



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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S.B. 241

130th General Assembly
(As Reported by S. Education)

Sens. Sawyer, Seitz, Lehner, Kearney, Skindell, Tavares, Turner, Schiavoni, Brown

BILL SUMMARY

- Adds four members to the Straight A Program governing board, two appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives and two appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Straight A Program governing board membership

Grants under the Straight A Program are awarded by a nine-member governing board. Currently, the board is made up of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, or the Superintendent's designee, four members appointed by the Governor, two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and two members appointed by the President of the Senate. The bill adds four members to that board, two appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives and two appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate.¹

Background

H.B. 59 of the 130th General Assembly created, for fiscal years 2014 and 2015, the Straight A Program to provide grants to school districts, educational service centers (ESCs), community schools, STEM schools, college-preparatory boarding schools, individual school buildings, education consortia (which may represent a partnership among school districts, school buildings, community schools, or STEM schools), institutions of higher education, and private entities partnering with one or more of those educational entities. The grants are for projects that aim to achieve significant

¹ Division (B)(1) of Section 263.325 of Am. Sub. H.B. 59 of the 130th General Assembly.

advancement in one or more of the following goals: (1) student achievement, (2) spending reduction in the five year fiscal forecast, and (3) utilization of a greater share of resources in the classroom.

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	11-19-13
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