

AN ACT

To amend sections 3313.482, 3314.08, and 3317.01 of the Revised Code to excuse up to five, instead of three, calamity days for the 2010-2011 school year, to broaden schools' authority to make up calamity days by lengthening remaining days in the school year, to waive the number of hours a community school is closed for a public calamity if it meets certain requirements, and to declare an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. That sections 3313.482, 3314.08, and 3317.01 of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3313.482. (A) Annually, prior to the first day of September, the board of education of each city, local, and exempted village school district shall adopt a resolution specifying a contingency plan under which the district's students will make up days on which it was necessary to close schools for any of the reasons specified in division (A)(2) of section 3306.01 and division (B) of section 3317.01 of the Revised Code, if any such days must be made up in order to comply with the requirements of ~~that section and sections 3306.01, 3313.48 and, 3313.481, and 3317.01~~ of the Revised Code. The ~~resolution plan~~ shall provide ~~in the plan~~ for making up at least five full school days. The plan may provide for making up some or all of the days a school is closed by increasing the length of other school days in the manner authorized in division (B) of this section. No resolution adopted pursuant to this division shall conflict with any collective bargaining agreement into which a board has entered pursuant to Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code and that is in effect in the district.

(B) Notwithstanding ~~the content of anything to the contrary in~~ the contingency plan it adopts under division (A) of this section, if a school district closes or evacuates any school building for any of the reasons specified in division (A)(2) of section 3306.01 and division (B) of section 3317.01 of the Revised Code, or as a result of a bomb threat or any other

report of an alleged or impending explosion, and if, as a result of the closing or evacuation, the school district would be unable to meet the requirements of sections 3306.01, 3313.48, 3313.481, and 3317.01 of the Revised Code regarding the number of days schools must be open for instruction or the requirements of the state minimum standards for the school day that are established by the department of education regarding the number of hours there must be in the school day, the school district may increase the length of one or more other school days for the school that was closed or evacuated, in increments of one-half hour, to make up the number of hours or days that the school building in question was so closed or evacuated for the purpose of satisfying the requirements of those sections ~~regarding the number of days schools must be open for instruction or the requirements of those standards regarding the number of hours there must be in the school day.~~

~~(C) If a school district closes or evacuates any school building for any of the reasons specified in division (B) of section 3317.01 of the Revised Code, and if for that school the total number of full school days specified in the district's contingency plan adopted under division (A) of this section is insufficient to enable the school district to meet the requirements of sections 3313.48, 3313.481, and 3317.01 of the Revised Code regarding the number of days schools must be open for instruction or the requirements of the state minimum standards for the school day that are established by the department of education regarding the number of hours there must be in the school day, the school district may increase the length of one or more other school days for the school that was closed or evacuated, in increments of one-half hour, to make up the number of hours or days that the school building in question was so closed or evacuated for the purpose of satisfying the requirements of those sections regarding the number of days schools must be open for instruction or the requirements of those standards regarding the number of hours there must be in the school day. The district shall not be required to actually make up any of the days specified in the district's contingency plan prior to increasing the length of one or more school days to make up the shortage of hours or days caused by the school's closure or evacuation, but in no case shall the district fail to make up the total number of full school days specified in the contingency plan in accordance with that plan.~~

~~(D) If a school district closes or evacuates a school building as a result of a bomb threat or any other report of an alleged or impending explosion and also closes or evacuates that school building on a different day for any of the reasons specified in division (B) of section 3317.01 of the Revised Code, division (B) of this section applies regarding the closing or evacuation~~

~~of the school building as a result of the bomb threat or report of an alleged or impending explosion and division (C) of this section applies regarding the closing or evacuation of the school building for the reason specified in division (B) of section 3317.01 of the Revised Code.~~

~~Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 3313.48, 3313.481, and 3317.01 of the Revised Code and the requirements of the state minimum standards for the school day that are established by the department of education and notwithstanding the content of the contingency plan it adopts under division (A) of this section regarding the closing or evacuation of a school building as a result of a bomb threat or any other report of an alleged or impending explosion, a A school district that makes up, as described in this division (B) or (C) of this section, all of the hours or days that its school buildings were closed or evacuated for any of the reasons identified in this division (B) or (C) of this section shall be deemed to have complied with the requirements of those sections 3306.01, 3313.48, 3313.481, and 3317.01 of the Revised Code regarding the number of days schools must be open for instruction and the requirements of those the state minimum standards regarding the number of hours there must be in the school day.~~

Sec. 3314.08. The deductions under division (C) and the payments under division (D) of this section for fiscal years 2010 and 2011 shall be made in accordance with section 3314.088 of the Revised Code.

