to be specified in the resolution. The resolution shall state the purpose of the levy, the rate of the tax expressed in mills per dollar of taxable value, the number of such mills to be levied for the current expenses of the partnering community schools and the number of such mills to be levied for the current expenses of the school district, the number of years the tax will be levied, and the first year the tax will be levied. The number of years the tax may be levied may be any number not exceeding ten years, or for a continuing period of time.

The levy of a tax for the current expenses of a partnering community school under this section and the distribution of proceeds from the tax by a municipal school district to partnering community schools is hereby determined to be a proper public purpose.

(2) The form of the ballot at an election held pursuant to division (B) of this section shall be as follows:

"Shall a levy be imposed by the (insert the name of the municipal school district) for the purpose of current expenses of the school district and of partnering community schools at a rate not exceeding (insert the number of mills) mills for each one dollar of valuation (of which (insert the number of mills to be allocated to partnering community schools) mills is to be allocated to partnering community schools), which amounts to (insert the rate expressed in dollars and cents) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for (insert the number of years the levy is to be imposed, or that it will be levied for a continuing period of time), beginning (insert first year the tax is to be levied), which will first be payable in calendar year (insert the first calendar year in which the tax would be payable)?

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(3) Upon each receipt of a tax distribution by the municipal school district, the board of education shall credit the portion allocated to partnering community schools to the partnering community schools fund. All income from the investment of money in the partnering community schools fund shall be credited to that fund.

Not more than forty-five days after the municipal school district receives and deposits each tax distribution, the board of education shall distribute the partnering community schools amount among the then qualifying community schools. From each tax distribution, each such

partnering community school shall receive a portion of the partnering community schools amount in the proportion that the number of its resident students bears to the aggregate number of resident students of all such partnering community schools as of the date of receipt and deposit of the tax distribution. For the purposes of this division, the number of resident students shall be the number of such students reported under section 3317.03 of the Revised Code and established by the department of education as of the date of receipt and deposit of the tax distribution.

(4) To the extent an agreement whereby the municipal school district and a community school endorse each other's programs is necessary for the community school to qualify as a partnering community school under division (B)(6)(b) of this section, the board of education of the school district shall certify to the department of education the agreement along with the determination that such agreement satisfies the requirements of that division. The board's determination is conclusive.

(5) For the purposes of Chapter 3317. of the Revised Code or other laws referring to the "taxes charged and payable" for a school district, the taxes charged and payable for a municipal school district that levies a tax under division (B) of this section includes only the taxes charged and payable under that levy for the current expenses of the school district, and does not include the taxes charged and payable for the current expenses of partnering community schools. The taxes charged and payable for the current expenses of partnering community schools shall not affect the calculation of "state education aid" as defined in section 5751.20 of the Revised Code.

(6) As used in division (B) of this section:

(a) "Municipal school district" has the same meaning as in section 3311.71 of the Revised Code.

(b) "Partnering community school" means a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code that is located within the territory of the municipal school district and that either is sponsored by the district or is a party to an agreement with the district whereby the district and the community school endorse each other's programs.

(c) "Partnering community schools amount" means the product obtained, as of the receipt and deposit of the tax distribution, by multiplying the amount of a tax distribution by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of mills per dollar of taxable value of the property tax to be allocated to partnering community schools, and the denominator of which is the total number of mills per dollar of taxable value authorized by the electors in the election held under division (B) of this section, each as set forth in the resolution levying the tax.

(d) "Partnering community schools fund" means a separate fund established by the board of education of a municipal school district for the deposit of partnering community school amounts under this section.

(e) "Resident student" means a student enrolled in a partnering community school who is entitled to attend school in the municipal school district under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code.

(f) "Tax distribution" means a distribution of proceeds of the tax authorized by division (B) of this section under section 321.24 of the Revised Code and distributions that are attributable to that tax under sections 323.156 and 4503.068 of the Revised Code or other applicable law.

(C) A resolution adopted under this section shall specify the date of holding such the election, which shall not be earlier than ninety days after the adoption and certification of the resolution and which shall be consistent with the requirements of section 3501.01 of the Revised Code.

The A resolution adopted under this section may propose to renew one or more existing levies imposed under division (A) or (B) of this section or to increase or decrease a single levy imposed under this section either such division. If

If the board of education imposes one or more existing levies for the purpose specified in division (F) of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code, the resolution may propose to renew one or more of those existing levies, or to increase or decrease a single such existing levy, for the purpose of general permanent improvements. If

If the resolution proposes to renew two or more existing levies, the levies shall be levied for the same purpose. The resolution shall identify those levies and the rates at which they are levied. The resolution also shall specify that the existing levies shall not be extended on the tax lists after the year preceding the year in which the renewal levy is first imposed, regardless of the years for which those levies originally were authorized to be levied.

If the resolution proposes to renew an existing levy imposed under division (B) of this section, the rates allocated to the municipal school district and to partnering community schools each may be increased or decreased or remain the same, and the total rate may be increased, decreased, or remain the same. The resolution and notice of election shall specify the number of the mills to be levied for the current expenses of the partnering community schools and the number of the mills to be levied for the current expenses of the municipal school district.

The A resolution adopted under this section shall go into immediate effect upon its passage, and no publication of the resolution shall be

necessary other than that provided for in the notice of election. A copy of the resolution shall immediately after its passing be certified to the board of elections of the proper county in the manner provided by section 5705.25 of the Revised Code, ~~and that. That~~ section shall govern the arrangements for the submission of such question and other matters concerning ~~such the~~ the election; to which that section refers, including publication of notice of the election, except that ~~such the~~ the election shall be held on the date specified in the resolution. ~~Publication of notice of that election shall be made in a newspaper of general circulation in the county once a week for two consecutive weeks, or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, prior to the election. If the board of elections operates and maintains a web site, the board of elections shall post notice of the election on its web site for thirty days prior to the election. In the case of a resolution adopted under division (B) of this section, the publication of notice of that election shall state the number of the mills to be levied for the current expenses of partnering community schools and the number of the mills to be levied for the current expenses of the municipal school district.~~ If a majority of the electors voting on the question so submitted in an election vote in favor of the levy, the board of education may make the necessary levy within the school district at the additional rate, or at any lesser rate in excess of the ten-mill limitation on the tax list, for the purpose stated in the resolution. A levy for a continuing period of time may be reduced pursuant to section 5705.261 of the Revised Code. The tax levy shall be included in the next tax budget that is certified to the county budget commission.

~~(C)(D)~~(1) After the approval of a levy on the current tax list and duplicate for current expenses, for recreational purposes, for community centers provided for in section 755.16 of the Revised Code, or for a public library of the district under division (A) of this section, and prior to the time when the first tax collection from the levy can be made, the board of education may anticipate a fraction of the proceeds of the levy and issue anticipation notes in a principal amount not exceeding fifty per cent of the total estimated proceeds of the levy to be collected during the first year of the levy.

