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To enact section 3317.018 of the Revised Code to	1
establish a committee to study the actual per	2
pupil cost of educating students in public schools	3
and make recommendations regarding the funding of	4
public schools.	5

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

Section 1. That section 3317.018 of the Revised Code be	6
enacted to read as follows:	7
Sec. 3317.018. (A) A committee to study the actual per pupil	8
cost of educating students enrolled in the public schools of this	9
state is hereby created. The committee shall examine evidence and	10
take testimony as necessary to develop a method to determine the	11
actual per pupil cost of educating public school students,	12
including the variances in that cost among urban, suburban, and	13
rural school districts and community schools and among regions of	14
the state. The committee shall use that method to derive a per	15
pupil cost figure for computing state aid to public schools. The	16
committee shall report its findings in a written document, which	17
shall be distributed to each member of the general assembly and to	18
the governor not later than December 31, 2008.	19
The general assembly shall use the method and per pupil cost	20
figure to determine state aid to public schools in fiscal year	21

2010 and in each fiscal year thereafter. 22

(B) The committee required by division (A) of this section 23
shall consist of the following members: 24

(1) Two members of the house of representatives, each from a 25
different political party, appointed by the speaker of the house 26
of representatives; 27

(2) Two members of the senate, each from a different 28
political party, appointed by the president of the senate; 29

(3) The superintendent of public instruction or the 30
superintendent's designee; 31

(4) One representative of the governor's office appointed by 32
the governor; 33

(5) One representative of business, appointed by the governor 34
from among recommendations of the Ohio chamber of commerce; 35

(6) One representative of the Ohio education association, 36
appointed by the governor from among recommendations of the 37
association; 38

(7) One representative of the Ohio federation of teachers, 39
appointed by the governor from among recommendations of the 40
federation; 41

(8) Two classroom teachers, appointed by the governor; 42

(9) Two parents of children enrolled in the public schools of 43
this state, appointed by the governor. 44

The speaker of the house of representatives, the president of 45
the senate, and the governor shall make their appointments not 46
later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. 47

The members appointed under divisions (B)(1), (2), and (4) to 48
(9) of this section shall serve at the pleasure of their 49
appointing authorities. Vacancies on the committee shall be filled 50

in the manner of the initial appointments. 51

The members of the committee shall serve without 52
compensation, but the members appointed under divisions (B)(5) to 53
(9) of this section shall be paid by the department of education 54
their necessary and actual expenses incurred while engaged in the 55
business of the committee. 56

The first meeting of the committee shall be convened by the 57
governor's representative appointed under division (B)(4) of this 58
section. At the first meeting, the chairperson of the committee 59
shall be selected by and from among the members of the committee. 60
Thereafter, the committee shall convene at the discretion of the 61
chairperson. 62

(C) The department of education shall provide staff to assist 63
the committee in carrying out the committee's duties under this 64
section. 65

(D) The committee created under this section shall cease to 66
exist upon submission of the report required by division (A) of 67
this section. 68