



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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BILL SUMMARY

- Adds Junior ROTC as a permitted elective within the Ohio Core curriculum.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

The bill adds to the list of permitted electives, within the Ohio Core curriculum, a Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program approved by the United States Congress under federal law.¹ (R.C. 3313.603(C).)

Background

To earn a high school diploma, students of public and nonpublic schools must complete their high school's curriculum, which must satisfy at least the minimum high school curriculum prescribed in state law. A new state minimum curriculum called the "Ohio Core," consisting of 20 units of study distributed differently from the previous minimum curriculum, first applies to members of the Class of 2014 enrolled in school districts, community schools, STEM schools, and chartered nonpublic schools.² The Ohio Core allows five units (600 hours) of electives, but restricts the electives to one or a combination of foreign language, fine arts, business, career-technical education, family and consumer sciences, technology, agricultural education, or English language arts, math, science, or social studies courses not otherwise required under the Ohio Core. The previous state minimum curriculum did not restrict electives to certain subjects.

¹ See 10 U.S.C. 2031.

² The Ohio Core minimum is applied to community schools and STEM schools by R.C. 3314.03(A)(11)(f) and 3326.15, respectively. Neither section appears in the bill.

HISTORY

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