(2) After the approval of a levy for general permanent improvements for a specified number of years; or for permanent improvements having the purpose specified in division (F) of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code, the board of education may anticipate a fraction of the proceeds of the levy and issue anticipation notes in a principal amount not exceeding fifty per cent of the total estimated proceeds of the levy remaining to be collected in each year over a period of five years after the issuance of the notes.

The notes shall be issued as provided in section 133.24 of the Revised Code, shall have principal payments during each year after the year of their issuance over a period not to exceed five years, and may have a principal payment in the year of their issuance.

(3) After approval of a levy for general permanent improvements for a continuing period of time, the board of education may anticipate a fraction of the proceeds of the levy and issue anticipation notes in a principal amount not exceeding fifty per cent of the total estimated proceeds of the levy to be collected in each year over a specified period of years, not exceeding ten, after the issuance of the notes.

The notes shall be issued as provided in section 133.24 of the Revised Code, shall have principal payments during each year after the year of their issuance over a period not to exceed ten years, and may have a principal payment in the year of their issuance.

(4) After the approval of a levy on the current tax list and duplicate under division (B) of this section, and prior to the time when the first tax collection from the levy can be made, the board of education may anticipate a fraction of the proceeds of the levy for the current expenses of the school district and issue anticipation notes in a principal amount not exceeding fifty per cent of the estimated proceeds of the levy to be collected during the first year of the levy and allocated to the school district. The portion of the levy proceeds to be allocated to partnering community schools under that division shall not be included in the estimated proceeds anticipated under this division and shall not be used to pay debt charges on any anticipation notes.

The notes shall be issued as provided in section 133.24 of the Revised Code, shall have principal payments during each year after the year of their issuance over a period not to exceed five years, and may have a principal payment in the year of their issuance.

(E) The submission of questions to the electors under this section is subject to the limitation on the number of election dates established by section 5705.214 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5705.212. (A)(1) The board of education of any school district, at any time and by a vote of two-thirds of all of its members, may declare by resolution that the amount of taxes that may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the present and future requirements of the school district, that it is necessary to levy not more than five taxes in excess of that limitation for current expenses, and that each of the proposed taxes first will be levied in a different year, over a specified period of time. The board shall identify the taxes proposed under

this section as follows: the first tax to be levied shall be called the "original tax." Each tax subsequently levied shall be called an "incremental tax." The rate of each incremental tax shall be identical, but the rates of such incremental taxes need not be the same as the rate of the original tax. The resolution also shall state that the question of these additional taxes shall be submitted to the electors of the school district at a special election. The resolution shall specify separately for each tax proposed: the amount of the increase in rate that it is necessary to levy, expressed separately for the original tax and each incremental tax; that the purpose of the levy is for current expenses; the number of years during which the original tax shall be in effect; a specification that the last year in which the original tax is in effect shall also be the last year in which each incremental tax shall be in effect; and the year in which each tax first is proposed to be levied. The original tax may be levied for any number of years not exceeding ten, or for a continuing period of time. The resolution shall specify the date of holding the special election, which shall not be earlier than ninety days after the adoption and certification of the resolution and shall be consistent with the requirements of section 3501.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) The board of education, by a vote of two-thirds of all of its members, may adopt a resolution proposing to renew taxes levied other than for a continuing period of time under division (A)(1) of this section. Such a resolution shall provide for levying a tax and specify all of the following:

(a) That the tax shall be called and designated on the ballot as a renewal levy;

(b) The rate of the renewal tax, which shall be a single rate that combines the rate of the original tax and each incremental tax into a single rate. The rate of the renewal tax shall not exceed the aggregate rate of the original and incremental taxes.

(c) The number of years, not to exceed ten, that the renewal tax will be levied, or that it will be levied for a continuing period of time;

(d) That the purpose of the renewal levy is for current expenses;

(e) Subject to the certification and notification requirements of section 5705.251 of the Revised Code, that the question of the renewal levy shall be submitted to the electors of the school district at the general election held during the last year the original tax may be extended on the real and public utility property tax list and duplicate or at a special election held during the ensuing year.

(3) A resolution adopted under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section shall go into immediate effect upon its adoption and no publication of the resolution is necessary other than that provided for in the notice of election.

Immediately after its adoption, a copy of the resolution shall be certified to the board of elections of the proper county in the manner provided by division (A) of section 5705.251 of the Revised Code, and that division shall govern the arrangements for the submission of the question and other matters concerning the election to which that section refers. The election shall be held on the date specified in the resolution. If a majority of the electors voting on the question so submitted in an election vote in favor of the taxes or a renewal tax, the board of education, if the original or a renewal tax is authorized to be levied for the current year, immediately may make the necessary levy within the school district at the authorized rate, or at any lesser rate in excess of the ten-mill limitation, for the purpose stated in the resolution. No tax shall be imposed prior to the year specified in the resolution as the year in which it is first proposed to be levied. The rate of the original tax and the rate of each incremental tax shall be cumulative, so that the aggregate rate levied in any year is the sum of the rates of both the original tax and all incremental taxes levied in or prior to that year under the same proposal. A tax levied for a continuing period of time under this section may be reduced pursuant to section 5705.261 of the Revised Code.

~~(4) The submission of questions to the electors under this section is subject to the limitation on the number of election dates established by section 5705.214 of the Revised Code.~~

(B) Notwithstanding ~~sections section~~ section 133.30 and ~~133.301~~ of the Revised Code, after the approval of a tax to be levied in the current or the succeeding year and prior to the time when the first tax collection from that levy can be made, the board of education may anticipate a fraction of the proceeds of the levy and issue anticipation notes in an amount not to exceed fifty per cent of the total estimated proceeds of the levy to be collected during the first year of the levy. The notes shall be sold as provided in Chapter 133. of the Revised Code. If anticipation notes are issued, they shall mature serially and in substantially equal amounts during each year over a period not to exceed five years; and the amount necessary to pay the interest and principal as the anticipation notes mature shall be deemed appropriated for those purposes from the levy, and appropriations from the levy by the board of education shall be limited each fiscal year to the balance available in excess of that amount.

If the auditor of state has certified a deficit pursuant to section 3313.483 of the Revised Code, the notes authorized under this section may be sold in accordance with Chapter 133. of the Revised Code, except that the board may sell the notes after providing a reasonable opportunity for competitive bidding.

