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H. B. No. 478

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A BILL

г	To amend sections 3310.02, 3310.03, 3310.032, and	1
	3310.035; to enact section 3310.036; and to	2
	repeal section 3310.031 of the Revised Code to	3
	make changes regarding the eligibility criteria	4
	for the Educational Choice scholarship program.	5

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

Section 1. That sections 3310.02, 3310.03, 3310.032, and	6
3310.035 be amended and section 3310.036 of the Revised Code be	7
enacted to read as follows:	8
Sec. 3310.02. (A) The educational choice scholarship pilot	9
program is hereby established. Under the program, the department	10
of education annually shall pay scholarships to attend chartered	11
nonpublic schools in accordance with section 3310.08 of the	12
Revised Code for up to the following number of eligible	13
students:	14
(1) Thirty thousand in the 2011-2012 school year;	15
(2) Sixty thousand in the 2012-2013 school year and	16
thereafter.	17
For any school year for which the number of applications	18

for scholarships timely submitted for the program exceeds ninety 19 per cent of the maximum number of scholarships permitted under 20 division (A) of this section, the department shall increase the 21 maximum number of scholarships permitted for the following 22 school year by five per cent. The department shall make the 23 increased number of scholarships available for each subsequent 24 school year until the department is again required to increase 25 the number of scholarships under division (A) of this section. 26

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)-(D) of section 3310.03 of the Revised 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 46 divisions (A) and (E) (D) of section 3310.03 of the Revised 47

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Code. If the number of students described in division (B)(3) of48this section who apply for a scholarship exceeds the number of49available scholarships after awards are made under divisions (B)50(1) and (2) of this section, the department shall select51students described in division (B)(3) of this section by lot to52receive any remaining scholarships.53

(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) (C) 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)-(C) 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
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(1) to (5) of this section, the department shall select students

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described in division (B)(6) of this section by lot to receive 78 any remaining scholarships. 79 (7) Seventh, to other eligible students who qualify under 80 division (B) of section 3310.03 of the Revised Code. If the 81 number of students described in division (B)(7) of this section 82 who apply for a scholarship exceeds the number of available 83 scholarships after awards are made under divisions (B)(1) to (6) 84 of this section, the department shall select students described 85 in division (B)(7) of this section by lot to receive any 86 remaining scholarships. 87 Sec. 3310.03. A student is an "eligible student" for 88 purposes of the educational choice scholarship pilot program if 89 the student's resident district is not a school district in 90 which the pilot project scholarship program is operating under 91

sections 3313.974 to 3313.979 of the Revised Code, the student 92 <u>has been enrolled in a school building operated by the student's</u> 93 <u>resident district for not less than one entire school year</u>, and 94 the student satisfies one of the conditions in division (A), 95 (B), (C), <u>or (D)</u>, or (E) of this section: 96

(A) (1) The student is enrolled in a school building 97 operated by the student's resident district that, on the report 98 card issued under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code published 99 prior to the first day of July of the school year for which a 100 scholarship is sought, did not receive a rating as described in 101 division (H) of this section, and to which any or a 102 combination of any of the following apply for two of the three 103 most recent report cards published prior to the first day of 104 July of the school year for which a scholarship is sought: 105

(a) The building was declared to be in a state of academic(a) The building was declared to be in a state of academic(a) 106(b) 107(c) 107

Code as that section existed prior to March 22, 2013.

(b) The building received a grade of "D" or "F" for the 109 performance index score under division (A)(1)(b) or (B)(1)(b) of 110 section 3302.03 of the Revised Code and for the value-added 111 progress dimension under division (A)(1)(e) or (B)(1)(e) of 112 section 3302.03 of the Revised Code for the 2012-2013, 2013-113 2014, 2014-2015, or 2015-2016 school year; or if the building 114 serves only grades ten through twelve, the building received a 115 grade of "D" or "F" for the performance index score under 116 division (A)(1)(b) or (B)(1)(b) of section 3302.03 of the 117 Revised Code and had a four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate 118 of less than seventy-five per cent. 119