(A) As used in this section:

(1) "Base formula amount" means the amount specified as such in a community school's financial plan for a school year pursuant to division (A)(15) of section 3314.03 of the Revised Code.

(2) "IEP" has the same meaning as in section 3323.01 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Applicable special education weight" means the multiple specified in section 3317.013 of the Revised Code for a disability described in that section.

(4) "Applicable vocational education weight" means:

(a) For a student enrolled in vocational education programs or classes described in division (A) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code, the multiple specified in that division;

(b) For a student enrolled in vocational education programs or classes described in division (B) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code, the multiple specified in that division.

(5) "Entitled to attend school" means entitled to attend school in a district under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code.

(6) A community school student is "included in the poverty student

count" of a school district if the student is entitled to attend school in the district and the student's family receives assistance under the Ohio works first program.

(7) "Poverty-based assistance reduction factor" means the percentage figure, if any, for reducing the per pupil amount of poverty-based assistance a community school is entitled to receive pursuant to divisions (D)(5) to (9) of this section in any year, as specified in the school's financial plan for the year pursuant to division (A)(15) of section 3314.03 of the Revised Code.

(8) "All-day kindergarten" has the same meaning as in section 3317.029 of the Revised Code.

(9) "State education aid" has the same meaning as in section 5751.20 of the Revised Code.

(B) The state board of education shall adopt rules requiring both of the following:

(1) The board of education of each city, exempted village, and local school district to annually report the number of students entitled to attend school in the district who are enrolled in grades one through twelve in a community school established under this chapter, the number of students entitled to attend school in the district who are enrolled in kindergarten in a community school, the number of those kindergartners who are enrolled in all-day kindergarten in their community school, and for each child, the community school in which the child is enrolled.

(2) The governing authority of each community school established under this chapter to annually report all of the following:

(a) The number of students enrolled in grades one through twelve and the number of students enrolled in kindergarten in the school who are not receiving special education and related services pursuant to an IEP;

(b) The number of enrolled students in grades one through twelve and the number of enrolled students in kindergarten, who are receiving special education and related services pursuant to an IEP;

(c) The number of students reported under division (B)(2)(b) of this section receiving special education and related services pursuant to an IEP for a disability described in each of divisions (A) to (F) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(d) The full-time equivalent number of students reported under divisions (B)(2)(a) and (b) of this section who are enrolled in vocational education programs or classes described in each of divisions (A) and (B) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code that are provided by the community school;

(e) Twenty per cent of the number of students reported under divisions (B)(2)(a) and (b) of this section who are not reported under division

(B)(2)(d) of this section but who are enrolled in vocational education programs or classes described in each of divisions (A) and (B) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code at a joint vocational school district under a contract between the community school and the joint vocational school district and are entitled to attend school in a city, local, or exempted village school district whose territory is part of the territory of the joint vocational district;

(f) The number of enrolled preschool children with disabilities receiving special education services in a state-funded unit;

(g) The community school's base formula amount;

(h) For each student, the city, exempted village, or local school district in which the student is entitled to attend school;

(i) Any poverty-based assistance reduction factor that applies to a school year.

(C) From the state education aid calculated for a city, exempted village, or local school district and, if necessary, from the payment made to the district under sections 321.24 and 323.156 of the Revised Code, the department of education shall annually subtract the sum of the amounts described in divisions (C)(1) to (9) of this section. However, when deducting payments on behalf of students enrolled in internet- or computer-based community schools, the department shall deduct only those amounts described in divisions (C)(1) and (2) of this section. Furthermore, the aggregate amount deducted under this division shall not exceed the sum of the district's state education aid and its payment under sections 321.24 and 323.156 of the Revised Code.