(C)(1) The board of education of a municipal school district, at any time and by a vote of two-thirds of all its members, may declare by resolution that it is necessary to levy not more than five taxes in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the current expenses of the school district and of partnering community schools, and that each of the proposed taxes first will be levied in a different year, over a specified period of time. The board shall identify the taxes proposed under this division in the same manner as in division (A)(1) of this section. The rate of each incremental tax shall be identical, but the rates of such incremental taxes need not be the same as the rate of the original tax. In addition to the specifications required of the resolution in division (A) of this section, the resolution shall state the number of the mills to be levied each year for the current expenses of the partnering community schools and the number of the mills to be levied each year for the current expenses of the school district. The number of mills for the current expenses of partnering community schools shall be the same for each of the incremental taxes, and the number of mills for the current expenses of the municipal school district shall be the same for each of the incremental taxes.

The levy of taxes for the current expenses of a partnering community school under division (C) of this section and the distribution of proceeds from the tax by a municipal school district to partnering community schools is hereby determined to be a proper public purpose.

(2) The board of education, by a vote of two-thirds of all of its members, may adopt a resolution proposing to renew taxes levied other than for a continuing period of time under division (C)(1) of this section. In such a renewal levy, the rates allocated to the municipal school district and to partnering community schools each may be increased or decreased or remain the same, and the total rate may be increased, decreased, or remain the same. In addition to the requirements of division (A)(2) of this section, the resolution shall state the number of the mills to be levied for the current expenses of the partnering community schools and the number of the mills to be levied for the current expenses of the school district.

(3) A resolution adopted under division (C)(1) or (2) of this section is subject to the rules and procedures prescribed by division (A)(3) of this section.

(4) The proceeds of each tax levied under division (C)(1) or (2) of this section shall be credited and distributed in the manner prescribed by division (B)(3) of section 5705.21 of the Revised Code, and divisions (B)(4), (5), and (6) of that section apply to taxes levied under division (C) of this section.

(5) Notwithstanding section 133.30 of the Revised Code, after the approval of a tax to be levied under division (C)(1) or (2) of this section, in

the current or succeeding year and prior to the time when the first tax collection from that levy can be made, the board of education may anticipate a fraction of the proceeds of the levy for the current expenses of the municipal school district and issue anticipation notes in a principal amount not exceeding fifty per cent of the estimated proceeds of the levy to be collected during the first year of the levy and allocated to the school district. The portion of levy proceeds to be allocated to partnering community schools shall not be included in the estimated proceeds anticipated under this division and shall not be used to pay debt charges on any anticipation notes.

The notes shall be sold as provided in Chapter 133. of the Revised Code. If anticipation notes are issued, they shall mature serially and in substantially equal amounts during each year over a period not to exceed five years. The amount necessary to pay the interest and principal as the anticipation notes mature shall be deemed appropriated for those purposes from the levy, and appropriations from the levy by the board of education shall be limited each fiscal year to the balance available in excess of that amount.

If the auditor of state has certified a deficit pursuant to section 3313.483 of the Revised Code, the notes authorized under this section may be sold in accordance with Chapter 133. of the Revised Code, except that the board may sell the notes after providing a reasonable opportunity for competitive bidding.

As used in division (C) of this section, "municipal school district" and "partnering community schools" have the same meanings as in section 5705.21 of the Revised Code.

(D) The submission of questions to the electors under this section is subject to the limitation on the number of election dates established by section 5705.214 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5705.215. (A) The governing board of an educational service center that is the taxing authority of a county school financing district, upon receipt of identical resolutions adopted within a sixty-day period by a majority of the members of the board of education of each school district that is within the territory of the county school financing district, may submit a tax levy to the electors of the territory in the same manner as a school board may submit a levy under division ~~(B)~~(C) of section 5705.21 of the Revised Code, except that:

(1) The levy may be for a period not to exceed ten years, or, if the levy is solely for the purpose or purposes described in division (A)(2)(a) or (c) of this section, for a continuing period of time.

- (2) The purpose of the levy shall be one or more of the following:
- (a) For current expenses for the provision of special education and related services within the territory of the district;
 - (b) For permanent improvements within the territory of the district for special education and related services;
 - (c) For current expenses for specified educational programs within the territory of the district;
 - (d) For permanent improvements within the territory of the district for specified educational programs;
 - (e) For permanent improvements within the territory of the district.
- (B) If the levy provides for but is not limited to current expenses, the resolutions shall apportion the annual rate of the levy between current expenses and the other purposes. The apportionment need not be the same for each year of the levy, but the respective portions of the rate actually levied each year for current expenses and the other purposes shall be limited by that apportionment.
- (C) Prior to the application of section 319.301 of the Revised Code, the rate of a levy that is limited to, or to the extent that it is apportioned to, purposes other than current expenses shall be reduced in the same proportion in which the district's total valuation increases during the life of the levy because of additions to such valuation that have resulted from improvements added to the tax list and duplicate.
- (D) After the approval of a county school financing district levy under this section, the taxing authority may anticipate a fraction of the proceeds of such levy and may from time to time during the life of such levy, but in any given year prior to the time when the tax collection from such levy can be made for that year, issue anticipation notes in an amount not exceeding fifty per cent of the estimated proceeds of the levy to be collected in each year up to a period of five years after the date of the issuance of such notes, less an amount equal to the proceeds of such levy obligated for each year by the issuance of anticipation notes, provided that the total amount maturing in any one year shall not exceed fifty per cent of the anticipated proceeds of the levy for that year. Each issue of notes shall be sold as provided in Chapter 133. of the Revised Code, and shall, except for such limitation that the total amount of such notes maturing in any one year shall not exceed fifty per cent of the anticipated proceeds of such levy for that year, mature serially in substantially equal installments during each year over a period not to exceed five years after their issuance.
- (E)(1) In a resolution to be submitted to the taxing authority of a county school financing district under division (A) of this section calling for a

ballot issue on the question of the levying of a tax for a continuing period of time by the taxing authority, the board of education of a school district that is part of the territory of the county school financing district also may propose to reduce the rate of one or more of that school district's property taxes levied for a continuing period of time in excess of the ten-mill limitation. The reduction in the rate of a property tax may be any amount, expressed in mills per one dollar of valuation, not exceeding the rate at which the tax is authorized to be levied. The reduction in the rate of a tax shall first take effect in the same year that the county school financing district tax takes effect, and shall continue for each year that the county school financing district tax is in effect. A board of education's resolution proposing to reduce the rate of one or more of its school district property taxes shall specifically identify each such tax and shall state for each tax the maximum rate at which it currently may be levied and the maximum rate at which it could be levied after the proposed reduction, expressed in mills per one dollar of valuation.

