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To amend section 3310.032 of the Revised Code to	1
limit the EdChoice expansion scholarship to	2
families with a federal adjusted gross income of	3
\$500,000 or less.	4

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

Section 1. That section 3310.032 of the Revised Code be	5
amended to read as follows:	6

Sec. 3310.032. (A) A student is an "eligible student" for	7
purposes of the expansion of the educational choice scholarship	8
pilot program under this section if the student's resident	9
district is not a school district in which the pilot project	10
scholarship program is operating under sections 3313.974 to	11
3313.979 of the Revised Code and the student is entering any of	12
grades kindergarten through twelve in the school year for which	13
a scholarship is sought. A student's parent or guardian may	14
certify income eligibility to the department of education and	15
workforce by submitting, in a manner determined by the	16
department, an affidavit affirming the student's family income	17
meets the requirement, proof of income eligibility under another	18
state or federal program, or other evidence determined	19
appropriate by the department. Any individual who is not	20
required to file a tax return under section 5747.02 of the	21

Revised Code shall not be required to certify income eligibility 22
under this section. 23

Beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, a student is not 24
eligible to receive a scholarship under this section for any 25
school year for which the student's family federal adjusted 26
gross income in the immediately preceding tax year was greater 27
than or equal to five hundred thousand dollars. This income 28
threshold requirement shall be adjusted annually for inflation 29
based on the most recent consumer price index, as defined in 30
section 107.21 of the Revised Code, or as determined by the 31
department of education and workforce. 32

(B) In each fiscal year for which the general assembly 33
appropriates funds for purposes of this section, the department 34
of education and workforce shall pay scholarships to attend 35
chartered nonpublic schools in accordance with section 3317.022 36
of the Revised Code. The number of scholarships awarded under 37
this section shall not exceed the number that can be funded for 38
that school year as authorized by the general assembly. 39

(C) Scholarships under this section shall be awarded as 40
follows: 41

(1) For the 2013-2014 school year, to eligible students 42
who are entering kindergarten in that school year for the first 43
time; 44

(2) For each subsequent school year through the 2019-2020 45
school year, scholarships shall be awarded to eligible students 46
in the next grade level above the highest grade level awarded in 47
the preceding school year, in addition to the grade levels for 48
which students received scholarships in the preceding school 49
year; 50

(3) Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, to eligible 51
students who are entering any of grades kindergarten through 52
twelve in that school year for the first time. 53

(D) A student who receives a scholarship under this 54
section remains an eligible student and may continue to receive 55
scholarships under this section in subsequent school years until 56
the student completes grade twelve, so long as the student 57
satisfies the conditions specified in divisions (D) (2) and (3) 58
of section 3310.03 of the Revised Code. 59

Once a scholarship is awarded under this section, the 60
student shall remain eligible for that scholarship for the 61
current school year and subsequent school years even if the 62
student's family income rises above the amount specified in 63
division (A) of this section, provided the student remains 64
enrolled in a chartered nonpublic school. 65

Section 2. That existing section 3310.032 of the Revised 66
Code is hereby repealed. 67