A BILL

To amend sections 133.06, 3302.036, 3302.042, 3302.12, 3302.17, 3310.03, 3311.29, and 3314.102 and to repeal sections 3302.10, 3302.101, 3302.102, and 3302.11 of the Revised Code and to repeal Sections 4, 5, and 6 of Am. Sub. H.B. 70 of the 131st General Assembly to dissolve academic distress commissions and to prohibit the creation of new commissions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 133.06, 3302.036, 3302.042, 3302.12, 3302.17, 3310.03, 3311.29, and 3314.102 of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 133.06. (A) A school district shall not incur, without a vote of the electors, net indebtedness that exceeds an amount equal to one-tenth of one per cent of its tax valuation, except as provided in divisions (G) and (H) of this section and in division (D) of section 3313.372 of the Revised Code, or as prescribed in section 3318.052 or 3318.44 of the Revised Code, or as provided in division (J) of this section.
(B) Except as provided in divisions (E), (F), and (I) of this section, a school district shall not incur net indebtedness that exceeds an amount equal to nine per cent of its tax valuation.

(C) A school district shall not submit to a vote of the electors the question of the issuance of securities in an amount that will make the district's net indebtedness after the issuance of the securities exceed an amount equal to four per cent of its tax valuation, unless the superintendent of public instruction, acting under policies adopted by the state board of education, and the tax commissioner, acting under written policies of the commissioner, consent to the submission. A request for the consents shall be made at least one hundred twenty days prior to the election at which the question is to be submitted.

The superintendent of public instruction shall certify to the district the superintendent's and the tax commissioner's decisions within thirty days after receipt of the request for consents.

If the electors do not approve the issuance of securities at the election for which the superintendent of public instruction and tax commissioner consented to the submission of the question, the school district may submit the same question to the electors on the date that the next special election may be held under section 3501.01 of the Revised Code without submitting a new request for consent. If the school district seeks to submit the same question at any other subsequent election, the district shall first submit a new request for consent in accordance with this division.

(D) In calculating the net indebtedness of a school
district, none of the following shall be considered:

(1) Securities issued to acquire school buses and other equipment used in transporting pupils or issued pursuant to division (D) of section 133.10 of the Revised Code;

(2) Securities issued under division (F) of this section, under section 133.301 of the Revised Code, and, to the extent in excess of the limitation stated in division (B) of this section, under division (E) of this section;

(3) Indebtedness resulting from the dissolution of a joint vocational school district under section 3311.217 of the Revised Code, evidenced by outstanding securities of that joint vocational school district;

(4) Loans, evidenced by any securities, received under sections 3313.483, 3317.0210, and 3317.0211 of the Revised Code;

(5) Debt incurred under section 3313.374 of the Revised Code;

(6) Debt incurred pursuant to division (B)(5) of section 3313.37 of the Revised Code to acquire computers and related hardware;

(7) Debt incurred under section 3318.042 of the Revised Code;

(8) Debt incurred under section 5705.2112 or 5705.2113 of the Revised Code by the fiscal board of a qualifying partnership of which the school district is a participating school district.

(E) A school district may become a special needs district as to certain securities as provided in division (E) of this section.
(1) A board of education, by resolution, may declare its school district to be a special needs district by determining both of the following:

(a) The student population is not being adequately serviced by the existing permanent improvements of the district.

(b) The district cannot obtain sufficient funds by the issuance of securities within the limitation of division (B) of this section to provide additional or improved needed permanent improvements in time to meet the needs.

(2) The board of education shall certify a copy of that resolution to the superintendent of public instruction with a statistical report showing all of the following:

(a) The history of and a projection of the growth of the tax valuation;

(b) The projected needs;

(c) The estimated cost of permanent improvements proposed to meet such projected needs.

(3) The superintendent of public instruction shall certify the district as an approved special needs district if the superintendent finds both of the following:

(a) The district does not have available sufficient additional funds from state or federal sources to meet the projected needs.

(b) The projection of the potential average growth of tax valuation during the next five years, according to the information certified to the superintendent and any other information the superintendent obtains, indicates a likelihood of potential average growth of tax valuation of the district...
during the next five years of an average of not less than one
and one-half per cent per year. The findings and certification
of the superintendent shall be conclusive.

(4) An approved special needs district may incur net
indebtedness by the issuance of securities in accordance with
the provisions of this chapter in an amount that does not exceed
an amount equal to the greater of the following:

(a) Twelve per cent of the sum of its tax valuation plus
an amount that is the product of multiplying that tax valuation
by the percentage by which the tax valuation has increased over
the tax valuation on the first day of the sixtieth month
preceding the month in which its board determines to submit to
the electors the question of issuing the proposed securities;

(b) Twelve per cent of the sum of its tax valuation plus
an amount that is the product of multiplying that tax valuation
by the percentage, determined by the superintendent of public
instruction, by which that tax valuation is projected to
increase during the next ten years.

(F) A school district may issue securities for emergency
purposes, in a principal amount that does not exceed an amount
equal to three per cent of its tax valuation, as provided in
this division.

(1) A board of education, by resolution, may declare an
emergency if it determines both of the following:

(a) School buildings or other necessary school facilities
in the district have been wholly or partially destroyed, or
condemned by a constituted public authority, or that such
buildings or facilities are partially constructed, or so
constructed or planned as to require additions and improvements
(b) Existing fiscal and net indebtedness limitations make adequate replacement, additions, or improvements impossible.

(2) Upon the declaration of an emergency, the board of education may, by resolution, submit to the electors of the district pursuant to section 133.18 of the Revised Code the question of issuing securities for the purpose of paying the cost, in excess of any insurance or condemnation proceeds received by the district, of permanent improvements to respond to the emergency need.