(1) An amount equal to the sum of the amounts obtained when, for each community school where the district's students are enrolled, the number of the district's students reported under divisions (B)(2)(a), (b), and (e) of this section who are enrolled in grades one through twelve, and one-half the number of students reported under those divisions who are enrolled in kindergarten, in that community school is multiplied by the sum of the base formula amount of that community school plus the per pupil amount of the base funding supplements specified in divisions (C)(1) to (4) of section 3317.012 of the Revised Code.

(2) The sum of the amounts calculated under divisions (C)(2)(a) and (b) of this section:

(a) For each of the district's students reported under division (B)(2)(c) of this section as enrolled in a community school in grades one through twelve and receiving special education and related services pursuant to an IEP for a disability described in section 3317.013 of the Revised Code, the product of

the applicable special education weight times the community school's base formula amount;

(b) For each of the district's students reported under division (B)(2)(c) of this section as enrolled in kindergarten in a community school and receiving special education and related services pursuant to an IEP for a disability described in section 3317.013 of the Revised Code, one-half of the amount calculated as prescribed in division (C)(2)(a) of this section.

(3) For each of the district's students reported under division (B)(2)(d) of this section for whom payment is made under division (D)(4) of this section, the amount of that payment;

(4) An amount equal to the sum of the amounts obtained when, for each community school where the district's students are enrolled, the number of the district's students enrolled in that community school who are included in the district's poverty student count is multiplied by the per pupil amount of poverty-based assistance the school district receives that year pursuant to division (C) of section 3317.029 of the Revised Code, as adjusted by any poverty-based assistance reduction factor of that community school. The per pupil amount of that aid for the district shall be calculated by the department.

(5) An amount equal to the sum of the amounts obtained when, for each community school where the district's students are enrolled, the district's per pupil amount of aid received under division (E) of section 3317.029 of the Revised Code, as adjusted by any poverty-based assistance reduction factor of the community school, is multiplied by the sum of the following:

(a) The number of the district's students reported under division (B)(2)(a) of this section who are enrolled in grades one to three in that community school and who are not receiving special education and related services pursuant to an IEP;

(b) One-half of the district's students who are enrolled in all-day or any other kindergarten class in that community school and who are not receiving special education and related services pursuant to an IEP;

(c) One-half of the district's students who are enrolled in all-day kindergarten in that community school and who are not receiving special education and related services pursuant to an IEP.

The district's per pupil amount of aid under division (E) of section 3317.029 of the Revised Code is the quotient of the amount the district received under that division divided by the district's kindergarten through third grade ADM, as defined in that section.

(6) An amount equal to the sum of the amounts obtained when, for each community school where the district's students are enrolled, the district's per

pupil amount received under division (F) of section 3317.029 of the Revised Code, as adjusted by any poverty-based assistance reduction factor of that community school, is multiplied by the number of the district's students enrolled in the community school who are identified as limited-English proficient.

(7) An amount equal to the sum of the amounts obtained when, for each community school where the district's students are enrolled, the district's per pupil amount received under division (G) of section 3317.029 of the Revised Code, as adjusted by any poverty-based assistance reduction factor of that community school, is multiplied by the sum of the following:

(a) The number of the district's students enrolled in grades one through twelve in that community school;

(b) One-half of the number of the district's students enrolled in kindergarten in that community school.

The district's per pupil amount under division (G) of section 3317.029 of the Revised Code is the district's amount per teacher calculated under division (G)(1) or (2) of that section divided by 17.

(8) An amount equal to the sum of the amounts obtained when, for each community school where the district's students are enrolled, the district's per pupil amount received under divisions (H) and (I) of section 3317.029 of the Revised Code, as adjusted by any poverty-based assistance reduction factor of that community school, is multiplied by the sum of the following:

(a) The number of the district's students enrolled in grades one through twelve in that community school;

(b) One-half of the number of the district's students enrolled in kindergarten in that community school.

The district's per pupil amount under divisions (H) and (I) of section 3317.029 of the Revised Code is the amount calculated under each division divided by the district's formula ADM, as defined in section 3317.02 of the Revised Code.

(9) An amount equal to the per pupil state parity aid funding calculated for the school district under either division (C) or (D) of section 3317.0217 of the Revised Code multiplied by the sum of the number of students in grades one through twelve, and one-half of the number of students in kindergarten, who are entitled to attend school in the district and are enrolled in a community school as reported under division (B)(1) of this section.

