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A BILL

To amend sections 3310.02, 3310.03, 3310.032, 3310.08, and 3310.16 of the Revised Code to suspend all performance-based Educational Choice scholarships for the 2020-2021 school year, to make changes to the Educational Choice Scholarship Program and the expansion of that program for the 2021-2022 school year and each school year thereafter, and to declare an emergency.

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

Section 1. That sections 3310.02, 3310.03, 3310.032, 3310.08, and 3310.16 of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3310.02. (A) The educational choice scholarship pilot program is hereby established. Under the program, the department of education annually shall pay scholarships to attend chartered nonpublic schools in accordance with section 3310.08 of the Revised Code for up to the following number of eligible
students:

(1) Thirty thousand in the 2011-2012 school year;

(2) Sixty thousand in the 2012-2013 school year and thereafter.

For any school year for which the number of applications for scholarships timely submitted for the program exceeds ninety per cent of the maximum number of scholarships permitted under division (A) of this section, the department shall increase the maximum number of scholarships permitted for the following school year by five per cent. The department shall make the increased number of scholarships available for each subsequent school year until the department is again required to increase the number of scholarships under division (A) of this section.

If the number of students who apply for a scholarship exceeds the maximum number of scholarships permitted under division (A) of this section, priority shall be given to those students applying for a scholarship under section 3310.03 of the Revised Code in accordance with division (B) of this section.

(B) The department shall award scholarships under section 3310.03 of the Revised Code in the following order of priority:

(1) First, to eligible students who received scholarships in the prior school year;

(2) Second, to eligible students with family incomes at or below two hundred per cent of the federal poverty guidelines, as defined in section 5101.46 of the Revised Code, who qualify under divisions (A) and (E) of section 3310.03 of the Revised Code.
Code. If the number of students described in division (B)(2) of this section who apply for a scholarship exceeds the number of available scholarships after awards are made under division (B)(1) of this section, the department shall select students described in division (B)(2) of this section by lot to receive any remaining scholarships.

(3) Third, to other eligible students who qualify under divisions (A) and (E) of section 3310.03 of the Revised Code. If the number of students described in division (B)(3) of this section who apply for a scholarship exceeds the number of available scholarships after awards are made under divisions (B)(1) and (2) of this section, the department shall select students described in division (B)(3) of this section by lot to receive any remaining scholarships.

(4) Fourth, to eligible students with family incomes at or below two hundred per cent of the federal poverty guidelines who qualify under division (D) of section 3310.03 of the Revised Code. If the number of students described in division (B)(4) of this section who apply for a scholarship exceeds the number of available scholarships after awards are made under divisions (B)(1) to (3) of this section, the department shall select students described in division (B)(4) of this section by lot to receive any remaining scholarships.

(5) Fifth, to other eligible students who qualify under division (D) of section 3310.03 of the Revised Code. If the number of students described in division (B)(5) of this section who apply for a scholarship exceeds the number of available scholarships after awards are made under divisions (B)(1) to (4) of this section, the department shall select students described in division (B)(5) of this section by lot to receive any
remaining scholarships.

(6) Sixth, to eligible students with family incomes at or below two hundred per cent of the federal poverty guidelines who qualify under division (B) of section 3310.03 of the Revised Code. If the number of students described in division (B)(6) of this section who apply for a scholarship exceeds the number of available scholarships after awards are made under divisions (B) (1) to (5) of this section, the department shall select students described in division (B)(6) of this section by lot to receive any remaining scholarships.

(7) Seventh, to other eligible students who qualify under division (B) of section 3310.03 of the Revised Code. If the number of students described in division (B)(7) of this section who apply for a scholarship exceeds the number of available scholarships after awards are made under divisions (B)(1) to (6) of this section, the department shall select students described in division (B)(7) of this section by lot to receive any remaining scholarships.

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 (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-

(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 In the 2019-2020 school year, the student
meets both of the following conditions:

(a) The student was enrolled in a public or nonpublic
school or was homeschooled in the prior school year and
completed any of grades eight through eleven in that school
year.

(b) The student would be assigned to a building in the
school year for which the scholarship is sought that either:

(i) 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;

(ii) Is a building described in division (A)(1) of this
section.
Any student who was awarded a scholarship under division (A)(6) of this section as it existed prior to the effective date of this amendment may continue to receive scholarships in subsequent school years until the student completes grade twelve, as long as the student meets the criteria prescribed by division (F) of this section.

