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To amend sections 3310.15 and 3310.16 and to enact
section 3301.165 of the Revised Code regarding
chartered nonpublic schools EdChoice scholarship
reporting.

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

Section 1. That sections 3310.15 and 3310.16 be amended
and section 3301.165 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as
follows:

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Sec. 3301.165. (A) As used in this section:

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(1) "Adjusted gross income" has the same meaning as in
section 5747.01 of the Revised Code.

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(2) "Federal poverty guidelines" has the same meaning as
in section 5101.46 of the Revised Code.

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(3) "Community school" means a community school
established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code.

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(4) "Scholarship student" means a student who is
participating in a state scholarship program.

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(5) "State scholarship programs" has the same meaning as
in section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code.

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(6) "STEM school" means a STEM school established under 19
Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code. 20

(B) The department of education and workforce shall 21
establish a system by which an individual may compare the 22
performance data of scholarship students enrolled in a chartered 23
nonpublic school with the performance data of similar students 24
enrolled in the school district in which the school is located 25
or a community school, STEM school, or other chartered nonpublic 26
school in that district. The department shall make the system 27
available on its publicly accessible web site. 28

In calculating the performance of similar students under 29
this section, the department shall consider age, grade, race and 30
ethnicity, gender, and socioeconomic status. 31

(C) (1) Annually, the department shall post on its publicly 32
accessible web site the number of students who receive an 33
educational choice scholarship under section 3310.032 of the 34
Revised Code and, as the data is available, students who receive 35
educational choice scholarships under section 3310.03 of the 36
Revised Code and the pilot project scholarship program 37
established under sections 3313.974 to 3313.979 of the Revised 38
Code disaggregated according to the following categories: 39

(a) Students with a family adjusted gross income at or 40
below four hundred fifty per cent of the federal poverty 41
guidelines; 42

(b) Students with a family adjusted gross income above 43
four hundred fifty per cent of the federal poverty guidelines, 44
but at or below five hundred per cent of the federal poverty 45
guidelines; 46

(c) Students with a family adjusted gross income above 47

five hundred per cent of the federal poverty guidelines, but at 48
or below five hundred fifty per cent of the federal poverty 49
guidelines; 50

(d) Students with a family adjusted gross income above 51
five hundred fifty per cent of the federal poverty guidelines, 52
but at or below six hundred per cent of the federal poverty 53
guidelines; 54

(e) Students with a family adjusted gross income above six 55
hundred per cent of the federal poverty guidelines, but at or 56
below six hundred fifty per cent of the federal poverty 57
guidelines; 58

(f) Students with a family adjusted gross income above six 59
hundred fifty per cent of the federal poverty guidelines, but at 60
or below seven hundred per cent of the federal poverty 61
guidelines; 62

(g) Students with a family adjusted gross income above 63
seven hundred per cent of the federal poverty guidelines, but at 64
or below seven hundred fifty per cent of the federal poverty 65
guidelines; 66

(h) Students with a family adjusted gross income above 67
seven hundred fifty per cent of the federal poverty guidelines. 68

The department may disaggregate data under division (C) (1) 69
of this section according to other categories that the 70
department determines are appropriate. 71

(2) The department of education and workforce shall 72
request from the department of taxation any data necessary for 73
the department of education and workforce to compute and post 74
data as required under division (C) (1) of this section. 75

<u>(D) Annually, the department of education and workforce</u>	76
<u>shall post on its publicly accessible web site all of the</u>	77
<u>following for each chartered nonpublic school:</u>	78
<u>(1) The school's total enrollment;</u>	79
<u>(2) The number of scholarship students enrolled in the</u>	80
<u>school, disaggregated by whether, in the prior school year, the</u>	81
<u>students were enrolled in one of the following:</u>	82
<u>(a) That school;</u>	83
<u>(b) A different chartered nonpublic school;</u>	84
<u>(c) A nonchartered nonpublic school;</u>	85
<u>(d) A city, local, or exempted village school district;</u>	86
<u>(e) A community school;</u>	87
<u>(f) A STEM school;</u>	88
<u>(g) If the student was not enrolled in a district or</u>	89
<u>school in the prior school year, whether either of the following</u>	90
<u>apply to the student:</u>	91
<u>(i) The student, in the prior school year, was exempted</u>	92
<u>from attendance at school for the purpose of home education</u>	93
<u>under section 3321.042 of the Revised Code.</u>	94
<u>(ii) The student, in the current school year, is enrolling</u>	95
<u>in school in this state for the first time.</u>	96
<u>(3) The total amount of state support received by the</u>	97
<u>school through all of the following:</u>	98
<u>(a) State scholarship programs;</u>	99
<u>(b) Auxiliary services payments as described under</u>	100
<u>division (E) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code;</u>	101