(D) The department shall annually pay to a community school established under this chapter the sum of the amounts described in divisions (D)(1) to (10) of this section. However, the department shall calculate and

pay to each internet- or computer-based community school only the amounts described in divisions (D)(1) to (3) of this section. Furthermore, the sum of the payments to all community schools under divisions (D)(1), (2), and (4) to (10) of this section for the students entitled to attend school in any particular school district shall not exceed the sum of that district's state education aid and its payment under sections 321.24 and 323.156 of the Revised Code. If the sum of the payments calculated under those divisions for the students entitled to attend school in a particular school district exceeds the sum of that district's state education aid and its payment under sections 321.24 and 323.156 of the Revised Code, the department shall calculate and apply a proration factor to the payments to all community schools under those divisions for the students entitled to attend school in that district.

(1) Subject to section 3314.085 of the Revised Code, an amount equal to the sum of the amounts obtained when the number of students enrolled in grades one through twelve, plus one-half of the kindergarten students in the school, reported under divisions (B)(2)(a), (b), and (e) of this section who are not receiving special education and related services pursuant to an IEP for a disability described in section 3317.013 of the Revised Code is multiplied by the sum of the community school's base formula amount plus the per pupil amount of the base funding supplements specified in divisions (C)(1) to (4) of section 3317.012 of the Revised Code.

(2) Prior to fiscal year 2007, the greater of the amount calculated under division (D)(2)(a) or (b) of this section, and in fiscal year 2007 and thereafter, the amount calculated under division (D)(2)(b) of this section:

(a) The aggregate amount that the department paid to the community school in fiscal year 1999 for students receiving special education and related services pursuant to IEPs, excluding federal funds and state disadvantaged pupil impact aid funds;

(b) The sum of the amounts calculated under divisions (D)(2)(b)(i) and (ii) of this section:

(i) For each student reported under division (B)(2)(c) of this section as enrolled in the school in grades one through twelve and receiving special education and related services pursuant to an IEP for a disability described in section 3317.013 of the Revised Code, the following amount:

(the school's base formula amount plus
the per pupil amount of the base funding supplements specified in
divisions (C)(1) to (4) of section 3317.012 of the Revised Code)
+ (the applicable special education weight X the
community school's base formula amount);

(ii) For each student reported under division (B)(2)(c) of this section as enrolled in kindergarten and receiving special education and related services pursuant to an IEP for a disability described in section 3317.013 of the Revised Code, one-half of the amount calculated under the formula prescribed in division (D)(2)(b)(i) of this section.

(3) An amount received from federal funds to provide special education and related services to students in the community school, as determined by the superintendent of public instruction.

(4) For each student reported under division (B)(2)(d) of this section as enrolled in vocational education programs or classes that are described in section 3317.014 of the Revised Code, are provided by the community school, and are comparable as determined by the superintendent of public instruction to school district vocational education programs and classes eligible for state weighted funding under section 3317.014 of the Revised Code, an amount equal to the applicable vocational education weight times the community school's base formula amount times the percentage of time the student spends in the vocational education programs or classes.

(5) An amount equal to the sum of the amounts obtained when, for each school district where the community school's students are entitled to attend school, the number of that district's students enrolled in the community school who are included in the district's poverty student count is multiplied by the per pupil amount of poverty-based assistance that school district receives that year pursuant to division (C) of section 3317.029 of the Revised Code, as adjusted by any poverty-based assistance reduction factor of the community school. The per pupil amount of aid shall be determined as described in division (C)(4) of this section.

(6) An amount equal to the sum of the amounts obtained when, for each school district where the community school's students are entitled to attend school, the district's per pupil amount of aid received under division (E) of section 3317.029 of the Revised Code, as adjusted by any poverty-based assistance reduction factor of the community school, is multiplied by the sum of the following:

(a) The number of the district's students reported under division (B)(2)(a) of this section who are enrolled in grades one to three in that community school and who are not receiving special education and related services pursuant to an IEP;

(b) One-half of the district's students who are enrolled in all-day or any other kindergarten class in that community school and who are not receiving special education and related services pursuant to an IEP;

(c) One-half of the district's students who are enrolled in all-day

kindergarten in that community school and who are not receiving special education and related services pursuant to an IEP.