(c) The building received an overall grade of "D" or "F" 120 under division (C)(3) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code or 121 a grade of "F" for the value-added progress dimension under 122 division (C)(1)(e) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code for 123 the 2016-2017 school year or any school year thereafter. 124

125 (2) The student will be enrolling in any of grades kindergarten through twelve in this state for the first time in 126 127 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 128 school year for which a scholarship is sought, and otherwise 129 would be assigned under section 3319.01 of the Revised Code in 130 the school year for which a scholarship is sought, to a school 131 building described in division (A) (1) of this section. 132

(3) The student is enrolled in a community school133established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code but134otherwise would be assigned under section 3319.01 of the Revised135Code to a building described in division (A) (1) of this section.136

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(4) The student is enrolled in a school building operated	137
by the student's resident district or in a community school	138
established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code-and	139
otherwise would be assigned under section 3319.01 of the Revised	140
Code to a school building described in division (A)(1) of this	141
section in the school year for which the scholarship is sought.	142
(5) The student will be both enrolling in any of grades	143
kindergarten through twelve in this state for the first time and	144
at least five years of age by the first day of January of the	145
school year for which a scholarship is sought, or is enrolled in	146
a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the-	147
Revised Code, and all of the following apply to the student's	148
resident district:	149
(a) The district has in force an intradistrict open-	150
enrollment policy under which no student in the student's grade-	151
level is automatically assigned to a particular school building;	152
(b) In the most recent rating published prior to the first-	153
day of July of the school year for which scholarship is sought,	154
the district did not receive a rating described in division (I)-	155
of this section, and in at least two of the three most recent-	156
report cards published prior to the first day of July of that	157
school year, any or a combination of the following apply to the	158
district:	159
(i) The district was declared to be in a state of academic-	160
emergency under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code as it	161
existed prior to March 22, 2013.	162
(ii) The district received a grade of "D" or "F" for the	163
performance index score under division (A)(1)(b) or (B)(1)(b) of	164
section 3302.03 of the Revised Code and for the value-added	165

progress dimension under division (A)(1)(e) or (B)(1)(e) of	166
section 3302.03 of the Revised Code for the 2012-2013, 2013-	167
2014, 2014-2015, or 2015-2016 school year.	168
(c) The district received an overall grade of "D" or "F"-	169
under division (C)(3) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code or-	170
a grade of "F" for the value-added progress dimension under-	171
division (C)(1)(e) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code for	172
the 2016-2017 school year or any school year thereafter.	173
(6) <u>(</u>3) Beginning in the 2019-2020-<u>2016-2017</u> school year,	174
the student meets both of the following conditions:	175
(a) The student was enrolled in a public or nonpublic	176
school or was homeschooled in the prior school year and	177
completed any of grades eight through eleven in that school	178
year.	179
(b) The student would be assigned to is enrolled in or	180
will be enrolling in a building in the school year for which the	181
scholarship is sought that either:	182
(i) Serves serves any of grades nine through twelve and	183
that received a grade of "D" or "F" for the four-year adjusted	184
cohort graduation rate under division (A)(1)(d), (B)(1)(d), or	185
(C)(1)(d) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code in two of the	186
three most recent report cards published prior to the first day	187
of July of the school year for which a scholarship is sought;-	188
(ii) Is a building described in division (A)(1) of this-	189
section.	190
Any student who was awarded a scholarship under division	191
(A) (6) of this section as it existed prior to the effective date	192
of this amendment may continue to receive scholarships in-	193
subsequent school years until the student completes grade	194