(3) The procedures for the election shall be as provided in section 133.18 of the Revised Code, except that:

(a) The form of the ballot shall describe the emergency existing, refer to this division as the authority under which the emergency is declared, and state that the amount of the proposed securities exceeds the limitations prescribed by division (B) of this section;

(b) The resolution required by division (B) of section 133.18 of the Revised Code shall be certified to the county auditor and the board of elections at least one hundred days prior to the election;

(c) The county auditor shall advise and, not later than ninety-five days before the election, confirm that advice by certification to, the board of education of the information required by division (C) of section 133.18 of the Revised Code;

(d) The board of education shall then certify its resolution and the information required by division (D) of
section 133.18 of the Revised Code to the board of elections not
less than ninety days prior to the election.

(4) Notwithstanding division (B) of section 133.21 of the
Revised Code, the first principal payment of securities issued
under this division may be set at any date not later than sixty
months after the earliest possible principal payment otherwise
provided for in that division.

(G)(1) The board of education may contract with an
architect, professional engineer, or other person experienced in
the design and implementation of energy conservation measures
for an analysis and recommendations pertaining to installations,
modifications of installations, or remodeling that would
significantly reduce energy consumption in buildings owned by
the district. The report shall include estimates of all costs of
such installations, modifications, or remodeling, including
costs of design, engineering, installation, maintenance,
repairs, measurement and verification of energy savings, and
debt service, forgone residual value of materials or equipment
replaced by the energy conservation measure, as defined by the
Ohio facilities construction commission, a baseline analysis of
actual energy consumption data for the preceding three years
with the utility baseline based on only the actual energy
consumption data for the preceding twelve months, and estimates
of the amounts by which energy consumption and resultant
operational and maintenance costs, as defined by the commission,
would be reduced.

If the board finds after receiving the report that the
amount of money the district would spend on such installations,
modifications, or remodeling is not likely to exceed the amount
of money it would save in energy and resultant operational and
maintenance costs over the ensuing fifteen years, the board may submit to the commission a copy of its findings and a request for approval to incur indebtedness to finance the making or modification of installations or the remodeling of buildings for the purpose of significantly reducing energy consumption.

The facilities construction commission, in consultation with the auditor of state, may deny a request under division (G)(1) of this section by the board of education of any school district that is in a state of fiscal watch pursuant to division (A) of section 3316.03 of the Revised Code, if it determines that the expenditure of funds is not in the best interest of the school district.

No district board of education of a school district that is in a state of fiscal emergency pursuant to division (B) of section 3316.03 of the Revised Code shall submit a request without submitting evidence that the installations, modifications, or remodeling have been approved by the district's financial planning and supervision commission established under section 3316.05 of the Revised Code.

No board of education of a school district for which an academic distress commission has been established under section 3302.10 of the Revised Code shall submit a request without first receiving approval to incur indebtedness from the district's academic distress commission established under that section, for so long as such commission continues to be required for the district.

(2) The board of education may contract with a person experienced in the implementation of student transportation to produce a report that includes an analysis of and recommendations for the use of alternative fuel vehicles by
school districts. The report shall include cost estimates
detailing the return on investment over the life of the
alternative fuel vehicles and environmental impact of
alternative fuel vehicles. The report also shall include
estimates of all costs associated with alternative fuel
transportation, including facility modifications and vehicle
purchase costs or conversion costs.

If the board finds after receiving the report that the
amount of money the district would spend on purchasing
alternative fuel vehicles or vehicle conversion is not likely to
exceed the amount of money it would save in fuel and resultant
operational and maintenance costs over the ensuing five years,
the board may submit to the commission a copy of its findings
and a request for approval to incur indebtedness to finance the
purchase of new alternative fuel vehicles or vehicle conversions
for the purpose of reducing fuel costs.

The facilities construction commission, in consultation
with the auditor of state, may deny a request under division (G)
(2) of this section by the board of education of any school
district that is in a state of fiscal watch pursuant to division
(A) of section 3316.03 of the Revised Code, if it determines
that the expenditure of funds is not in the best interest of the
school district.

No district board of education of a school district that
is in a state of fiscal emergency pursuant to division (B) of
section 3316.03 of the Revised Code shall submit a request
without submitting evidence that the purchase or conversion of
alternative fuel vehicles has been approved by the district's
financial planning and supervision commission established under
section 3316.05 of the Revised Code.
No board of education of a school district for which an academic distress commission has been established under section 3302.10 of the Revised Code shall submit a request without first receiving approval to incur indebtedness from the district's academic distress commission established under that section, for so long as such commission continues to be required for the district.

(3) The facilities construction commission shall approve the board's request provided that the following conditions are satisfied:

(a) The commission determines that the board's findings are reasonable.

(b) The request for approval is complete.

(c) If the request was submitted under division (G)(1) of this section, the installations, modifications, or remodeling are consistent with any project to construct or acquire classroom facilities, or to reconstruct or make additions to existing classroom facilities under sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 or sections 3318.40 to 3318.45 of the Revised Code.

Upon receipt of the commission's approval, the district may issue securities without a vote of the electors in a principal amount not to exceed nine-tenths of one per cent of its tax valuation for the purpose specified in division (G)(1) or (2) of this section, but the total net indebtedness of the district without a vote of the electors incurred under this and all other sections of the Revised Code, except section 3318.052 of the Revised Code, shall not exceed one per cent of the district's tax valuation.