The district's per pupil amount of aid under division (E) of section 3317.029 of the Revised Code shall be determined as described in division (C)(5) of this section.

(7) An amount equal to the sum of the amounts obtained when, for each school district where the community school's students are entitled to attend school, the number of that district's students enrolled in the community school who are identified as limited-English proficient is multiplied by the district's per pupil amount received under division (F) of section 3317.029 of the Revised Code, as adjusted by any poverty-based assistance reduction factor of the community school.

(8) An amount equal to the sum of the amounts obtained when, for each school district where the community school's students are entitled to attend school, the district's per pupil amount received under division (G) of section 3317.029 of the Revised Code, as adjusted by any poverty-based assistance reduction factor of the community school, is multiplied by the sum of the following:

(a) The number of the district's students enrolled in grades one through twelve in that community school;

(b) One-half of the number of the district's students enrolled in kindergarten in that community school.

The district's per pupil amount under division (G) of section 3317.029 of the Revised Code shall be determined as described in division (C)(7) of this section.

(9) An amount equal to the sum of the amounts obtained when, for each school district where the community school's students are entitled to attend school, the district's per pupil amount received under divisions (H) and (I) of section 3317.029 of the Revised Code, as adjusted by any poverty-based assistance reduction factor of the community school, is multiplied by the sum of the following:

(a) The number of the district's students enrolled in grades one through twelve in that community school;

(b) One-half of the number of the district's students enrolled in kindergarten in that community school.

The district's per pupil amount under divisions (H) and (I) of section 3317.029 of the Revised Code shall be determined as described in division (C)(8) of this section.

(10) An amount equal to the sum of the amounts obtained when, for each school district where the community school's students are entitled to

attend school, the district's per pupil amount of state parity aid funding calculated under either division (C) or (D) of section 3317.0217 of the Revised Code is multiplied by the sum of the number of that district's students enrolled in grades one through twelve, and one-half of the number of that district's students enrolled in kindergarten, in the community school as reported under division (B)(2)(a) and (b) of this section.

(E)(1) If a community school's costs for a fiscal year for a student receiving special education and related services pursuant to an IEP for a disability described in divisions (B) to (F) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code exceed the threshold catastrophic cost for serving the student as specified in division (C)(3)(b) of section 3317.022 of the Revised Code, the school may submit to the superintendent of public instruction documentation, as prescribed by the superintendent, of all its costs for that student. Upon submission of documentation for a student of the type and in the manner prescribed, the department shall pay to the community school an amount equal to the school's costs for the student in excess of the threshold catastrophic costs.

(2) The community school shall only report under division (E)(1) of this section, and the department shall only pay for, the costs of educational expenses and the related services provided to the student in accordance with the student's individualized education program. Any legal fees, court costs, or other costs associated with any cause of action relating to the student may not be included in the amount.

(F) A community school may apply to the department of education for preschool children with disabilities or gifted unit funding the school would receive if it were a school district. Upon request of its governing authority, a community school that received unit funding as a school district-operated school before it became a community school shall retain any units awarded to it as a school district-operated school provided the school continues to meet eligibility standards for the unit.

A community school shall be considered a school district and its governing authority shall be considered a board of education for the purpose of applying to any state or federal agency for grants that a school district may receive under federal or state law or any appropriations act of the general assembly. The governing authority of a community school may apply to any private entity for additional funds.

(G) A board of education sponsoring a community school may utilize local funds to make enhancement grants to the school or may agree, either as part of the contract or separately, to provide any specific services to the community school at no cost to the school.

(H) A community school may not levy taxes or issue bonds secured by tax revenues.

(I) No community school shall charge tuition for the enrollment of any student.

(J)(1)(a) A community school may borrow money to pay any necessary and actual expenses of the school in anticipation of the receipt of any portion of the payments to be received by the school pursuant to division (D) of this section. The school may issue notes to evidence such borrowing. The proceeds of the notes shall be used only for the purposes for which the anticipated receipts may be lawfully expended by the school.

(b) A school may also borrow money for a term not to exceed fifteen years for the purpose of acquiring facilities.

(2) Except for any amount guaranteed under section 3318.50 of the Revised Code, the state is not liable for debt incurred by the governing authority of a community school.