twelve, as long as the student meets the criteria prescribed by-	195
division (F) of this section.	196
(B)(1) The student is <u>has been</u> enrolled in a school	197
building operated by the student's resident district for not	198
less than one entire school year and to which both of the	199
following apply:	200
(a) The building was ranked, for at least two of the three	201
most recent rankings prior to the first day of July of the	202
school year for which a scholarship is sought, in the lowest ten	203
per cent of all buildings operated by city, local, and exempted	204
village school districts according to performance index score as	205
determined by the department of education.	206
(b) The building was not declared to be excellent or	207
effective, or the equivalent of such ratings as determined by	208
the department, under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code in the	209
most recent rating published prior to the first day of July of	210
the school year for which a scholarship is sought.	211
(2) The student will be enrolling in any of grades	212
kindergarten through twelve in this state for the first time in-	213
the school year for which a scholarship is sought, will be at-	214
least five years of age, as defined in section 3321.01 of the	215
Revised Code, by the first day of January of the school year for	216
which a scholarship is sought, and otherwise would be assigned-	217
under section 3319.01 of the Revised Code in the school year for-	218
which a scholarship is sought, to a school building described in-	219
division (B)(1) of this section.	220
(3) The student is enrolled in a community school	221
established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code but	222
otherwise would be assigned under section 3319.01 of the Revised	223

Code to a building described in division (B)(1) of this section.	224
(4) The student is enrolled in a school building operated	225
by the student's resident district or in a community school	226
established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code and	227
otherwise would be assigned under section 3319.01 of the Revised	228
Code to a school building described in division (B)(1) of this	229
section in the school year for which the scholarship is sought.	230
(C) The student is enrolled in a nonpublic school at the	231
time the school is granted a charter by the state board of	232
education under section 3301.16 of the Revised Code and the	233
student meets the standards of division (B) of section 3310.031-	234
of the Revised Code.	235
(D) For the 2016-2017 school year and each school year	236
thereafter, the student is in any of grades kindergarten through	237
three, is and has been enrolled for not less than one entire	238
school year in a school building that is operated by the	239
student's resident district or will be enrolling in any of	240
grades kindergarten through twelve in this state for the first-	241
time in the school year for which a scholarship is sought, and	242
to which both of the following apply:	243
(1) The building, in at least two of the three most recent	244
ratings of school buildings published prior to the first day of	245
July of the school year for which a scholarship is sought,	246
received a grade of "D" or "F" for making progress in improving	247
literacy in grades kindergarten through three under division (B)	248
(1)(g) or (C)(1)(g) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code;	249
(2) The building did not receive a grade of "A" for making	250
progress in improving literacy in grades kindergarten through	251
three under division (B)(1)(g) or (C)(1)(g) of section 3302.03	252

of the Revised Code in the most recent rating published prior to253the first day of July of the school year for which a scholarship254is sought.255

(E) (D) The student's resident district is subject to 256 section 3302.10 of the Revised Code and the student either: 257

(1) Is has been enrolled in a school building operated by258the resident district or in a community school established under259Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code;260

(2) Will be both enrolling in any of grades kindergarten261through twelve in this state for the first time and at least262five years of age by the first day of January of the school year263for which a scholarship is sought for not less than one entire264school year.265

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

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

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(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
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instruction, not including excused absences.

The department shall not award a scholarship to a student who received a scholarship in the prior school year if the student fails to satisfy the conditions prescribed in divisions (E) (1) to (3) of this section.

290 (G) (1) (F) (1) The department shall cease awarding firsttime scholarships pursuant to divisions (A) (1) to (4) and (2) of 291 this section with respect to a school building that, in the most 292 recent ratings of school buildings published under section 293 3302.03 of the Revised Code prior to the first day of July of 294 the school year, ceases to meet the criteria in division (A)(1) 295 of this section. The department shall cease awarding first-time 296 scholarships pursuant to division (A) (5) of this section with 297 respect to a school district that, in the most recent ratings of 298 school districts published under section 3302.03 of the Revised 299 Code prior to the first day of July of the school year, ceases 300 to meet the criteria in division (A) (5) of this section. 301

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

(3) The department shall cease awarding first-time
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 scholarships pursuant to division (D) (C) of this section with
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 respect to a school building that, in the most recent ratings of
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 school buildings under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code prior
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criteria in division (D) (C) of this section. 313 (4) The department shall cease awarding first-time 314 scholarships pursuant to division (E) (D) of this section with 315 respect to a school district subject to section 3302.10 of the 316 Revised Code when the academic distress commission established 317 for the district ceases to exist. 318 (5) However, students who have received scholarships in 319 the prior school year remain eligible students pursuant to 320 division (F) of this section. 321 322 (H) (G) The state board of education shall adopt rules defining excused absences for purposes of division (F)(3) (E)(3) 323 324