(7) Beginning in the 2020-2021 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 receives 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 section 3302.10 of the Revised Code 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 had a four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate of greater than or equal to seventy-five per cent.
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. 3310.032. (A) A student is an "eligible student" for purposes of the expansion of the educational choice scholarship pilot program under this section 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, the student is not eligible for an educational choice scholarship under section 3310.03 of the Revised Code, and the student's family income is at or below two hundred per cent of the federal poverty guidelines, as defined in section 5101.46 of the Revised Code.

(B) In each fiscal year for which the general assembly appropriates funds for purposes of this section, the department of education shall pay scholarships to attend chartered nonpublic schools in accordance with section 3310.08 of the Revised Code. The number of scholarships awarded under this section shall not exceed the number that can be funded with appropriations made by the general assembly for this purpose.

(C) Scholarships under this section shall be awarded as follows:

(1) For the 2013-2014 school year, to eligible students
(2) For each subsequent school year through the 2019-2020 school year, scholarships shall be awarded to eligible students in the next grade level above the highest grade level awarded in the preceding school year, in addition to the grade levels for which students received scholarships in the preceding school year;

(3) Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, to eligible students who are entering any of grades kindergarten through twelve in that school year for the first time. Any student who was awarded a scholarship under division (C)(3) of this section may continue to receive scholarships in subsequent school years until the student completes grade twelve, as long as the student meets the criteria prescribed by division (E) of this section.

(4) For the 2021-2022 school year, to eligible students who are entering any of grades kindergarten through eight in that school year for the first time;

(5) For each subsequent school year, scholarships shall be awarded to eligible students in the next grade level above the highest grade level awarded in the preceding school year, in addition to the grade levels for which students received scholarships in the preceding school year.

(D) If the number of eligible students who apply for a scholarship under this section exceeds the scholarships available based on the appropriation for this section, the department shall award scholarships in the following order of priority:
(1) First, to eligible students who received scholarships under this section in the prior school year;

(2) Second, to eligible students with family incomes at or below one hundred per cent of the federal poverty guidelines. If the number of students described in division (D)(2) of this section who apply for a scholarship exceeds the number of available scholarships after awards are made under division (D)(1) of this section, the department shall select students described in division (D)(2) of this section by lot to receive any remaining scholarships.

(3) Third, to other eligible students who qualify under this section. If the number of students described in division (D)(3) of this section exceeds the number of available scholarships after awards are made under divisions (D)(1) and (2) of this section, the department shall select students described in division (D)(3) of this section by lot to receive any remaining scholarships.

(E) Subject to divisions (E)(1) to (3) of this section, a student who receives a scholarship under this section remains an eligible student and may continue to receive scholarships under this section in subsequent school years until the student completes grade twelve, so long as the student satisfies the conditions specified in divisions (F)(2) and (3) of section 3310.03 of the Revised Code.

Once a scholarship is awarded under this section, the student shall remain eligible for that scholarship for the current school year and subsequent school years even if the student’s family income rises above the amount specified in division (A) of this section, provided the student remains enrolled in a chartered nonpublic school, however:
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(1) If the student's family income is above two hundred per cent but at or below three hundred per cent of the federal poverty guidelines, the student shall receive a scholarship in the amount of seventy-five per cent of the full scholarship amount.

(2) If the student's family income is above three hundred per cent but at or below four hundred per cent of the federal poverty guidelines, the student shall receive a scholarship in the amount of fifty per cent of the full scholarship amount.

(3) If the student's family income is above four hundred per cent of the federal poverty guidelines, the student is no longer eligible to receive an educational choice scholarship.

Sec. 3310.08. (A) As used in this section, "tuition discount" means any deduction from the base tuition amount per student charged by the school, to which the student's family is entitled due to one or more of the following conditions:

(1) The student's family has multiple children enrolled in the same school.

(2) The student's family is a member of or affiliated with a religious or secular organization that provides oversight of the school or from which the school has agreed to enroll students.

(3) The student's parent is an employee of the school.

(4) Some other qualification not based on the income of the student's family or the student's athletic or academic ability and for which all students in the school may qualify.

(B) For the 2020-2021 school year, the amount paid for an eligible student under the educational choice scholarship...
pilot program and the expansion of the program under section 3310.032 of the Revised Code shall be the lesser of the following:

(1) The base tuition of the chartered nonpublic school in which the student is enrolled minus the total amount of any applicable tuition discounts for which the student qualifies;

(2) The maximum amount prescribed in section 3310.09 of the Revised Code.

