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A BILL

To amend section 3312.01 of the Revised Code 1
regarding services provided by the Educational 2
Regional Service System. 3

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

Section 1. That section 3312.01 of the Revised Code be 4
amended to read as follows: 5

Sec. 3312.01. (A) The educational regional service system 6
is hereby established. The system shall support state and 7
regional education initiatives and efforts to improve school 8
effectiveness and student achievement. Services, including 9
special education and related services, services related to 10
reading and literacy, and services for English learners, shall 11
be provided under the system to school districts, community 12
schools established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, and 13
chartered nonpublic schools. 14

It is the intent of the general assembly that the 15
educational regional service system reduce the unnecessary 16
duplication of programs and services and provide for a more 17

streamlined and efficient delivery of educational services 18
without reducing the availability of the services needed by 19
school districts and schools. 20

(B) The educational regional service system shall consist 21
of the following: 22

(1) The advisory councils and subcommittees established 23
under sections 3312.03 and 3312.05 of the Revised Code; 24

(2) A fiscal agent for each of the regions as configured 25
under section 3312.02 of the Revised Code; 26

(3) Educational service centers, information technology 27
centers established under section 3301.075 of the Revised Code, 28
and other regional education service providers. 29

(C) Educational service centers shall provide the services 30
that they are specifically required to provide by the Revised 31
Code and may enter into agreements pursuant to section 3313.843, 32
3313.844, or 3313.845 of the Revised Code for the provision of 33
other services, which may include any of the following: 34

(1) Assistance in improving student performance; 35

(2) Services to enable a school district or school to 36
operate more efficiently or economically; 37

(3) Professional development for teachers or 38
administrators; 39

(4) Assistance in the recruitment and retention of 40
teachers and administrators; 41

(5) Applying for any state or federal grant on behalf of a 42
school district; 43

(6) Any other educational, administrative, or operational 44

services. 45

In addition to implementing state and regional education 46
initiatives and school improvement efforts under the educational 47
regional service system, educational service centers shall 48
implement state or federally funded initiatives assigned to the 49
service centers by the general assembly or the department of 50
education. 51

Any educational service center selected to be a fiscal 52
agent for its region pursuant to section 3312.07 of the Revised 53
Code shall continue to operate as an educational service center 54
for the part of the region that comprises its territory. 55

(D) An educational service center shall be considered a 56
school district or a local education agency for the purposes of 57
eligibility in applying for any state or competitive federal 58
grant. 59

(E) Information technology centers may enter into 60
agreements for the provision of services pursuant to section 61
3312.10 of the Revised Code. 62

(F) No school district, community school, or chartered 63
nonpublic school shall be required to purchase services from an 64
educational service center or information technology center in 65
the region in which the district or school is located, except 66
that a local school district shall receive any services required 67
by the Revised Code to be provided by an educational service 68
center to the local school districts in its territory from the 69
educational service center in whose territory the district is 70
located. 71

Section 2. That existing section 3312.01 of the Revised 72
Code is hereby repealed. 73