Before submitting the resolution to the taxing authority of the county school financing district, the board of education of the school district shall certify a copy of it to the tax commissioner. Within ten days of receiving the copy, the tax commissioner shall certify to the board the reduction in the school district's total effective tax rate for each class of property that would have resulted if the proposed reduction in the rate or rates had been in effect the previous year. After receiving the certification from the commissioner, the board may amend its resolution to change the proposed property tax rate reduction before submitting the resolution to the financing district taxing authority. As used in this paragraph, "effective tax rate" has the same meaning as in section 323.08 of the Revised Code.

If the board of education of a school district that is part of the territory of a county school financing district adopts a resolution proposing to reduce the rate of one or more of its property taxes in conjunction with the levying of a tax by the financing district, the resolution submitted by the board to the taxing authority of the financing district under division (A) of this section does not have to be identical in this respect to the resolutions submitted by the boards of education of the other school districts that are part of the territory of the county school financing district.

(2) Each school district that is part of the territory of a county school financing district may tailor to its own situation a proposed reduction in one or more property tax rates in conjunction with the proposed levying of a tax by the county school financing district; if one such school district proposes a reduction in one or more tax rates, another school district may propose a

reduction of a different size or may propose no reduction. Within each school district that is part of the territory of the county school financing district, the electors shall vote on one ballot issue combining the question of the levying of the tax by the taxing authority of the county school financing district with, if any such reduction is proposed, the question of the reduction in the rate of one or more taxes of the school district. If a majority of the electors of the county school financing district voting on the question of the proposed levying of a tax by the taxing authority of the financing district vote to approve the question, any tax reductions proposed by school districts that are part of the territory of the financing district also are approved.

(3) The form of the ballot for an issue proposing to levy a county school financing district tax in conjunction with the reduction of the rate of one or more school district taxes shall be as follows:

"Shall the (name of the county school financing district) be authorized to levy an additional tax for (purpose stated in the resolutions) at a rate not exceeding mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to (rate expressed in dollars and cents) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a continuing period of time? If the county school financing district tax is approved, the rate of an existing tax currently levied by the (name of the school district of which the elector is a resident) at the rate of mills for each one dollar of valuation shall be reduced to mills until any such time as the county school financing district tax is decreased or repealed.

	For the issue	"
	Against the issue	

If the board of education of the school district proposes to reduce the rate of more than one of its existing taxes, the second sentence of the ballot language shall be modified for residents of that district to express the rates at which those taxes currently are levied and the rates to which they would be reduced. If the board of education of the school district does not propose to reduce the rate of any of its taxes, the second sentence of the ballot language shall not be used for residents of that district. In any case, the first sentence of the ballot language shall be the same for all the electors in the county school financing district, but the second sentence shall be different in each school district depending on whether and in what amount the board of education of the school district proposes to reduce the rate of one or more of its property taxes.

(4) If the rate of a school district property tax is reduced pursuant to this

division, the tax commissioner shall compute the percentage required to be computed for that tax under division (D) of section 319.301 of the Revised Code each year the rate is reduced as if the tax had been levied in the preceding year at the rate to which it has been reduced. If the reduced rate of a tax is increased under division (E)(5) of this section, the commissioner shall compute the percentage required to be computed for that tax under division (D) of section 319.301 of the Revised Code each year the rate is increased as if the tax had been levied in the preceding year at the rate to which it has been increased.

(5) After the levying of a county school financing district tax in conjunction with the reduction of the rate of one or more school district taxes is approved by the electors under this division, if the rate of the county school financing district tax is decreased pursuant to an election under section 5705.261 of the Revised Code, the rate of each school district tax that had been reduced shall be increased by the number of mills obtained by multiplying the number of mills of the original reduction by the same percentage that the financing district tax rate is decreased. If the county school financing district tax is repealed pursuant to an election under section 5705.261 of the Revised Code, each school district may resume levying the property taxes that had been reduced at the full rate originally approved by the electors. A reduction in the rate of a school district property tax under this division is a reduction in the rate at which the board of education may levy that tax only for the period during which the county school financing district tax is levied prior to any decrease or repeal under section 5705.261 of the Revised Code. The resumption of the authority of the board of education to levy an increased or the full rate of tax does not constitute the levying of a new tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation.

Sec. 5705.216. A board of education that has issued notes in anticipation of the proceeds of a permanent improvements levy in the maximum amount permitted under division ~~(C)~~(D)(2) or (3) of section 5705.21 of the Revised Code or a taxing authority of a county school financing district that has issued notes in anticipation of the proceeds of a levy in the maximum amount permitted under section 5705.215 of the Revised Code may, if the proceeds from the issuance of such notes have been spent, contracted, or encumbered, apply to the superintendent of public instruction for authorization to anticipate a fraction of the remaining estimated proceeds of the levy and issue anticipation notes for that purpose. The application shall be in such form and contain such information as the superintendent considers necessary and shall specify the amount of notes to be issued. The amount shall not exceed the following:

(A) In the case of a school district:

(1) For levies described under division ~~(C)~~(D)(2) of section 5705.21 of the Revised Code, the amount by which the total estimated proceeds of the levy remaining to be collected throughout its life exceeds the amount from such proceeds required to pay the principal and interest on notes issued under section 5705.21 of the Revised Code and the interest on any notes issued under this section;

(2) For levies described under division ~~(C)~~(D)(3) of section 5705.21 of the Revised Code, the amount by which the total estimated proceeds of the levy remaining to be collected over the specified number of years authorized for the issuance of the notes exceeds the amount from such proceeds required to pay the principal and interest on notes issued under section 5705.21 of the Revised Code and the interest on any notes issued under this section.

(B) In the case of a county school financing district, the amount by which the total estimated proceeds of the levy remaining to be collected for the first five years of its life exceed the amount from such proceeds required to pay the principal and interest on notes issued under section 5705.215 of the Revised Code and the interest on any notes issued under this section.

The superintendent shall examine the application and any other relevant information submitted and shall determine and certify the maximum amount of notes the district may issue under this section, which may be an amount less than the amount requested by the district.

If the superintendent determines that the anticipated proceeds from the levy may be significantly less than expected and that additional notes should not be issued, ~~he~~ the superintendent may deny the application and give written notice of the denial to the president of the district's board of education or the taxing authority.

Such notes shall be sold in the same manner as notes issued under section 5705.21 or 5705.215 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5705.218. (A) The board of education of a city, local, or exempted village school district, at any time by a vote of two-thirds of all its members, may declare by resolution that it may be necessary for the school district to issue general obligation bonds for permanent improvements. The resolution shall state all of the following:

(1) The necessity and purpose of the bond issue;

(2) The date of the special election at which the question shall be submitted to the electors;

(3) The amount, approximate date, estimated rate of interest, and maximum number of years over which the principal of the bonds may be

paid;

(4) The necessity of levying a tax outside the ten-mill limitation to pay debt charges on the bonds and any anticipatory securities.