(4)(a) So long as any securities issued under division (G)
(1) of this section remain outstanding, the board of education shall monitor the energy consumption and resultant operational and maintenance costs of buildings in which installations or modifications have been made or remodeling has been done pursuant to that division. Except as provided in division (G)(4) (b) of this section, the board shall maintain and annually update a report in a form and manner prescribed by the facilities construction commission documenting the reductions in energy consumption and resultant operational and maintenance cost savings attributable to such installations, modifications, or remodeling. The resultant operational and maintenance cost savings shall be certified by the school district treasurer. The report shall be submitted annually to the commission.

(b) If the facilities construction commission verifies that the certified annual reports submitted to the commission by a board of education under division (G)(4)(a) of this section fulfill the guarantee required under division (B) of section 3313.372 of the Revised Code for three consecutive years, the board of education shall no longer be subject to the annual reporting requirements of division (G)(4)(a) of this section.

(5) So long as any securities issued under division (G)(2) of this section remain outstanding, the board of education shall monitor the purchase of new alternative fuel vehicles or vehicle conversions pursuant to that division. The board shall maintain and annually update a report in a form and manner prescribed by the facilities construction commission documenting the purchase of new alternative fuel vehicles or vehicle conversions, the associated environmental impact, and return on investment. The resultant fuel and operational and maintenance cost savings shall be certified by the school district treasurer. The report shall be submitted annually to the commission.
(H) With the consent of the superintendent of public instruction, a school district may incur without a vote of the electors net indebtedness that exceeds the amounts stated in divisions (A) and (G) of this section for the purpose of paying costs of permanent improvements, if and to the extent that both of the following conditions are satisfied:

(1) The fiscal officer of the school district estimates that receipts of the school district from payments made under or pursuant to agreements entered into pursuant to section 725.02, 1728.10, 3735.671, 5709.081, 5709.082, 5709.40, 5709.41, 5709.45, 5709.57, 5709.62, 5709.63, 5709.632, 5709.73, 5709.78, or 5709.82 of the Revised Code, or distributions under division (C) of section 5709.43 or division (B) of section 5709.47 of the Revised Code, or any combination thereof, are, after accounting for any appropriate coverage requirements, sufficient in time and amount, and are committed by the proceedings, to pay the debt charges on the securities issued to evidence that indebtedness and payable from those receipts, and the taxing authority of the district confirms the fiscal officer's estimate, which confirmation is approved by the superintendent of public instruction;

(2) The fiscal officer of the school district certifies, and the taxing authority of the district confirms, that the district, at the time of the certification and confirmation, reasonably expects to have sufficient revenue available for the purpose of operating such permanent improvements for their intended purpose upon acquisition or completion thereof, and the superintendent of public instruction approves the taxing authority's confirmation.

The maximum maturity of securities issued under division
(H) of this section shall be the lesser of twenty years or the maximum maturity calculated under section 133.20 of the Revised Code.

(I) A school district may incur net indebtedness by the issuance of securities in accordance with the provisions of this chapter in excess of the limit specified in division (B) or (C) of this section when necessary to raise the school district portion of the basic project cost and any additional funds necessary to participate in a project under Chapter 3318. of the Revised Code, including the cost of items designated by the facilities construction commission as required locally funded initiatives, the cost of other locally funded initiatives in an amount that does not exceed fifty per cent of the district's portion of the basic project cost, and the cost for site acquisition. The commission shall notify the superintendent of public instruction whenever a school district will exceed either limit pursuant to this division.

(J) A school district whose portion of the basic project cost of its classroom facilities project under sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 of the Revised Code is greater than or equal to one hundred million dollars may incur without a vote of the electors net indebtedness in an amount up to two per cent of its tax valuation through the issuance of general obligation securities in order to generate all or part of the amount of its portion of the basic project cost if the controlling board has approved the facilities construction commission's conditional approval of the project under section 3318.04 of the Revised Code. The school district board and the Ohio facilities construction commission shall include the dedication of the proceeds of such securities in the agreement entered into under section 3318.08 of the Revised Code. No state moneys shall be released for a project to
which this section applies until the proceeds of any bonds
issued under this section that are dedicated for the payment of
the school district portion of the project are first deposited
into the school district's project construction fund.

Sec. 3302.036. (A) Notwithstanding anything in the Revised
Code to the contrary, the department of education shall not
assign an overall letter grade under division (C)(3) of section
3302.03 of the Revised Code for any school district or building
for the 2014-2015, 2015-2016, or 2016-2017 school years,
may, at the discretion of the state board of education, not
assign an individual grade to any component prescribed under
division (C)(3) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code, and
shall not rank school districts, community schools established
under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, or STEM schools
established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code under
section 3302.21 of the Revised Code for those school years. The
report card ratings issued for the 2014-2015, 2015-2016, and
2016-2017 school years shall not be considered in determining
whether a school district or a school is subject to sanctions or
penalties. However, the report card ratings of any previous or
subsequent years shall be considered in determining whether a
school district or building is subject to sanctions or
penalties. Accordingly, the report card ratings for the 2014-
2015, 2015-2016, and 2016-2017 school years shall have no
effect in determining sanctions or penalties, but shall not
create a new starting point for determinations that are based on
ratings over multiple years.

(B) The provisions from which a district or school is
exempt under division (A) of this section shall be the
following:
(1) Any restructuring provisions established under this chapter, except as required under the "No Child Left Behind Act of 2001";

(2) Provisions for the Columbus city school pilot project under section 3302.042 of the Revised Code;

(3) Provisions for academic distress commissions under former section 3302.10 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to the effective date of this amendment. The provisions of this section do not apply to academic distress commissions under the version of that section as it exists on or after the effective date of this amendment.

