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SUMMARY

- Expands the law regarding cash payments for school-affiliated events by:
 - Prohibiting a qualifying school from establishing different ticket prices for an event based on whether a ticket is purchased online or using cash; and
 - Requiring a qualifying school to charge a student from a school participating in an event a ticket price that is less than the price charged to an adult for the event.
- Includes an interscholastic conference or organization that regulates interscholastic conferences or interscholastic competition among member schools (for example, the Ohio High School Athletic Association) in the definition of “qualifying school” for the purposes of the law regarding cash payments for school-affiliated events.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Cash payments for tickets to school-affiliated events

The bill makes changes to law recently enacted by H.B. 33 of the 135th General Assembly, effective October 3, 2023, that requires qualifying schools to accept cash payments for tickets to, and concessions at, school-affiliated events. A description of those requirements is available on page 248 of the LSC [Final Analysis for H.B. 33 \(PDF\)](#), which is also available on the General Assembly’s website: legislature.ohio.gov.

Ticket prices based on payment method

The bill prohibits a qualifying school from establishing different ticket prices for school-affiliated events based on whether a ticket is purchased online or using cash. Although, the bill does permit a qualifying school to charge a processing fee for tickets purchased online.¹

Ticket prices for students

The bill addresses ticket prices for students enrolled in schools participating in a school-affiliated event. Specifically, it requires a qualifying school to charge a student a ticket price that is less than the price charged for an adult for the same event.²

Definition of “qualifying school”

Continuing law applies the requirement to accept cash payments to “qualifying schools.” A “qualifying school” is a school district, community school, STEM school, college-preparatory boarding school, or a chartered nonpublic school that participates in athletic events regulated by an interscholastic conference or an organization that regulates interscholastic conferences.³ An example of such an organization is the Ohio High School Athletics Association (OHSAA).

The bill expands the definition of “qualifying school” to include an interscholastic conference or organization that regulates either interscholastic conferences or interscholastic competition among member schools itself.⁴ In effect, that expressly applies both continuing law cash payment requirements and the bill’s new requirements to an organization like OHSAA.

HISTORY

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¹ R.C. 3313.5319(C).

² R.C. 3313.5319(D).

³ R.C. 3313.5319(A)(1)(a). Under continuing law, R.C. 3313.5319 applies to community schools, STEM schools, and college-preparatory boarding schools through cross references in R.C. 3314.03(A)(11)(d), 3326.11, and 3328.29, none of which are in the bill.

⁴ R.C. 3313.5319(A)(1)(b).