(2) For the 2021-2022 school year and for each school year thereafter, the amount paid for an eligible student under the educational choice scholarship pilot program shall be the lesser of the tuition of the chartered nonpublic school in which the student is enrolled or the maximum amount prescribed in section 3310.09 of the Revised Code.

(C)(1) The department of education shall pay to the parent of each eligible student for whom a scholarship is awarded under the program, or to the student if at least eighteen years of age, periodic partial payments of the scholarship.

(2) The department shall proportionately reduce or terminate the payments for any student who withdraws from a chartered nonpublic school prior to the end of the school year.

(D)(1) The department shall deduct from the payments made to each school district under Chapter 3317., and if necessary, sections 321.24 and 323.156 of the Revised Code, the amount paid under division (C) of this section for each eligible student who qualifies for a scholarship under section 3310.03 of the Revised Code and who is entitled under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code to attend school in the district. In the case of a student entitled to attend school in a school district under
division (B)(2)(a) of section 3313.64 or division (C) of section 3313.65 of the Revised Code, the department shall deduct the payments from the school district in whose formula ADM the student is included, as that term is defined in section 3317.02 of the Revised Code.

(2) If the department reduces or terminates payments to a parent or a student, as prescribed in division (C)(2) of this section, and the student enrolls in the schools of the student's resident district or in a community school, established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, before the end of the school year, the department shall proportionally restore to the resident district the amount deducted for that student under division (D)(1) of this section.

Sec. 3310.16. (A) For the 2020-2021 school year and each school year thereafter, the department of education shall accept, process, and award scholarships each year for the educational choice scholarship pilot program under sections 3310.03 and 3310.032 of the Revised Code, as follows:

(A) (1) A priority application period shall open on the first day of February prior to the first day of July of the school year for which a scholarship is sought and run not less than seventy-five days. The department shall award scholarships under this division (A)(1) of this section not later than the thirtieth day of June prior to the first day of July of the school year for which a scholarship is sought.

(B) (2) The department shall continue to award scholarships after the priority application period closes. If the department awards a scholarship after the beginning of the school year, the department shall prorate the amount of the scholarship based on how much of the school year remains. The
department shall continue to award income-based scholarships under section 3310.032 of the Revised Code only so long as funds appropriated by the general assembly for such scholarships for that school year remain available.

(B)(1) For the 2021-2022 school year and each school year thereafter, the department shall conduct two application periods each year for the educational choice scholarship pilot program under sections 3310.03 and 3310.032 of the Revised Code, as follows:

(a) The first application period shall open not sooner than the first day of February prior to the first day of July of the school year for which a scholarship is sought and run not fewer than seventy-five days.

(b) The second application period shall open not sooner than the first day of July of the school year for which the scholarship is sought and run not fewer than thirty days.

(2) If the scholarships awarded under section 3310.032 of the Revised Code in the first application period for any school year use the entirety of the amount appropriated by the general assembly for such scholarships for that school year, the department need not conduct a second application period for scholarships under that section. If, after the first application period, there are funds remaining to award scholarships under section 3310.032 of the Revised Code, the department shall conduct a second application period in accordance with division (B)(1)(b) of this section.

(3) Not later than the thirty-first day of May of each school year, the department shall determine whether funds remain available for income-based scholarships under the educational
choice scholarship pilot program after the first application period.

Section 2. That existing sections 3310.02, 3310.03, 3310.032, 3310.08, and 3310.16 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.

Section 3. Notwithstanding section 3310.03 of the Revised Code, Section 265.210 of H.B. 166 of the 133rd General Assembly, as amended by S.B. 120 of the 133rd General Assembly, and any other provision of law to the contrary, the Department of Education shall not accept, process, or award any performance-based Educational Choice scholarships under section 3310.03 of the Revised Code for the 2020-2021 school year. This includes both first-time scholarships and scholarships for students who received one in the 2019-2020 school year. The Department shall resume accepting, processing, and awarding performance-based Educational Choice scholarships under section 3310.03 of the Revised Code on February 1, 2021, for the 2021-2022 school year.

Section 4. This act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety. The reason for such necessity is to ensure that the changes to the Educational Choice Scholarship pilot program go into effect for the next school year. Therefore, this act shall go into immediate effect.