(4) Provisions prescribing new buildings where students are eligible for the educational choice scholarships under section 3310.03 of the Revised Code;

(5) Provisions defining "challenged school districts" in which new start-up community schools may be located, as prescribed in section 3314.02 of the Revised Code;

(5) Provisions prescribing community school closure requirements under section 3314.35 or 3314.351 of the Revised Code.

(C) Notwithstanding anything in the Revised Code to the contrary and except as provided in Section 3 of H.B. 7 of the 131st general assembly, no school district, community school, or STEM school shall utilize at any time during a student's academic career a student's score on any assessment administered under division (A) of section 3301.0710 or division (B)(2) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code in the 2014-2015, 2015-2016, or 2016-2017 school year years as a factor in any decision to promote or to deny the student promotion to a higher
grade level or in any decision to grant course credit. No
individual student score reports on such assessments
administered in the 2014-2015, 2015-2016, or 2016-2017 school
years shall be released, except to a student's school district
or school or to the student or the student's parent or guardian.

Sec. 3302.042. (A) This section shall operate as a pilot
project that applies to any school that has been ranked
according to performance index score under section 3302.21 of
the Revised Code in the lowest five per cent of all public
school buildings statewide for three or more consecutive school
years and is operated by the Columbus city school district. The
pilot project shall commence once the department of education
establishes implementation guidelines for the pilot project in
consultation with the Columbus city school district.

(B) Except as provided in division (D), (E), or (F) of
this section, if the parents or guardians of at least fifty per
cent of the students enrolled in a school to which this section
applies, or if the parents or guardians of at least fifty per
cent of the total number of students enrolled in that school and
the schools of lower grade levels whose students typically
matriculate into that school, by the thirty-first day of
December of any school year in which the school is subject to
this section, sign and file with the school district treasurer a
petition requesting the district board of education to implement
one of the following reforms in the school, and if the validity
and sufficiency of the petition is certified in accordance with
division (C) of this section, the board shall implement the
requested reform in the next school year:

(1) Reopen the school as a community school under Chapter
3314. of the Revised Code;
(2) Replace at least seventy per cent of the school's personnel who are related to the school's poor academic performance or, at the request of the petitioners, retain not more than thirty per cent of the personnel;

(3) Contract with another school district or a nonprofit or for-profit entity with a demonstrated record of effectiveness to operate the school;

(4) Turn operation of the school over to the department;

(5) Any other major restructuring of the school that makes fundamental reforms in the school's staffing or governance.

(C) Not later than thirty days after receipt of a petition under division (B) of this section, the district treasurer shall verify the validity and sufficiency of the signatures on the petition and certify to the district board whether the petition contains the necessary number of valid signatures to require the board to implement the reform requested by the petitioners. If the treasurer certifies to the district board that the petition does not contain the necessary number of valid signatures, any person who signed the petition may file an appeal with the county auditor within ten days after the certification. Not later than thirty days after the filing of an appeal, the county auditor shall conduct an independent verification of the validity and sufficiency of the signatures on the petition and certify to the district board whether the petition contains the necessary number of valid signatures to require the board to implement the requested reform. If the treasurer or county auditor certifies that the petition contains the necessary number of valid signatures, the district board shall notify the superintendent of public instruction and the state board of education of the certification.
(D) The district board shall not implement the reform requested by the petitioners in any of the following circumstances:

(1) The district board has determined that the request is for reasons other than improving student academic achievement or student safety.

(2) The state superintendent has determined that implementation of the requested reform would not comply with the model of differentiated accountability described in section 3302.041 of the Revised Code.

(3) The petitioners have requested the district board to implement the reform described in division (B)(4) of this section and the department has not agreed to take over the school's operation.

(4) When all of the following have occurred:

(a) After a public hearing on the matter, the district board issued a written statement explaining the reasons that it is unable to implement the requested reform and agreeing to implement one of the other reforms described in division (B) of this section.

(b) The district board submitted its written statement to the state superintendent and the state board along with evidence showing how the alternative reform the district board has agreed to implement will enable the school to improve its academic performance.

(c) Both the state superintendent and the state board have approved implementation of the alternative reform.

(E) If the provisions of this section conflict in any way
with the requirements of federal law, federal law shall prevail over the provisions of this section.

(F) If a school is restructured under this section, or section 3302.10 or 3302.12 of the Revised Code, or federal law, the school shall not be required to restructure again under state law for three consecutive years after the implementation of that prior restructuring.

(G) Beginning not later than six months after the first petition under this section has been resolved, the department of education shall annually evaluate the pilot program and submit a report to the general assembly under section 101.68 of the Revised Code. Such reports shall contain its recommendations to the general assembly with respect to the continuation of the pilot program, its expansion to other school districts, or the enactment of further legislation establishing the program statewide under permanent law.

Sec. 3302.12. (A)(1) Except as provided in divisions (C) and (D) of this section, this section applies to a school building that is ranked according to performance index score under section 3302.21 of the Revised Code in the lowest five percent of public school buildings statewide for three consecutive years and that meets any combination of the following for three consecutive years:

(a) The school building is declared to be under an academic watch or in a state of academic emergency under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code;

(b) The school building that has received a grade of "F" for the value-added progress dimension under division (A)(1)(e), (B)(1)(e), or (C)(1)(e) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code;
(c) The school building that has received an overall grade of "F" under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code.

(2) In the case of a building to which this section applies, the district board of education in control of that building shall do one of the following at the conclusion of the school year in which the building first becomes subject to this section:

(a) Close the school and direct the district superintendent to reassign the students enrolled in the school to other school buildings that demonstrate higher academic achievement;

(b) Contract with another school district or a nonprofit or for-profit entity with a demonstrated record of effectiveness to operate the school;

(c) Replace the principal and all teaching staff of the school and, upon request from the new principal, exempt the school from all requested policies and regulations of the board regarding curriculum and instruction. The board also shall distribute funding to the school in an amount that is at least equal to the product of the per pupil amount of state and local revenues received by the district multiplied by the student population of the school.

