

**As Introduced**

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**S. B. No. 191**

**Senator Huffman**

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To enact section 3317.251 of the Revised Code 1  
regarding disadvantaged pupil impact aid for 2  
scholarship students attending chartered 3  
nonpublic schools and to make an appropriation. 4

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

**Section 1.** That section 3317.251 of the Revised Code be 5  
enacted to read as follows: 6

**Sec. 3317.251.** (A) As used in this section: 7

(1) "Resident district" has the same meaning as in section 8  
3310.01 of the Revised Code. 9

(2) "State scholarship programs" has the same meaning as 10  
in section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code. 11

(B) The department of education and workforce shall 12  
establish a program to award disadvantaged pupil impact aid to 13  
chartered nonpublic schools that participate in state 14  
scholarship programs. A chartered nonpublic school that 15  
participates in state scholarship programs may apply to 16  
participate in the program in a form and manner established by 17  
the department. Each fiscal year the department shall pay each 18  
participating school an amount of disadvantaged pupil impact aid 19  
that is calculated as follows: 20

(1) For each scholarship student enrolled in the school 21  
who is economically disadvantaged as defined by the department, 22  
an amount equal to \$422 multiplied by the student's resident 23  
district's economically disadvantaged index. 24

(2) Calculate the sum of the amounts calculated under 25  
division (B) (1) of this section. 26

(C) Each participating school shall spend the 27  
disadvantaged pupil impact aid it receives for any of the 28  
following initiatives or a combination of any of the following 29  
initiatives: 30

(1) Reading improvement and intervention that is aligned 31  
with the science of reading and evidence-based strategies for 32  
effective literacy instruction; 33

(2) Professional development in the science of reading and 34  
evidence-based strategies for effective literacy instruction for 35  
teachers of students in kindergarten through third grade; 36

(3) Mental health services, including telehealth services, 37  
community-based behavioral health services, and recovery 38  
supports; 39

(4) Physical health care services, including telehealth 40  
services and community-based health services; 41

(5) School safety and security measures. 42

(D) Each participating school shall submit to the 43  
department, in a form and manner prescribed by the department, 44  
any data the department determines necessary to administer this 45  
section. 46

(E) After the end of each fiscal year, each participating 47  
school shall submit a report to the department describing the 48

initiatives on which the district's or school's disadvantaged 49  
pupil impact aid were spent during that fiscal year. The report 50  
shall be submitted in a manner prescribed by the department and 51  
shall also describe the amount of money that was spent on each 52  
initiative. 53

(F) The department shall submit a report of the 54  
information it receives under division (E) of this section to 55  
the general assembly not later than the first day of December of 56  
each odd-numbered year in accordance with section 101.68 of the 57  
Revised Code. 58

(G) The department shall adopt rules as necessary to 59  
implement this section. 60

**Section 2.** All items in this act are hereby appropriated 61  
as designated out of any moneys in the state treasury to the 62  
credit of the designated fund. For all operating appropriations 63  
made in this act, those in the first column are for fiscal year 64  
2026 and those in the second column are for fiscal year 2027. 65  
The operating appropriations made in this act are in addition to 66  
any other operating appropriations made for these fiscal years. 67

**Section 3.** 68  
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A	EDU DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE				
B	General Revenue Fund				
C	GRF	200550 Foundation Funding - All	\$40,000,000	\$40,000,000	
		Students			
D	General Revenue Fund Total		\$40,000,000	\$40,000,000	

E	TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS	\$40,000,000	\$40,000,000
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	FOUNDATION FUNDING - ALL STUDENTS	70
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	The foregoing appropriation item 200550, Foundation	71
	Funding - All Students, shall be used by the Department of	72
	Education and Workforce to provide disadvantaged pupil impact	73
	aid for chartered nonpublic schools that participate in state	74
	scholarship programs in accordance with section 3317.251 of the	75
	Revised Code.	76

	<b>Section 4.</b> Within the limits set forth in this act, the	77
	Director of Budget and Management shall establish accounts	78
	indicating the source and amount of funds for each appropriation	79
	made in this act, and shall determine the manner in which	80
	appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures from	81
	operating appropriations contained in this act shall be	82
	accounted for as though made in, and are subject to all	83
	applicable provisions of, the main operating budget of the 136th	84
	General Assembly.	85