Am. Sub. H.B. 166
As Passed by the Senate

moved to amend as follows:

1 In line 68857, delete "orally"; after "education" insert ".

2 upon that department's request,"

3 In line 68859, delete "family incomes of students" and

4 insert "whether the family income of a student"

5 In line 68860, delete "and" and insert "or"; delete

6 "scholarships" and insert "a scholarship"; delete "pilot"

7 In line 68861, delete "project"; after "scholarship" insert

8 "pilot"; delete "pursuant to" and insert "is equal to, less

9 than, or greater than the income thresholds prescribed by";

10 after "3310.02" insert "or 3310.032"

11 In line 68862, after "Code." insert "The department of

12 education shall provide sufficient information about the student

13 and the student's family to enable the department of taxation to

14 make the verification."

15 The motion was ________ agreed to.
Disclosing income to verify scholarship eligibility

R.C. 5703.21(C)(19)

Permits the Department of Taxation to verify whether students applying for or receiving scholarships under the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program are income-eligible for the program. The Department of Education must request the verification and provide sufficient information about the student and their family to make the verification.

The provision, as initially added by the Senate, permitted full disclosure of income tax returns, but the provision was later modified such that the Senate-passed bill only permitted oral disclosure to verify income eligibility for the program.

Eligibility for the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program is based in part on a student's family income that may not exceed 200% of the federal poverty guidelines, which depends on the number of people in the household. The scholarship amount for students who have been receiving the scholarship may be reduced if their family income exceeds that threshold, and students whose family income is more than 400% of the guidelines become disqualified for the scholarship.