(c) Administrative and clerical services cost 102
reimbursements as described in section 3317.063 of the Revised 103
Code. 104

Sec. 3310.15. (A) The department of education and 105
workforce annually shall compile the scores attained by 106
scholarship students to whom an assessment is administered under 107
section 3310.14 of the Revised Code. The scores shall be 108
aggregated as follows: 109

(1) By state, which shall include all students awarded a 110
scholarship under the educational choice scholarship pilot 111
program and who were required to take an assessment under 112
section 3310.14 of the Revised Code; 113

(2) By school district, which shall include all 114
scholarship students who were required to take an assessment 115
under section 3310.14 of the Revised Code and for whom the 116
district is the student's resident district; 117

(3) By chartered nonpublic school, which shall include all 118
scholarship students enrolled in that school who were required 119
to take an assessment under section 3310.14 of the Revised Code. 120

(B) The department shall disaggregate the student 121
performance data described in division (A) of this section 122
according to the following categories: 123

(1) Grade level; 124

(2) Race and ethnicity; 125

(3) Gender; 126

(4) Students who have participated in the scholarship 127
program for three or more years; 128

(5) Students who have participated in the scholarship program for more than one year and less than three years;

(6) Students who have participated in the scholarship program for one year or less;

(7) Economically disadvantaged students.

(C) The department shall post the student performance data required under divisions (A) and (B) of this section on its web site and, by the ~~first-fifteenth~~ day of ~~February-September~~ or the preceding Friday when that day falls on a Saturday or Sunday each year, shall distribute that data to the parent of each eligible student. In reporting student performance data under this division, the department shall not include any data that is statistically unreliable or that could result in the identification of individual students. For this purpose, the department shall not report performance data for any group that contains less than ten students.

Not later than July 1, 2025, the department shall develop a measure of student growth for scholarship students enrolled in chartered nonpublic schools. The measure of student growth shall be used to report data annually on student growth for students in grades four through eight during the school year in which data is reported. No data shall be reported for schools with fewer than ten scholarship students. The department shall make the growth reports available on its publicly accessible web site.

(D) The department shall provide the parent of each scholarship student with information comparing the student's performance on the assessments administered under section 3310.14 of the Revised Code with the average performance of

similar students enrolled in the building operated by the 158
student's resident district that the scholarship student would 159
otherwise attend. In calculating the performance of similar 160
students, the department shall consider age, grade, race and 161
ethnicity, gender, and socioeconomic status. 162

Sec. 3310.16. (A) For the 2020-2021 school year and each 163
school year thereafter, the department of education and 164
workforce shall accept, process, and award scholarships each 165
year for the educational choice scholarship pilot program under 166
sections 3310.03 and 3310.032 of the Revised Code, as follows: 167

(1) The application period shall open on the first day of 168
February prior to the first day of July of the school year for 169
which a scholarship is sought. Not later than forty-five days 170
after an applicant submits to the department of education and 171
workforce a completed application, the department shall 172
determine whether that applicant is eligible for a scholarship 173
and notify the applicant whether or not the applicant is 174
eligible. The department shall award a scholarship to each 175
student with an approved application. However, for any 176
application submitted on or after the fifteenth day of October 177
of the school year for which a scholarship is sought, the 178
department shall prorate the amount of the awarded scholarship 179
based on how much of the school year remains after the date of 180
the student's enrollment in the chartered nonpublic school. 181

(2) In each school year, the department shall accept 182
applications for conditional approval of a scholarship sought 183
for that year or the next school year. Not later than five days 184
after receiving an application under this division, the 185
department shall grant conditional approval to an applicant who 186
is eligible for a scholarship and notify the applicant whether 187

or not conditional approval is granted. 188

(B) If the department determines an application submitted 189
under this section contains an error or deficiency, the 190
department shall notify the applicant who submitted that 191
application not later than fourteen days after the application 192
is submitted. 193

(C) The departments of education and workforce, job and 194
family services, and taxation shall enter into a data sharing 195
agreement so that, in administering this section, the department 196
of education and workforce shall be able to determine, based on 197
the address provided in a student's application, whether that 198
student is eligible for an educational choice scholarship under 199
section 3310.03 of the Revised Code and whether the student 200
meets the residency requirements for an educational choice 201
scholarship under section 3310.032 of the Revised Code. 202

(D) No city, local, or exempted village school district 203
shall have access to an application submitted under this 204
section. 205

(E) The department shall require each applicant to include 206
the school and, if applicable the school district, in which the 207
applicant is enrolled, or that the student is receiving home 208
education, for the school year prior to the one for which an 209
applicant submits an application under this section. 210

Section 2. That existing sections 3310.15 and 3310.16 of 211
the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 212