On adoption of the resolution, the board shall certify a copy of it to the county auditor. The county auditor promptly shall estimate and certify to the board the average annual property tax rate required throughout the stated maturity of the bonds to pay debt charges on the bonds, in the same manner as under division (C) of section 133.18 of the Revised Code.

(B) After receiving the county auditor's certification under division (A) of this section, the board of education of the city, local, or exempted village school district, by a vote of two-thirds of all its members, may declare by resolution that the amount of taxes that can be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the present and future requirements of the school district; that it is necessary to issue general obligation bonds of the school district for permanent improvements and to levy an additional tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation to pay debt charges on the bonds and any anticipatory securities; that it is necessary for a specified number of years or for a continuing period of time to levy additional taxes in excess of the ten-mill limitation to provide funds for the acquisition, construction, enlargement, renovation, and financing of permanent improvements or to pay for current operating expenses, or both; and that the question of the bonds and taxes shall be submitted to the electors of the school district at a special election, which shall not be earlier than ninety days after certification of the resolution to the board of elections, and the date of which shall be consistent with section 3501.01 of the Revised Code. The resolution shall specify all of the following:

(1) The county auditor's estimate of the average annual property tax rate required throughout the stated maturity of the bonds to pay debt charges on the bonds;

(2) The proposed rate of the tax, if any, for current operating expenses, the first year the tax will be levied, and the number of years it will be levied, or that it will be levied for a continuing period of time;

(3) The proposed rate of the tax, if any, for permanent improvements, the first year the tax will be levied, and the number of years it will be levied, or that it will be levied for a continuing period of time.

The resolution shall apportion the annual rate of the tax between current operating expenses and permanent improvements, if both taxes are proposed. The apportionment may but need not be the same for each year of the tax, but the respective portions of the rate actually levied each year for current operating expenses and permanent improvements shall be limited by

the apportionment. The resolution shall go into immediate effect upon its passage, and no publication of it is necessary other than that provided in the notice of election. The board of education shall certify a copy of the resolution, along with copies of the auditor's estimate and its resolution under division (A) of this section, to the board of elections immediately after its adoption.

(C) The board of elections shall make the arrangements for the submission ~~of the question~~ to the electors of the school district of the question proposed under division (B) or (J) of this section, and the election shall be conducted, canvassed, and certified in the same manner as regular elections in the district for the election of county officers. The resolution shall be put before the electors as one ballot question, with a favorable vote indicating approval of the bond issue, the levy to pay debt charges on the bonds and any anticipatory securities, the current operating expenses levy, ~~and the permanent improvements levy, if either or both levies are~~ and the levy for the current expenses of a municipal school district and of partnering community schools, as those levies may be proposed. The board of elections shall publish notice of the election in a newspaper of general circulation in the school district once a week for two consecutive weeks, or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, prior to the election. If a board of elections operates and maintains a web site, that board also shall post notice of the election on its web site for thirty days prior to the election. The notice of election shall state all of the following:

- (1) The principal amount of the proposed bond issue;
- (2) The permanent improvements for which the bonds are to be issued;
- (3) The maximum number of years over which the principal of the bonds may be paid;
- (4) The estimated additional average annual property tax rate to pay the debt charges on the bonds, as certified by the county auditor;
- (5) The proposed rate of the additional tax, if any, for current operating expenses and, if the question is proposed under division (J) of this section, the portion of the rate to be allocated to the school district and the portion to be allocated to partnering community schools;
- (6) The number of years the current operating expenses tax will be in effect, or that it will be in effect for a continuing period of time;
- (7) The proposed rate of the additional tax, if any, for permanent improvements;
- (8) The number of years the permanent improvements tax will be in effect, or that it will be in effect for a continuing period of time;
- (9) The time and place of the special election.

(D) The form of the ballot for an election under this section is as follows:

"Shall the school district be authorized to do the following:

(1) Issue bonds for the purpose of in the principal amount of \$....., to be repaid annually over a maximum period of years, and levy a property tax outside the ten-mill limitation, estimated by the county auditor to average over the bond repayment period mills for each one dollar of tax valuation, which amounts to (rate expressed in cents or dollars and cents, such as "36 cents" or "\$1.41") for each \$100 of tax valuation, to pay the annual debt charges on the bonds, and to pay debt charges on any notes issued in anticipation of those bonds?"

If either a levy for permanent improvements or a levy for current operating expenses is proposed, or both are proposed, the ballot also shall contain the following language, as appropriate:

"(2) Levy an additional property tax to provide funds for the acquisition, construction, enlargement, renovation, and financing of permanent improvements at a rate not exceeding mills for each one dollar of tax valuation, which amounts to (rate expressed in cents or dollars and cents) for each \$100 of tax valuation, for (number of years of the levy, or a continuing period of time)?

(3) Levy an additional property tax to pay current operating expenses at a rate not exceeding mills for each one dollar of tax valuation, which amounts to (rate expressed in cents or dollars and cents) for each \$100 of tax valuation, for (number of years of the levy, or a continuing period of time)?

	FOR THE BOND ISSUE AND LEVY (OR LEVIES)
	AGAINST THE BOND ISSUE AND LEVY (OR LEVIES)

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If the question is proposed under division (J) of this section, the form of the ballot shall be modified as prescribed by division (J)(4) of this section.

(E) The board of elections promptly shall certify the results of the election to the tax commissioner and the county auditor of the county in which the school district is located. If a majority of the electors voting on the question vote for it, the board of education may proceed with issuance of the bonds and with the levy and collection of the property tax or taxes at the additional rate or any lesser rate in excess of the ten-mill limitation. Any securities issued by the board of education under this section are Chapter

133. securities, as that term is defined in section 133.01 of the Revised Code.

(F)(1) After the approval of a tax for current operating expenses under this section and prior to the time the first collection and distribution from the levy can be made, the board of education may anticipate a fraction of the proceeds of such levy and issue anticipation notes in a principal amount not exceeding fifty per cent of the total estimated proceeds of the tax to be collected during the first year of the levy.

(2) After the approval of a tax under this section for permanent improvements having a specific purpose, the board of education may anticipate a fraction of the proceeds of such tax and issue anticipation notes in a principal amount not exceeding fifty per cent of the total estimated proceeds of the tax remaining to be collected in each year over a period of five years after issuance of the notes.

(3) After the approval of a tax for general, on-going permanent improvements under this section, the board of education may anticipate a fraction of the proceeds of such tax and issue anticipation notes in a principal amount not exceeding fifty per cent of the total estimated proceeds of the tax to be collected in each year over a specified period of years, not exceeding ten, after issuance of the notes.