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

(B) If an action taken by the board under division (A)(2) of this section causes the district to no longer maintain all grades kindergarten through twelve, as required by section 3311.29 of the Revised Code, the board shall enter into a contract with another school district pursuant to section
3327.04 of the Revised Code for enrollment of students in the
schools of that other district to the extent necessary to comply
with the requirement of section 3311.29 of the Revised Code.
Notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code to the
contrary, if the board enters into and maintains a contract
under section 3327.04 of the Revised Code, the district shall
not be considered to have failed to comply with the requirement
of section 3311.29 of the Revised Code. If, however, the
district board fails to or is unable to enter into or maintain
such a contract, the state board of education shall take all
necessary actions to dissolve the district as provided in
division (A) of section 3311.29 of the Revised Code.

(C) If a particular school is required to restructure
under this section and a petition with respect to that same
school has been filed and verified under divisions (B) and (C)
of section 3302.042 of the Revised Code, the provisions of that
section and the petition filed and verified under it shall
prevail over the provisions of this section and the school shall
be restructured under that section. However, if division (D)(1),
(2), or (3) of section 3302.042 of the Revised Code also applies
to the school, the school shall be subject to restructuring
under this section and not section 3302.042 of the Revised Code.

If the provisions of this section conflict in any way with
the requirements of federal law, federal law shall prevail over
the provisions of this section.

(D) If a school is restructured under this section or
section 3302.042 or 3302.10 of the Revised Code, or federal law,
the school shall not be required to restructure again under
state law for three consecutive years after the implementation
of that prior restructuring.
Sec. 3302.17. (A) Any school building operated by a city, exempted village, or local school district, or a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code is eligible to initiate the community learning center process as prescribed by this section.

(B) Beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, each district board of education or community school governing authority may initiate a community learning center process for any school building to which this section applies.

First, the board or governing authority shall conduct a public information hearing at each school building to which this section applies to inform the community of the community learning center process. The board or governing authority may do all of the following with regard to the public information hearing:

(1) Announce the meeting not less than forty-five days in advance at the school and on the school's or district's web sites and using tools to ensure effective communication with individuals with disabilities;

(2) Schedule the meeting for an evening or weekend time;

(3) Provide interpretation services and written materials in all languages spoken by five per cent or more of the students enrolled in the school;

(4) Provide child care services for parents attending the meeting;

(5) Provide parents, students, teachers, nonteaching employees, and community members with the opportunity to speak at the meeting;
(6) Comply with section 149.43 of the Revised Code.

In preparing for the public information hearing, the board or governing authority shall ensure that information about the hearing is broadly distributed throughout the community.

The board or governing authority may enter into an agreement with any civic engagement organizations, community organizations, or employee organizations to support the implementation of the community learning center process.

The board or governing authority shall conduct a follow-up hearing at least once annually until action is further taken under the section with respect to the school building or until the conditions described in division (A) of this section no longer apply to the school building.

(C) Not sooner than forty-five days after the first public information hearing, the board or governing authority shall conduct an election, by paper ballot, to initiate the process to become a community learning center. Only parents or guardians of students enrolled in the school and students enrolled in a different school operated by a joint vocational school district but are otherwise entitled to attend the school, and teachers and nonteaching employees who are assigned to the school may vote in the election.

The board or governing authority shall distribute the ballots by mail and shall make copies available at the school and on the web site of the school. The board or governing authority also may distribute the ballots by directly giving ballots to teachers and nonteaching employees and sending home ballots with every student enrolled in the school building.

(D) The board or governing authority shall initiate the
transition of the building to a community learning center if the results of the election held under division (C) of this section are as follows:

(1) At least fifty per cent of parents and guardians of students enrolled in the eligible school building and students enrolled in a different building operated by a joint vocational school district but who are entitled to attend the school cast ballots by a date set by the board or governing authority, and of those ballots at least sixty-seven per cent are in favor of initiating the process; and

(2) At least fifty per cent of teachers and nonteaching employees who are assigned to the school cast ballots by a date set by the board or governing authority, and of those ballots at least sixty-seven per cent are in favor of initiating the process.

(E) If a community learning center process is initiated under this section, the board or governing authority shall create a school action team under section 3302.18 of the Revised Code. Within four months upon selection, the school action team shall conduct and complete, in consultation with community partners, a performance audit of the school and review, with parental input, the needs of the school with regard to restructuring under section 3302.10, 3302.12, or 3302.042 of the Revised Code, or federal law.

The school action team shall provide quarterly updates of its work in a public hearing that complies with the same specifications prescribed in division (B) of this section.

(F) Upon completion of the audit and review, the school action team shall present its findings at a public hearing that
complies with the same specifications prescribed in division (B) of this section. After the school action team presents its findings at the public hearing, it shall create a community learning center improvement plan that designates appropriate interventions, which may be based on the recommendations developed by the department under division (H)(1)(b) of this section.

If there is a federally mandated school improvement planning process, the team shall coordinate its work with that plan.

The school action team shall approve the plan by a majority vote.

(G) Upon approval of the plan by the school action team, the team shall submit the community learning center improvement plan to the same individuals described in division (C) of this section. Ballots shall be distributed and an election shall be conducted in the same manner as indicated under that division.