(I) (1) (H) A student who satisfies only the conditions 325 prescribed in divisions (A) (1) to (4) and (2) of this section 326 shall not be eligible for a scholarship if the student's 327 resident building meets any of the following in the most recent 328 rating under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code published prior 329 to the first day of July of the school year for which a 330 331 scholarship is sought:

to the first day of July of the school year, ceases to meet the

(a) (1) The building has an overall designation of 332 excellent or effective under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code 333 as it existed prior to March 22, 2013. 334

(b) (2) For the 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, or 2015-335 2016 school year, the building has a grade of "A" or "B" for the 336 performance index score under division (A) (1) (b) or (B) (1) (b) of 337 section 3302.03 of the Revised Code and for the value-added 338 progress dimension under division (A) (1) (e) or (B) (1) (e) of 339 section 3302.03 of the Revised Code; or if the building serves 340

only grades ten through twelve, the building received a grade of341"A" or "B" for the performance index score under division (A) (1)342(b) or (B) (1) (b) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code and had343a four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate of greater than or344equal to seventy-five per cent.345

 $\frac{(c)}{(3)}$ For the 2016-2017 school year or any school year 346 thereafter, the building has a grade of "A" or "B" under 347 division (C)(3) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code and a 348 grade of "A" for the value-added progress dimension under 349 division (C)(1)(e) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code; or if 350 the building serves only grades ten through twelve, the building 351 received a grade of "A" or "B" for the performance index score 352 under division (C)(1)(b) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code 353 and had a four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate of greater 354 than or equal to seventy-five per cent. 355

(2) A student who satisfies only the conditions prescribed356in division (A) (5) of this section shall not be eligible for a357scholarship if the student's resident district meets any of the358following in the most recent rating under section 3302.03 of the359Revised Code published prior to the first day of July of the360school year for which a scholarship is sought:361

(a) The district has an overall designation of excellent362or effective under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code as it363existed prior to March 22, 2013.364

(b) The district has a grade of "A" or "B" for the365performance index score under division (A) (1) (b) or (B) (1) (b) of366section 3302.03 of the Revised Code and for the value-added367progress dimension under division (A) (1) (e) or (B) (1) (e) of368section 3302.03 of the Revised Code for the 2012-2013, 2013-3692014, 2014-2015, and 2015-2016 school years.370

(c) The district has an overall grade of "A" or "B" under-	371
division (C)(3) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code and a	372
grade of "A" for the value-added progress dimension under-	373
division (C)(1)(e) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code for-	374
the 2016-2017 school year or any school year thereafter.	375
Sec. 3310.032. (A) A student is an "eligible student" for	376
purposes of the expansion of the educational choice scholarship	377
pilot program under this section if the student's resident	378
district is not a school district in which the pilot project	379
scholarship program is operating under sections 3313.974 to	380
3313.979 of the Revised Code, the student is not eligible for an	381
educational choice scholarship under section 3310.03 of the	382
Revised Code, the student has been enrolled in a school building	383
operated by the student's resident district for not less than	384
one entire school year, and the student's family income is at or	385
below two hundred per cent of the federal poverty guidelines, as	386
defined in section 5101.46 of the Revised Code.	387
(B) In each fiscal year for which the general assembly	388
appropriates funds for purposes of this section, the department	389
of education shall pay scholarships to attend chartered	390
nonpublic schools in accordance with section 3310.08 of the	391
Revised Code. The number of scholarships awarded under this	392
section shall not exceed the number that can be funded with	393
appropriations made by the general assembly for this purpose.	394
(C) Scholarships under this section shall be awarded as	395
follows:	396

(1) For the 2013-2014 school year, to eligible students
who are entering kindergarten in that school year for the first
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time;
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(2) For each subsequent school year through the 2019-2020
400 school year, scholarships shall be awarded to eligible students
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402 the preceding school year, in addition to the grade levels for
403 which students received scholarships in the preceding school
404 year;

(3) Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, to eligible students who are entering any of grades kindergarten <u>one</u> through twelve in that school year for the first time.