Anticipation notes under this section shall be issued as provided in section 133.24 of the Revised Code. Notes issued under division (F)(1) or (2) of this section shall have principal payments during each year after the year of their issuance over a period not to exceed five years, and may have a principal payment in the year of their issuance. Notes issued under division (F)(3) of this section shall have principal payments during each year after the year of their issuance over a period not to exceed ten years, and may have a principal payment in the year of their issuance.

(G) A tax for current operating expenses or for permanent improvements levied under this section for a specified number of years may be renewed or replaced in the same manner as a tax for current operating expenses or for permanent improvements levied under section 5705.21 of the Revised Code. A tax for current operating expenses or for permanent improvements levied under this section for a continuing period of time may be decreased in accordance with section 5705.261 of the Revised Code.

(H) The submission of a question to the electors under this section is subject to the limitation on the number of elections that can be held in a year under section 5705.214 of the Revised Code.

(I) A school district board of education proposing a ballot measure under this section to generate local resources for a project under the school

building assistance expedited local partnership program under section 3318.36 of the Revised Code may combine the questions under division (D) of this section with a question for the levy of a property tax to generate moneys for maintenance of the classroom facilities acquired under that project as prescribed in section 3318.361 of the Revised Code.

(J)(1) After receiving the county auditor's certification under division (A) of this section, the board of education of a municipal school district, by a vote of two-thirds of all its members, may declare by resolution that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of paying the current expenses of the school district and of partnering community schools, as defined in section 5705.21 of the Revised Code; that it is necessary to issue general obligation bonds of the school district for permanent improvements of the district and to levy an additional tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation to pay debt charges on the bonds and any anticipatory securities; and that the question of the bonds and taxes shall be submitted to the electors of the school district at a special election, which shall not be earlier than ninety days after certification of the resolution to the board of elections, and the date of which shall be consistent with section 3505.01 of the Revised Code.

The levy of taxes for the current expenses of a partnering community school under division (J) of this section and the distribution of proceeds from the tax by a municipal school district to partnering community schools is hereby determined to be a proper public purpose.

(2) The tax for the current expenses of the school district and of partnering community schools is subject to the requirements of divisions (B)(3), (4), and (5) of section 5705.21 of the Revised Code.

(3) In addition to the required specifications of the resolution under division (B) of this section, the resolution shall express the rate of the tax in mills per dollar of taxable value, state the number of the mills to be levied for the current expenses of the partnering community schools and the number of the mills to be levied for the current expenses of the school district, specify the number of years (not exceeding ten) the tax will be levied or that it will be levied for a continuing period of time, and state the first year the tax will be levied.

The resolution shall go into immediate effect upon its passage, and no publication of it is necessary other than that provided in the notice of election. The board of education shall certify a copy of the resolution, along with copies of the auditor's estimate and its resolution under division (A) of this section, to the board of elections immediately after its adoption.

(4) The form of the ballot shall be modified by replacing the ballot form

set forth in division (D)(3) of this section with the following:

"Levy an additional property tax for the purpose of the current expenses of the school district and of partnering community schools at a rate not exceeding (insert the number of mills) mills for each one dollar of valuation (of which (insert the number of mills to be allocated to partnering community schools) mills is to be allocated to partnering community schools), which amounts to (insert the rate expressed in dollars and cents) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for (insert the number of years the levy is to be imposed, or that it will be levied for a continuing period of time)?

	<u>FOR THE BOND ISSUE AND LEVY (OR LEVIES)</u>
	<u>AGAINST THE BOND ISSUE AND LEVY (OR LEVIES)</u>

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(5) After the approval of a tax for the current expenses of the school district and of partnering community schools under division (J) of this section, and prior to the time the first collection and distribution from the levy can be made, the board of education may anticipate a fraction of the proceeds of the levy for the current expenses of the school district and issue anticipation notes in a principal amount not exceeding fifty per cent of the estimated proceeds of the levy to be collected during the first year of the levy and allocated to the school district. The portion of levy proceeds to be allocated to partnering community schools shall not be included in the estimated proceeds anticipated under this division and shall not be used to pay debt charges on any anticipation notes.

The notes shall be issued as provided in section 133.24 of the Revised Code, shall have principal payments during each year after the year of their issuance over a period not to exceed five years, and may have a principal payment in the year of their issuance.

(6) A tax for the current expenses of the school district and of partnering community schools levied under division (J) of this section for a specified number of years may be renewed or replaced in the same manner as a tax for the current expenses of a school district and of partnering community schools levied under division (B) of section 5705.21 of the Revised Code. A tax for the current expenses of the school district and of partnering community schools levied under this division for a continuing period of time may be decreased in accordance with section 5705.261 of the Revised Code.

(7) The proceeds from the issuance of the general obligation bonds under division (J) of this section shall be used solely to pay for permanent improvements of the school district and not for permanent improvements of

partnering community schools.

Sec. 5705.251. (A) A copy of a resolution adopted under section 5705.212 or 5705.213 of the Revised Code shall be certified by the board of education to the board of elections of the proper county not less than ninety days before the date of the election specified in the resolution, and the board of elections shall submit the proposal to the electors of the school district at a special election to be held on that date. The board of elections shall make the necessary arrangements for the submission of the question or questions to the electors of the school district, and the election shall be conducted, canvassed, and certified in the same manner as regular elections in the school district for the election of county officers. Notice of the election shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the subdivision once a week for two consecutive weeks, or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, prior to the election. If the board of elections operates and maintains a web site, the board of elections shall post notice of the election on its web site for thirty days prior to the election.

(1) In the case of a resolution adopted under section 5705.212 of the Revised Code, the notice shall state separately, for each tax being proposed, the purpose; the proposed increase in rate, expressed in dollars and cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation as well as in mills for each one dollar of valuation; the number of years during which the increase will be in effect; and the first calendar year in which the tax will be due. For an election on the question of a renewal levy, the notice shall state the purpose; the proposed rate, expressed in dollars and cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation as well as in mills for each one dollar of valuation; and the number of years the tax will be in effect. If the resolution is adopted under division (C) of that section, the rate of each tax being proposed shall be expressed as both the total rate and the portion of the total rate to be allocated to the municipal school district and the portion to be allocated to partnering community schools.