The school action team shall submit the plan to the district board of education or community school governing authority, if the results of the election under division (G) of this section are as follows:

(1) At least thirty per cent of parents and guardians of students enrolled in the eligible school building and students enrolled in a different building operated by a joint vocational school district but who are entitled to attend the school cast ballots by a date set by the board or governing authority, and of those ballots at least fifty per cent are in favor of initiating the process; and

(2) At least thirty per cent of teachers and nonteaching
employees who are assigned to the school cast ballots by a date set by the board or governing authority, and of those ballots at least fifty per cent are in favor of initiating the process.

The board or governing authority shall evaluate the plan and determine whether to adopt it. The board or governing authority shall adopt the plan in full or adopt portions of the plan. If the board or governing authority does not adopt the plan in full, it shall provide a written explanation of why portions of the plan were rejected.

(H)(1) The department shall do all of the following with respect to this section:

(a) Adopt rules regarding the elections required under this section;

(b) Develop appropriate interventions for a community learning center improvement plan that may be used by a school action team under division (F) of this section;

(c) Publish a menu of programs and services that may be offered by community learning centers. The information shall be posted on the department's web site. To compile this information the department shall solicit input from resource coordinators of existing community learning centers;

(d) Provide information regarding implementation of comprehensive community-based programs and supportive services including the community learning center model to school buildings meeting any of the following conditions:

(i) The building is in improvement status as defined by the "No Child Left Behind Act of 2001" or under an agreement between the Ohio department of education and the United States secretary of education.
(ii) The building is a secondary school that is among the lowest achieving fifteen per cent of secondary schools statewide, as determined by the department.

(iii) The building is a secondary school with a graduation rate of sixty per cent or lower for three or more consecutive years.

(iv) The building is a school that the department determines is persistently low-performing.

(2) The department may do the following with respect to this section:

(a) Provide assistance, facilitation, and training to school action teams in the conducting of the audit required under this section;

(b) Provide opportunities for members of school action teams from different schools to share school improvement strategies with parents, teachers, and other relevant stakeholders in higher performing schools;

(c) Provide financial support in a school action team's planning process and create a grant program to assist in the implementation of a qualified community learning center plan.

(I) 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 October 15, 2015. However, the board or governing authority and the teachers' labor organization may negotiate additional factors to be considered in the adoption of a community learning center plan.
Sec. 3310.03. A student is an "eligible student" for purposes of the educational choice scholarship pilot program if the student's resident district is not a school district in which the pilot project scholarship program is operating under sections 3313.974 to 3313.979 of the Revised Code and the student satisfies one of the conditions in division (A), (B), (C), (D), or (E) of this section:

(A)(1) The student is enrolled in a school building operated by the student's resident district that, on the report card issued under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code published prior to the first day of July of the school year for which a scholarship is sought, did not receive a rating as described in division (H)-(I) of this section, and to which any or a combination of any of the following apply for two of the three most recent report cards published prior to the first day of July of the school year for which a scholarship is sought:

(a) The building was declared to be in a state of academic emergency or academic watch under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code as that section existed prior to March 22, 2013.

(b) The building received a grade of "D" or "F" for the performance index score under division (A)(1)(b) or (B)(1)(b) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code and for the value-added progress dimension under division (A)(1)(e) or (B)(1)(e) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code for the 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, or 2015-2016 school year; or if the building serves only grades ten through twelve, the building received a grade of "D" or "F" for the performance index score under division (A)(1)(b) or (B)(1)(b) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code and had a four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate of less than seventy-five per cent.
(c) The building received an overall grade of "D" or "F"
under division (C)(3) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code or
a grade of "F" for the value-added progress dimension under
division (C)(1)(e) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code for
the 2016-2017 school year or any school year thereafter.

(2) The student will be enrolling in any of grades
kindergarten through twelve in this state for the first time in
the school year for which a scholarship is sought, will be at
least five years of age by the first day of January of the
school year for which a scholarship is sought, and otherwise
would be assigned under section 3319.01 of the Revised Code in
the school year for which a scholarship is sought, to a school
building described in division (A)(1) of this section.

(3) The student is enrolled in a community school
established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code but
otherwise would be assigned under section 3319.01 of the Revised
Code to a building described in division (A)(1) of this section.

(4) The student is enrolled in a school building operated
by the student's resident district or in a community school
established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code and
otherwise would be assigned under section 3319.01 of the Revised
Code to a school building described in division (A)(1) of this
section in the school year for which the scholarship is sought.

(5) The student will be both enrolling in any of grades
kindergarten through twelve in this state for the first time and
at least five years of age by the first day of January of the
school year for which a scholarship is sought, or is enrolled in
a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the
Revised Code, and all of the following apply to the student's
resident district:
(a) The district has in force an intradistrict open enrollment policy under which no student in the student's grade level is automatically assigned to a particular school building;

(b) In the most recent rating published prior to the first day of July of the school year for which scholarship is sought, the district did not receive a rating described in division (I) of this section, and in at least two of the three most recent report cards published prior to the first day of July of that school year, any or a combination of the following apply to the district:

(i) The district was declared to be in a state of academic emergency under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to March 22, 2013.

(ii) The district received a grade of "D" or "F" for the performance index score under division (A)(1)(b) or (B)(1)(b) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code and for the value-added progress dimension under division (A)(1)(e) or (B)(1)(e) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code for the 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, or 2015-2016 school year.

(c) The district received an overall grade of "D" or "F" under division (C)(3) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code or a grade of "F" for the value-added progress dimension under division (C)(1)(e) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code for the 2016-2017 school year or any school year thereafter.

(6) Beginning in the 2016-2017 school year, the student is enrolled in or will be enrolling in a building in the school year for which the scholarship is sought that serves any of grades nine through twelve and that received a grade of "D" or "F" for the four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate under
division (A)(1)(d), (B)(1)(d), or (C)(1)(d) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code in two of the three most recent report cards published prior to the first day of July of the school year for which a scholarship is sought.