(K) For purposes of determining the number of students for which divisions (D)(5) and (6) of this section applies in any school year, a community school may submit to the department of job and family services, no later than the first day of March, a list of the students enrolled in the school. For each student on the list, the community school shall indicate the student's name, address, and date of birth and the school district where the student is entitled to attend school. Upon receipt of a list under this division, the department of job and family services shall determine, for each school district where one or more students on the list is entitled to attend school, the number of students residing in that school district who were included in the department's report under section 3317.10 of the Revised Code. The department shall make this determination on the basis of information readily available to it. Upon making this determination and no later than ninety days after submission of the list by the community school, the department shall report to the state department of education the number of students on the list who reside in each school district who were included in the department's report under section 3317.10 of the Revised Code. In complying with this division, the department of job and family services shall not report to the state department of education any personally identifiable information on any student.

(L) The department of education shall adjust the amounts subtracted and paid under divisions (C) and (D) of this section to reflect any enrollment of students in community schools for less than the equivalent of a full school year. The state board of education within ninety days after April 8, 2003, shall adopt in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code rules

governing the payments to community schools under this section and section 3314.13 of the Revised Code including initial payments in a school year and adjustments and reductions made in subsequent periodic payments to community schools and corresponding deductions from school district accounts as provided under divisions (C) and (D) of this section and section 3314.13 of the Revised Code. For purposes of this section and section 3314.13 of the Revised Code:

(1) A student shall be considered enrolled in the community school for any portion of the school year the student is participating at a college under Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code.

(2) A student shall be considered to be enrolled in a community school during a school year for the period of time beginning on the later of the date on which the school both has received documentation of the student's enrollment from a parent and the student has commenced participation in learning opportunities as defined in the contract with the sponsor, or thirty days prior to the date on which the student is entered into the education management information system established under section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code. For purposes of applying this division and ~~division~~ divisions (L)(3) and (4) of this section to a community school student, "learning opportunities" shall be defined in the contract, which shall describe both classroom-based and non-classroom-based learning opportunities and shall be in compliance with criteria and documentation requirements for student participation which shall be established by the department. Any student's instruction time in non-classroom-based learning opportunities shall be certified by an employee of the community school. A student's enrollment shall be considered to cease on the date on which any of the following occur:

(a) The community school receives documentation from a parent terminating enrollment of the student.

(b) The community school is provided documentation of a student's enrollment in another public or private school.

(c) The community school ceases to offer learning opportunities to the student pursuant to the terms of the contract with the sponsor or the operation of any provision of this chapter.

(3) The department shall determine each community school student's percentage of full-time equivalency based on the percentage of learning opportunities offered by the community school to that student, reported either as number of hours or number of days, is of the total learning opportunities offered by the community school to a student who attends for the school's entire school year. However, no internet- or computer-based

community school shall be credited for any time a student spends participating in learning opportunities beyond ten hours within any period of twenty-four consecutive hours. Whether it reports hours or days of learning opportunities, each community school shall offer not less than nine hundred twenty hours of learning opportunities during the school year.

(4) With respect to the calculation of full-time equivalency under division (L)(3) of this section, the department shall waive the number of hours or days of learning opportunities not offered to a student because the community school was closed during the school year due to disease epidemic, hazardous weather conditions, inoperability of school buses or other equipment necessary to the school's operation, damage to a school building, or other temporary circumstances due to utility failure rendering the school building unfit for school use, so long as the school was actually open for instruction with students in attendance during that school year for not less than the minimum number of hours required by this chapter. The department shall treat the school as if it were open for instruction with students in attendance during the hours or days waived under this division.

(M) The department of education shall reduce the amounts paid under division (D) of this section to reflect payments made to colleges under division (B) of section 3365.07 of the Revised Code or through alternative funding agreements entered into under rules adopted under section 3365.12 of the Revised Code.

(N)(1) No student shall be considered enrolled in any internet- or computer-based community school or, if applicable to the student, in any community school that is required to provide the student with a computer pursuant to division (C) of section 3314.22 of the Revised Code, unless both of the following conditions are satisfied:

(a) The student possesses or has been provided with all required hardware and software materials and all such materials are operational so that the student is capable of fully participating in the learning opportunities specified in the contract between the school and the school's sponsor as required by division (A)(23) of section 3314.03 of the Revised Code;

(b) The school is in compliance with division (A) of section 3314.22 of the Revised Code, relative to such student.