(2) In the case of a resolution adopted under section 5705.213 of the Revised Code, the notice shall state the purpose; the amount proposed to be raised by the tax in the first year it is levied; the estimated average additional tax rate for the first year it is proposed to be levied, expressed in mills for each one dollar of valuation and in dollars and cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation; the number of years during which the increase will be in effect; and the first calendar year in which the tax will be due. The notice also shall state the amount by which the amount to be raised by the tax may be increased in each year after the first year. The amount of the allowable increase may be expressed in terms of a dollar increase over, or a

percentage of, the amount raised by the tax in the immediately preceding year. For an election on the question of a renewal levy, the notice shall state the purpose; the amount proposed to be raised by the tax; the estimated tax rate, expressed in mills for each one dollar of valuation and in dollars and cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation; and the number of years the tax will be in effect.

In any case, the notice also shall state the time and place of the election.

(B)(1) The form of the ballot in an election on taxes proposed under section 5705.212 of the Revised Code shall be as follows:

"Shall the school district be authorized to levy taxes for current expenses, the aggregate rate of which may increase in (number) increment(s) of not more than mill(s) for each dollar of valuation, from an original rate of mill(s) for each dollar of valuation, which amounts to (rate expressed in dollars and cents) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, to a maximum rate of mill(s) for each dollar of valuation, which amounts to (rate expressed in dollars and cents) for each one hundred dollars of valuation? The original tax is first proposed to be levied in (the first year of the tax), and the incremental tax in (the first year of the increment) (if more than one incremental tax is proposed in the resolution, the first year that each incremental tax is proposed to be levied shall be stated in the preceding format, and the increments shall be referred to as the first, second, third, or fourth increment, depending on their number). The aggregate rate of tax so authorized will (insert either, "expire with the original rate of tax which shall be in effect for years" or "be in effect for a continuing period of time").

	FOR THE TAX LEVIES
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVIES

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If the tax is proposed by a municipal school district under division (C)(1) of section 5705.212 of the Revised Code, the form of the ballot shall be modified by adding, after the phrase "each dollar of valuation," the following: "(of which mills is to be allocated to partnering community schools)."

(2) The form of the ballot in an election on the question of a renewal levy under section 5705.212 of the Revised Code shall be as follows:

"Shall the school district be authorized to renew a tax for current expenses at a rate not exceeding mills for each dollar of valuation, which amounts to (rate expressed in dollars and cents) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for (number of years the levy shall be in

effect, or a continuing period of time)?

	FOR THE TAX LEVY	"
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY	

If the tax is proposed by a municipal school district under division (C)(2) of section 5705.212 of the Revised Code and the total rate and the rates allocated to the school district and partnering community schools are to remain the same as those of the levy being renewed, the form of the ballot shall be modified by adding, after the phrase "each dollar of valuation," the following: "(of which mills is to be allocated to partnering community schools)." If the total rate is to be increased, the form of the ballot shall state that the proposal is to renew the existing tax with an increase in rate and shall state the increase in rate, the total rate resulting from the increase, and, of that rate, the portion of the rate to be allocated to partnering community schools. If the total rate is to be decreased, the form of the ballot shall state that the proposal is to renew a part of the existing tax and shall state the reduction in rate, the total rate resulting from the decrease, and, of that rate, the portion of the rate to be allocated to partnering community schools.

(3) If a tax proposed by a ballot form prescribed in division (B)(1) or (2) of this section is to be placed on the current tax list, the form of the ballot shall be modified by adding, after the statement of the number of years the levy is to be in effect, the phrase ", commencing in (first year the tax is to be levied), first due in calendar year (first calendar year in which the tax shall be due)."

(C) The form of the ballot in an election on a tax proposed under section 5705.213 of the Revised Code shall be as follows:

"Shall the school district be authorized to levy the following tax for current expenses? The tax will first be levied in (year) to raise (dollars). In the (number of years) following years, the tax will increase by not more than (per cent or dollar amount of increase) each year, so that, during (last year of the tax), the tax will raise approximately (dollars). The county auditor estimates that the rate of the tax per dollar of valuation will be mill(s), which amounts to \$..... per one hundred dollars of valuation, both during (first year of the tax) and mill(s), which amounts to \$..... per one hundred dollars of valuation, during (last year of the tax). The tax will not be levied after (year).

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The form of the ballot in an election on the question of a renewal levy under section 5705.213 of the Revised Code shall be as follows:

"Shall the school district be authorized to renew a tax for current expenses which will raise (dollars), estimated by the county auditor to be mills for each dollar of valuation, which amounts to (rate expressed in dollars and cents) for each one hundred dollars of valuation? The tax shall be in effect for (the number of years the levy shall be in effect, or a continuing period of time).

	FOR THE TAX LEVY	"
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY	

If the tax is to be placed on the current tax list, the form of the ballot shall be modified by adding, after the statement of the number of years the levy is to be in effect, the phrase ", commencing in (first year the tax is to be levied), first due in calendar year (first calendar year in which the tax shall be due)."

(D) The question covered by a resolution adopted under section 5705.212 or 5705.213 of the Revised Code shall be submitted as a separate question, but may be printed on the same ballot with any other question submitted at the same election, other than the election of officers. More than one question may be submitted at the same election.

(E) Taxes voted in excess of the ten-mill limitation under division (B) or (C) of this section shall be certified to the tax commissioner. If an additional tax is to be placed upon the tax list of the current year, as specified in the resolution providing for its submission, the result of the election shall be certified immediately after the canvass by the board of elections to the board of education. The board of education immediately shall make the necessary levy and certify it to the county auditor, who shall extend it on the tax list for collection. After the first year, the levy shall be included in the annual tax budget that is certified to the county budget commission.

Sec. 5705.261. The question of decrease of an increased rate of levy approved for a continuing period of time by the voters of a subdivision may be initiated by the filing of a petition with the board of elections of the proper county not less than ninety days before the general election in any year requesting that an election be held on such question. Such petition shall

state the amount of the proposed decrease in the rate of levy and shall be signed by qualified electors residing in the subdivision equal in number to at least ten per cent of the total number of votes cast in the subdivision for the office of governor at the most recent general election for that office. Only one such petition may be filed during each five-year period following the election at which the voters approved the increased rate for a continuing period of time.

After determination by it that such petition is valid, the board of elections shall submit the question to the electors of the district at the succeeding general election. The election shall be conducted, canvassed, and certified in the same manner as regular elections in such subdivision for county offices. Notice of the election shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the district once a week for two consecutive weeks, or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, prior to the election. If the board of elections operates and maintains a web site, the board of elections shall post notice of the election on its web site for thirty days prior to the election. The notice shall state the purpose, the amount of the proposed decrease in rate, and the time and place of the election. The form of the ballot cast at such election shall be prescribed by the secretary of state. The question covered by such petition shall be submitted as a separate proposition but it may be printed on the same ballot with any other propositions submitted at the same election other than the election of officers. If a majority of the qualified electors voting on the question of a decrease at such election approve the proposed decrease in rate, the result of the election shall be certified immediately after the canvass by the board of elections to the subdivision's taxing authority, which shall thereupon, after the current year, cease to levy such increased rate or levy such tax at such reduced rate upon the duplicate of the subdivision. If notes have been issued in anticipation of the collection of such levy, the taxing authority shall continue to levy and collect under authority of the election authorizing the original levy such amounts as will be sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such anticipation notes as the same fall due.