(B)(1) The student is enrolled in a school building operated by the student's resident district and to which both of the following apply:

(a) The building was ranked, for at least two of the three most recent rankings prior to the first day of July of the school year for which a scholarship is sought, in the lowest ten per cent of all buildings operated by city, local, and exempted village school districts according to performance index score as determined by the department of education.

(b) The building was not declared to be excellent or effective, or the equivalent of such ratings as determined by the department, under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code in the most recent rating published prior to the first day of July of the school year for which a scholarship is sought.

(2) The student will be enrolling in any of grades kindergarten through twelve in this state for the first time in the school year for which a scholarship is sought, will be at least five years of age, as defined in section 3321.01 of the Revised Code, by the first day of January of the school year for which a scholarship is sought, and otherwise would be assigned under section 3319.01 of the Revised Code in the school year for which a scholarship is sought, to a school building described in division (B)(1) of this section.

(3) The student is enrolled in a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code but
otherwise would be assigned under section 3319.01 of the Revised Code to a building described in division (B)(1) of this section.

(4) The student is enrolled in a school building operated by the student's resident district or in a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code and otherwise would be assigned under section 3319.01 of the Revised Code to a school building described in division (B)(1) of this section in the school year for which the scholarship is sought.

(C) The student is enrolled in a nonpublic school at the time the school is granted a charter by the state board of education under section 3301.16 of the Revised Code and the student meets the standards of division (B) of section 3310.031 of the Revised Code.

(D) For the 2016-2017 school year and each school year thereafter, the student is in any of grades kindergarten through three, is enrolled in a school building that is operated by the student's resident district or will be enrolling in any of grades kindergarten through twelve in this state for the first time in the school year for which a scholarship is sought, and to which both of the following apply:

(1) The building, in at least two of the three most recent ratings of school buildings published prior to the first day of July of the school year for which a scholarship is sought, received a grade of "D" or "F" for making progress in improving literacy in grades kindergarten through three under division (B) (1)(g) or (C)(1)(g) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code;

(2) The building did not receive a grade of "A" for making progress in improving literacy in grades kindergarten through three under division (B)(1)(g) or (C)(1)(g) of section 3302.03.
of the Revised Code in the most recent rating published prior to the first day of July of the school year for which a scholarship is sought.

(E) The student's resident district is subject to former section 3302.10 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to the effective date of this amendment and the student either:

(1) Is enrolled in a school building operated by the resident district or in a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code;

(2) Will be both enrolling in any of grades kindergarten through twelve in this state for the first time and at least five years of age by the first day of January of the school year for which a scholarship is sought.

(F) A student who receives a scholarship under the educational choice scholarship pilot program remains an eligible student and may continue to receive scholarships in subsequent school years until the student completes grade twelve, so long as all of the following apply:

(1) The student's resident district remains the same, or the student transfers to a new resident district and otherwise would be assigned in the new resident district to a school building described in division (A)(1), (B)(1), (D), or (E) of this section.

(2) Except as provided in divisions (K)(1) and (L) of section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code, the student takes each assessment prescribed for the student's grade level under section 3301.0710 or 3301.0712 of the Revised Code while enrolled in a chartered nonpublic school.

(3) In each school year that the student is enrolled in a
chartered nonpublic school, the student is absent from school for not more than twenty days that the school is open for instruction, not including excused absences.

(G)(1) The department shall cease awarding first-time scholarships pursuant to divisions (A)(1) to (4) of this section with respect to a school building that, in the most recent ratings of school buildings published under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code prior to the first day of July of the school year, ceases to meet the criteria in division (A)(1) of this section. The department shall cease awarding first-time scholarships pursuant to division (A)(5) of this section with respect to a school district that, in the most recent ratings of school districts published under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code prior to the first day of July of the school year, ceases to meet the criteria in division (A)(5) of this section.

(2) The department shall cease awarding first-time scholarships pursuant to divisions (B)(1) to (4) of this section with respect to a school building that, in the most recent ratings of school buildings under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code prior to the first day of July of the school year, ceases to meet the criteria in division (B)(1) of this section.

(3) The department shall cease awarding first-time scholarships pursuant to division (D) of this section with respect to a school building that, in the most recent ratings of school buildings under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code prior to the first day of July of the school year, ceases to meet the criteria in division (D) of this section.

(4) The department shall cease awarding first-time scholarships pursuant to division (E) of this section with respect to a school district subject to section 3302.10 of the
Revised Code when the academic distress commission established for the district ceases to exist.

(5) However, students who have received scholarships in the prior school year remain eligible students pursuant to division (F) of this section.

(H) The state board of education shall adopt rules defining excused absences for purposes of division (F)(3) of this section.

(I)(1) A student who satisfies only the conditions prescribed in divisions (A)(1) to (4) of this section shall not be eligible for a scholarship if the student's resident building meets any of the following in the most recent rating under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code published prior to the first day of July of the school year for which a scholarship is sought:

(a) The building has an overall designation of excellent or effective under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to March 22, 2013.

(b) For the 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, or 2015-2016 school year, the building has a grade of "A" or "B" for the performance index score under division (A)(1)(b) or (B)(1)(b) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code and for the value-added progress dimension under division (A)(1)(e) or (B)(1)(e) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code; or if the building serves only grades ten through twelve, the building received a grade of "A" or "B" for the performance index score under division (A)(1)(b) or (B)(1)(b) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code and had a four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate of greater than or equal to seventy-five per cent.
(c) For the 2016-2017 school year or any school year thereafter, the building has a grade of "A" or "B" under division (C)(3) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code and a grade of "A" for the value-added progress dimension under division (C)(1)(e) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code; or if the building serves only grades ten through twelve, the building received a grade of "A" or "B" for the performance index score under division (C)(1)(b) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code and had a four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate of greater than or equal to seventy-five per cent.