(D) If the number of eligible students who apply for a 409 scholarship under this section exceeds the scholarships 410 available based on the appropriation for this section, the 411 department shall award scholarships in the following order of 412 priority: 413

(1) First, to eligible students who received scholarships414under this section in the prior school year;415

(2) Second, to eligible students with family incomes at or 416 below one hundred per cent of the federal poverty guidelines. If 417 the number of students described in division (D)(2) of this 418 section who apply for a scholarship exceeds the number of 419 available scholarships after awards are made under division (D) 420 421 (1) of this section, the department shall select students described in division (D)(2) of this section by lot to receive 422 any remaining scholarships. 423

(3) Third, to other eligible students who qualify under
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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
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described in division (D)(3) of this section by lot to receive 429 any remaining scholarships. 430 (E) Subject to divisions (E) (1) to (3) of this section, a 431 student who receives a scholarship under this section remains an 432 eligible student and may continue to receive scholarships under 433 this section in subsequent school years until the student 434 completes grade twelve, so long as the student satisfies the 435 conditions specified in divisions $\frac{F}{2}$ (2) (2) and (3) of 436 section 3310.03 of the Revised Code. 437 Once a scholarship is awarded under this section, the 438 student shall remain eligible for that scholarship for the 439 current school year and subsequent school years even if the 440 student's family income rises above the amount specified in 441 division (A) of this section, provided the student remains 442 enrolled in a chartered nonpublic school, however: 443 (1) If the student's family income is above two hundred 444 per cent but at or below three hundred per cent of the federal 445 poverty guidelines, the student shall receive a scholarship in 446

the amount of seventy-five per cent of the full scholarship 447 amount. 448

(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.
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Sec. 3310.035. (A) A student who is eligible for an456educational choice scholarship under both sections 3310.03 and457

3310.032 of the Revised Code, and applies for a scholarship for458the first time after September 29, 2013, shall receive a459scholarship under section 3310.03 of the Revised Code.460

(B) A student who is eligible under both sections 3310.03
and 3310.032 of the Revised Code and received a scholarship in
the previous school year shall continue to receive the
scholarship under the section from which the student received
the scholarship in the previous school year, so long as:

(1) The number of students who apply for a scholarship
does not exceed the number of scholarships available under
division (A) of section 3310.02 of the Revised Code.

(2) A student who receives a scholarship under section4693310.03 of the Revised Code satisfies with the conditions470specified in divisions (F)(1) - (E)(1) to (3) of that section, and471a student who receives a scholarship under section 3310.032472satisfies with the conditions specified in divisions (G)(2) - (F)473(2) and (3) of section 3310.03 of the Revised Code.474

Sec. 3310.036. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "District building" means a school building operated476by each city, local, or exempted village school district that is477not a qualifying district.478

(2) "Qualifying district" means a school district that has479in force an intradistrict open enrollment policy under which no480student in the student's grade level is automatically assigned481to a particular school building.482

(3) "State report card" means the report card issued under483section 3302.03 of the Revised Code.484

(B) Each school year, after the state report card is 485

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published, the department of education shall conduct an audit of	486
the data used to calculate the state report cards published in	487
that school year for each district building or qualifying	488
district. In conducting the audit, the department shall certify	489
the data used to calculate the state report card for each	490
district building or qualifying district if the department	491
determines that data is complete and accurate. The department	492
shall complete the audit prior to awarding any scholarships	493
under section 3310.03 of the Revised Code.	494
(C) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Chapter	495
3310. of the Revised Code, the department shall not award a	496
scholarship under section 3310.03 of the Revised Code to any	497
student who would be assigned in the next school year to a	498
district building or qualifying district that did not have its	499
report card data certified in the audit prescribed under	500
division (B) of this section.	501
Section 2. That existing sections 3310.02, 3310.03,	502
3310.032, and 3310.035 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.	503
Section 3. That section 3310.031 of the Revised Code is	504
hereby repealed.	505