In the case of a levy for the current expenses of a municipal school district and of partnering community schools imposed under section 5705.192, division (B) of section 5705.21, division (C) of section 5705.212, or division (J) of section 5705.218 of the Revised Code for a continuing period of time, the rate allocated to the school district and to partnering community schools shall each be decreased by a number of mills per dollar that is proportionate to the decrease in the rate of the levy in proportion to the rate at which the levy was imposed before the decrease.

Sec. 5748.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) "School district income tax" means an income tax adopted under one of the following:

(1) Former section 5748.03 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to its repeal by Amended Substitute House Bill No. 291 of the 115th general assembly;

(2) Section 5748.03 of the Revised Code as enacted in Substitute Senate Bill No. 28 of the 118th general assembly;

(3) Section 5748.08 of the Revised Code as enacted in Amended Substitute Senate Bill No. 17 of the 122nd general assembly;

(4) Section 5748.021 of the Revised Code;

(5) Section 5748.081 of the Revised Code;

(6) Section 5748.09 of the Revised Code.

(B) "Individual" means an individual subject to the tax levied by section 5747.02 of the Revised Code.

(C) "Estate" means an estate subject to the tax levied by section 5747.02 of the Revised Code.

(D) "Taxable year" means a taxable year as defined in division (M) of section 5747.01 of the Revised Code.

(E) "Taxable income" means:

(1) In the case of an individual, one of the following, as specified in the resolution imposing the tax:

(a) Ohio adjusted gross income for the taxable year as defined in division (A) of section 5747.01 of the Revised Code, less the exemptions provided by section 5747.02 of the Revised Code;

(b) Wages, salaries, tips, and other employee compensation to the extent included in Ohio adjusted gross income as defined in section 5747.01 of the Revised Code, and net earnings from self-employment, as defined in section 1402(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, to the extent included in Ohio adjusted gross income.

(2) In the case of an estate, taxable income for the taxable year as defined in division (S) of section 5747.01 of the Revised Code.

(F) "Resident" of the school district means:

(1) An individual who is a resident of this state as defined in division (I) of section 5747.01 of the Revised Code during all or a portion of the taxable year and who, during all or a portion of such period of state residency, is domiciled in the school district or lives in and maintains a permanent place of abode in the school district;

(2) An estate of a decedent who, at the time of death, was domiciled in the school district.

(G) "School district income" means:

(1) With respect to an individual, the portion of the taxable income of an individual that is received by the individual during the portion of the taxable year that the individual is a resident of the school district and the school district income tax is in effect in that school district. An individual may have school district income with respect to more than one school district.

(2) With respect to an estate, the taxable income of the estate for the portion of the taxable year that the school district income tax is in effect in that school district.

(H) "Taxpayer" means an individual or estate having school district income upon which a school district income tax is imposed.

(I) "School district purposes" means any of the purposes for which a tax may be levied pursuant to division (A) of section 5705.21 of the Revised Code, including the combined purposes authorized by section 5705.217 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 2. That existing sections 124.36, 2903.13, 2921.02, 3302.03, 3302.04, 3302.061, 3307.01, 3311.71, 3311.72, 3311.74, 3311.76, 3313.975, 3314.10, 3316.07, 3319.02, 3319.071, 3319.10, 3319.112, 3319.12, 3319.13, 3319.14, 3319.141, 3319.143, 3319.151, 3319.18, 3319.283, 4141.29, 5705.192, 5705.21, 5705.212, 5705.215, 5705.216, 5705.218, 5705.251, 5705.261, and 5748.01 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.

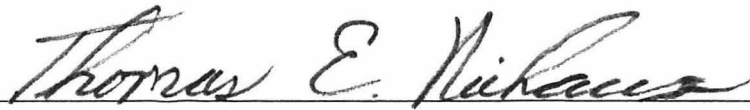
SECTION 3. The amendment by this act of sections 5705.192, 5705.21, 5705.212, 5705.215, 5705.216, 5705.218, 5705.251, 5705.261, and 5748.01 of the Revised Code apply to any proceedings commenced after their effective date, and, so far as their provisions support the actions taken, also apply to any proceedings that on their effective date are pending, in progress, or completed, to any elections authorized, conducted, or certified, and to securities authorized or issued pursuant to those proceedings, notwithstanding any law, resolution, ordinance, order, advertisement, notice, or other proceeding in effect before their effective date. Any proceedings pending or in progress on, or completed by or before, the effective date of those amendments, elections authorized, conducted, or certified, and securities sold, issued, and delivered, or validated, pursuant to those proceedings, shall be deemed to have been taken, authorized, conducted, certified, sold, issued, delivered, or validated in conformity with those amendments so far as their provisions support the actions taken, and are hereby ratified and confirmed.

The amendment by this act of sections 5705.192, 5705.21, 5705.212, 5705.215, 5705.216, 5705.218, 5705.251, 5705.261, and 5748.01 of the Revised Code provide additional or supplemental provisions for subject matter that may also be the subject of other laws, and is intended to be supplemental to, and not in derogation of, any similar authority provided by, derived from, or implied by, the Constitution of Ohio, or any other law, including laws amended by this act, or any charter, order, resolution, or ordinance; and those amendments to sections 5705.192, 5705.21, 5705.212, 5705.215, 5705.216, 5705.218, 5705.251, 5705.261, and 5748.01 of the Revised Code shall not be interpreted to negate the authority provided by, derived from, or implied by such Constitution of Ohio, laws, charters, orders, resolutions, or ordinances.

The provisions of law enacted, amended, or repealed by this act, as existed prior to the act's effective date, shall be deemed to remain applicable to any actions taken, including any election held or any securities issued pursuant to or in reliance on them.



Speaker _____ of the House of Representatives.



President _____ of the Senate.

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Governor.

The section numbering of law of a general and permanent nature is complete and in conformity with the Revised Code.

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Introduced by

Representatives Williams, Amstutz

Cosponsors: Representatives Adams, R., Antonio, Baker, Speaker Batchelder, Representatives Buchy, Budish, Derickson, Dovilla, Foley, Grossman, Huffman, McClain, Murray, Roegner, Sprague, Stautberg, Stebelton, Wachtmann, Blair, Boyd, Brenner, Bulp, Celebrezze, Hackett, Martin, Milkovich, Newbold, Ruhl, Sears, Sykes, Thompson

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