(2) In accordance with policies adopted jointly by the superintendent of public instruction and the auditor of state, the department shall reduce the amounts otherwise payable under division (D) of this section to any community school that includes in its program the provision of computer hardware and software materials to any student, if such hardware and software materials have not been delivered, installed, and activated for each

such student in a timely manner or other educational materials or services have not been provided according to the contract between the individual community school and its sponsor.

The superintendent of public instruction and the auditor of state shall jointly establish a method for auditing any community school to which this division pertains to ensure compliance with this section.

The superintendent, auditor of state, and the governor shall jointly make recommendations to the general assembly for legislative changes that may be required to assure fiscal and academic accountability for such schools.

(O)(1) If the department determines that a review of a community school's enrollment is necessary, such review shall be completed and written notice of the findings shall be provided to the governing authority of the community school and its sponsor within ninety days of the end of the community school's fiscal year, unless extended for a period not to exceed thirty additional days for one of the following reasons:

(a) The department and the community school mutually agree to the extension.

(b) Delays in data submission caused by either a community school or its sponsor.

(2) If the review results in a finding that additional funding is owed to the school, such payment shall be made within thirty days of the written notice. If the review results in a finding that the community school owes moneys to the state, the following procedure shall apply:

(a) Within ten business days of the receipt of the notice of findings, the community school may appeal the department's determination to the state board of education or its designee.

(b) The board or its designee shall conduct an informal hearing on the matter within thirty days of receipt of such an appeal and shall issue a decision within fifteen days of the conclusion of the hearing.

(c) If the board has enlisted a designee to conduct the hearing, the designee shall certify its decision to the board. The board may accept the decision of the designee or may reject the decision of the designee and issue its own decision on the matter.

(d) Any decision made by the board under this division is final.

(3) If it is decided that the community school owes moneys to the state, the department shall deduct such amount from the school's future payments in accordance with guidelines issued by the superintendent of public instruction.

(P) The department shall not subtract from a school district's state aid account under division (C) of this section and shall not pay to a community

school under division (D) of this section any amount for any of the following:

(1) Any student who has graduated from the twelfth grade of a public or nonpublic high school;

(2) Any student who is not a resident of the state;

(3) Any student who was enrolled in the community school during the previous school year when assessments were administered under section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code but did not take one or more of the assessments required by that section and was not excused pursuant to division (C)(1) or (3) of that section, unless the superintendent of public instruction grants the student a waiver from the requirement to take the assessment and a parent is not paying tuition for the student pursuant to section 3314.26 of the Revised Code. The superintendent may grant a waiver only for good cause in accordance with rules adopted by the state board of education.

(4) Any student who has attained the age of twenty-two years, except for veterans of the armed services whose attendance was interrupted before completing the recognized twelve-year course of the public schools by reason of induction or enlistment in the armed forces and who apply for enrollment in a community school not later than four years after termination of war or their honorable discharge. If, however, any such veteran elects to enroll in special courses organized for veterans for whom tuition is paid under federal law, or otherwise, the department shall not subtract from a school district's state aid account under division (C) of this section and shall not pay to a community school under division (D) of this section any amount for that veteran.

Sec. 3317.01. As used in this section and section 3317.011 of the Revised Code, "school district," unless otherwise specified, means any city, local, exempted village, joint vocational, or cooperative education school district and any educational service center.

This chapter shall be administered by the state board of education. The superintendent of public instruction shall calculate the amounts payable to each school district and shall certify the amounts payable to each eligible district to the treasurer of the district as provided by this chapter. As soon as possible after such amounts are calculated, the superintendent shall certify to the treasurer of each school district the district's adjusted charge-off increase, as defined in section 5705.211 of the Revised Code. No moneys shall be distributed pursuant to this chapter without the approval of the controlling board.

The state board of education shall, in accordance with appropriations

made by the general assembly, meet the financial obligations of this chapter.