(2) A student who satisfies only the conditions prescribed in division (A)(5) of this section shall not be eligible for a scholarship if the student's resident district meets any of the following in the most recent rating under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code published prior to the first day of July of the school year for which a scholarship is sought:

(a) The district has an overall designation of excellent or effective under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to March 22, 2013.

(b) The district has a grade of "A" or "B" for the performance index score under division (A)(1)(b) or (B)(1)(b) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code and for the value-added progress dimension under division (A)(1)(e) or (B)(1)(e) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code for the 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, and 2015-2016 school years.

(c) The district has an overall grade of "A" or "B" under division (C)(3) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code and a grade of "A" for the value-added progress dimension under division (C)(1)(e) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code for the 2016-2017 school year or any school year thereafter.
Sec. 3311.29. (A) Except as provided under division (B), (C), or (D) of this section, no school district shall be created and no school district shall exist which does not maintain within such district public schools consisting of grades kindergarten through twelve and any such existing school district not maintaining such schools shall be dissolved and its territory joined with another school district or districts by order of the state board of education if no agreement is made among the surrounding districts voluntarily, which order shall provide an equitable division of the funds, property, and indebtedness of the dissolved school district among the districts receiving its territory. The state board of education may authorize exceptions to school districts where topography, sparsity of population, and other factors make compliance impracticable.

The superintendent of public instruction is without authority to distribute funds under Chapter 3317. of the Revised Code to any school district that does not maintain schools with grades kindergarten through twelve and to which no exception has been granted by the state board of education.

(B) Division (A) of this section does not apply to any joint vocational school district or any cooperative education school district established pursuant to divisions (A) to (C) of section 3311.52 of the Revised Code.

(C)(1)(a) Except as provided in division (C)(3) of this section, division (A) of this section does not apply to any cooperative education school district established pursuant to section 3311.521 of the Revised Code nor to the city, exempted village, or local school districts that have territory within such a cooperative education district.
(b) The cooperative district and each city, exempted
village, or local district with territory within the cooperative
district shall maintain the grades that the resolution adopted
or amended pursuant to section 3311.521 of the Revised Code
specifies.

(2) Any cooperative education school district described
under division (C)(1) of this section that fails to maintain the
grades it is specified to operate shall be dissolved by order of
the state board of education unless prior to such an order the
cooperative district is dissolved pursuant to section 3311.54 of
the Revised Code. Any such order shall provide for the equitable
adjustment, division, and disposition of the assets, property,
debts, and obligations of the district among each city, local,
and exempted village school district whose territory is in the
cooperative district and shall provide that the tax duplicate of
each city, local, and exempted village school district whose
territory is in the cooperative district shall be bound for and
assume its share of the outstanding indebtedness of the
cooperative district.

(3) If any city, exempted village, or local school
district described under division (C)(1) of this section fails
to maintain the grades it is specified to operate the
cooperative district within which it has territory shall be
dissolved in accordance with division (C)(2) of this section and
upon that dissolution any city, exempted village, or local
district failing to maintain grades kindergarten through twelve
shall be subject to the provisions for dissolution in division
(A) of this section.

(D) Division (A) of this section does not apply to any
school district that is or has ever been subject to former.
section 3302.10 of the Revised Code, as it existed on and after the effective date of this amendment, existed prior to the effective date of this amendment, and has had a majority of its schools reconstituted or closed under that section.

Sec. 3314.102. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Chief executive officer" means a chief executive officer appointed by an academic distress commission pursuant to section 3302.10 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Municipal" "municipal school district" and "mayor" have the same meanings as in section 3311.71 of the Revised Code.

(B) Notwithstanding section 3314.10 and 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 that is sponsored by the board of education of a municipal school district or a school district for which an academic distress commission has been established under section 3302.10 of the Revised Code shall cease to be subject to any future collective bargaining agreement, if the mayor or chief executive officer submits to the board of education sponsoring the school and to the state employment relations board a statement requesting that all employees of the community school be removed from a collective bargaining unit. The employees of the community school who are covered by a collective bargaining agreement in effect on the date the mayor or chief executive officer submits the statement shall remain subject to that collective bargaining agreement until the collective bargaining agreement expires on its terms. Upon expiration of that collective bargaining agreement, the employees of that school are not subject to Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code.
Revised Code and may not organize or collectively bargain pursuant to that chapter.

Section 2. That existing sections 133.06, 3302.036, 3302.042, 3302.12, 3302.17, 3310.03, 3311.29, and 3314.102 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.

Section 3. That sections 3302.10, 3302.101, 3302.102, and 3302.11 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.

Section 4. That Sections 4, 5, and 6 of Am. Sub. H.B. 70 of the 131st General Assembly are hereby repealed.

Section 5. Any academic distress commission organized for a school district under former section 3302.10 of the Revised Code, as it existed prior to the effective date of this section, is hereby dissolved. The board of education of each district wherein an academic distress commission previously had been established shall reassume all the powers granted to it under the Revised Code.

Section 6. Section 3302.036 of the Revised Code is presented in this act as a composite of the section as amended by both Am. Sub. H.B. 64 and Am. Sub. H.B. 70 of the 131st General Assembly. The General Assembly, applying the principle stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous operation, finds that the composite is the resulting version of the section in effect prior to the effective date of the section as presented in this act.