

H. B. 115
Educational Regional Service System/Ohio Core Funding
126th General Assembly
Bill Summary

Sponsor:	Representative Arlene Setzer	(R – Vandalia)
Status:	Introduced	3/8/2005
	Passed House	10/5/2005
	Passed Senate	5/24/2006
	Signed by Governor	6/23/2006

What this bill does:

- **Educational Regional Service System**

The act creates a new 16-region Educational Regional Service System (ERSS) that is intended to provide support for state and regional education initiatives and efforts to improve school effectiveness and student achievement.

Each of the 16 ERSS regions is to have an advisory council charged with identifying regional needs and priorities for educational services and developing policies to coordinate the delivery of services. Higher education representatives on each of the advisory councils will include: one representative of a four-year institution of higher education in the region, appointed by the Ohio Board of Regents; and one representative of a two-year institution of higher education in the region, appointed by the Ohio Association of Community Colleges.

- **State Regional Alliance Advisory Board**

The State Regional Alliance Advisory Board is a state-level entity created by the act to address issues affecting the operation of ERSS and statewide education initiatives and to promote communication and coordination among the State Board of Education, the Department of Education, fiscal agents, advisory councils, and users of ERSS.

Higher education representatives on the 34-member board will include: one representative of four-year institutions of higher education, appointed by the Ohio Board of Regents; and one representative of two-year institutions of higher education, appointed by the Ohio Association of Community Colleges.

- **EMIS Advisory Board**

The act creates an EMIS Advisory Board to make recommendations to the Department of Education for improving the Education Management

information System (EMIS). EMIS is a statewide electronic database of public school fiscal, staff, and student data.

Higher education representatives on the seventeen-member EMIS Advisory Board will include: one representative of four-year institutions of higher education, appointed by the Ohio Board of Regents; and one representative of two-year institutions of higher education, appointed by the Ohio Association of Community Colleges.

- **Ohio Core Funding**

The act creates GRF appropriation item 200-536, Ohio Core Support, in the Department of Education's budget and states that this appropriation item is to support implementation of the Ohio Core Program, which requires establishment of a rigorous high school curriculum for Ohio's high school students. The act appropriates \$13.2 million in FY 2007 to this item and requires that the Department of Education and the Board of Regents jointly agree to the awarding and expenditure of these funds. The appropriation is earmarked as follows:

- \$2.6 million to support participation in a 12-month intensive training program leading to teacher licensure in a laboratory-based science, advanced mathematics, or foreign language;
- \$1.5 million to support alternative teacher licensure programs developed by educational service centers in partnership with institutions of higher education;
- \$3.6 million for school districts to obtain contracted instruction in mathematics, science, or foreign language;
- \$2.0 million for the eTech Ohio Commission to implement and support the Ohio Students Choosing On-line Resource for Educational Success Initiative; and
- \$3.5 million for the Board of Regents to support up to ten regional summer academies.

Additional information about the bill:

To access the bill in its entirety, click on or visit the following link:

http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/BillText126/126_HB_115_EN_N.pdf

Bill Analysis:

<http://www.lsc.state.oh.us/analyses126/06-hb115-126.pdf>