Moneys distributed pursuant to this chapter shall be calculated and paid on a fiscal year basis, beginning with the first day of July and extending through the thirtieth day of June. The moneys appropriated for each fiscal year shall be distributed periodically to each school district unless otherwise provided for. The state board shall submit a yearly distribution plan to the controlling board at its first meeting in July. The state board shall submit any proposed midyear revision of the plan to the controlling board in January. Any year-end revision of the plan shall be submitted to the controlling board in June. If moneys appropriated for each fiscal year are distributed other than monthly, such distribution shall be on the same basis for each school district.

Except as otherwise provided, payments under this chapter shall be made only to those school districts in which:

(A) The school district, except for any educational service center and any joint vocational or cooperative education school district, levies for current operating expenses at least twenty mills. Levies for joint vocational or cooperative education school districts or county school financing districts, limited to or to the extent apportioned to current expenses, shall be included in this qualification requirement. School district income tax levies under Chapter 5748. of the Revised Code, limited to or to the extent apportioned to current operating expenses, shall be included in this qualification requirement to the extent determined by the tax commissioner under division (D) of section 3317.021 of the Revised Code.

(B) The school year next preceding the fiscal year for which such payments are authorized meets the requirement of section 3313.48 or 3313.481 of the Revised Code, with regard to the minimum number of days or hours school must be open for instruction with pupils in attendance, for individualized parent-teacher conference and reporting periods, and for professional meetings of teachers. This requirement shall be waived by the superintendent of public instruction if it had been necessary for a school to be closed because of disease epidemic, hazardous weather conditions, inoperability of school buses or other equipment necessary to the school's operation, damage to a school building, or other temporary circumstances due to utility failure rendering the school building unfit for school use, provided that for those school districts operating pursuant to section 3313.48 of the Revised Code the number of days the school was actually open for instruction with pupils in attendance and for individualized parent-teacher conference and reporting periods is not less than one hundred seventy-five, or for those school districts operating on a trimester plan the number of days

the school was actually open for instruction with pupils in attendance not less than seventy-nine days in any trimester, for those school districts operating on a quarterly plan the number of days the school was actually open for instruction with pupils in attendance not less than fifty-nine days in any quarter, or for those school districts operating on a pentameter plan the number of days the school was actually open for instruction with pupils in attendance not less than forty-four days in any pentameter. ~~However, for fiscal year 2012, the superintendent shall waive two fewer such days for the 2010-2011 school year.~~

A school district shall not be considered to have failed to comply with this division or section 3313.481 of the Revised Code because schools were open for instruction but either twelfth grade students were excused from attendance for up to three days or only a portion of the kindergarten students were in attendance for up to three days in order to allow for the gradual orientation to school of such students.

The superintendent of public instruction shall waive the requirements of this section with reference to the minimum number of days or hours school must be in session with pupils in attendance for the school year succeeding the school year in which a board of education initiates a plan of operation pursuant to section 3313.481 of the Revised Code. The minimum requirements of this section shall again be applicable to such a district beginning with the school year commencing the second July succeeding the initiation of one such plan, and for each school year thereafter.

A school district shall not be considered to have failed to comply with this division or section 3313.48 or 3313.481 of the Revised Code because schools were open for instruction but the length of the regularly scheduled school day, for any number of days during the school year, was reduced by not more than two hours due to hazardous weather conditions.

(C) The school district has on file, and is paying in accordance with, a teachers' salary schedule which complies with section 3317.13 of the Revised Code.

A board of education or governing board of an educational service center which has not conformed with other law and the rules pursuant thereto, shall not participate in the distribution of funds authorized by sections 3317.022 to 3317.0211, 3317.11, 3317.16, 3317.17, and 3317.19 of the Revised Code, except for good and sufficient reason established to the satisfaction of the state board of education and the state controlling board.

All funds allocated to school districts under this chapter, except those specifically allocated for other purposes, shall be used to pay current operating expenses only.

SECTION 2. That existing sections 3313.482, 3314.08, and 3317.01 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. 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 provide schools with adequate time to address unavoidable school closures due to public calamities, such as hazardous weather conditions, during the current school year. Therefore, this act shall go into immediate effect.

Speaker _____ *of the House of Representatives.*

President _____ *of the Senate.*

Passed _____, 20____

Approved _____, 20____

Governor.

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The section numbering of law of a general and permanent nature is complete and in conformity with the Revised Code.

Director, Legislative Service Commission.

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Secretary of State.

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