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**A BILL**

To enact sections 103.44, 103.45, 103.46, 103.47, 1  
103.48, 103.49, and 103.50 of the Revised Code 2  
and to repeal Section 733.40 of H.B. 166 of the 3  
133rd General Assembly to reinstate the Joint 4  
Education Oversight Committee and to make an 5  
appropriation. 6

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

**Section 1.** That sections 103.44, 103.45, 103.46, 103.47, 7  
103.48, 103.49, and 103.50 of the Revised Code be enacted to 8  
read as follows: 9

**Sec. 103.44.** As used in sections 103.45 to 103.50 of the 10  
Revised Code: 11

(A) "Other public schools" includes the state school for 12  
the deaf, the state school for the blind, community schools 13  
established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, STEM 14  
schools established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code, and 15  
college-preparatory boarding schools established under Chapter 16  
3328. of the Revised Code. 17

(B) "State institution of higher education" has the same 18  
meaning as in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code. 19

**Sec. 103.45.** (A) The joint education oversight committee 20  
of the house of representatives and senate is hereby created. 21  
The committee shall authorize a plan of work, which shall 22  
include research, review, study, and analysis of current or 23  
emerging education policy issues important to the state, the 24  
available policy options to address such issues, and the 25  
available data and research to support such analysis and 26  
options. 27

(B) The committee also may select, for review and 28  
evaluation, education programs at school districts, other public 29  
schools, and state institutions of higher education that receive 30  
state financial assistance in any form. The reviews and 31  
evaluations may include any of the following: 32

(1) Assessment of the uses school districts, other public 33  
schools, and state institutions of higher education make of 34  
state money they receive, and a determination of the extent to 35  
which that money improves student, district, school, or 36  
institutional performance in the areas for which the money was 37  
intended to be used; 38

(2) Determination of whether an education program meets 39  
its intended goals, has adequate operating or administrative 40  
procedures and fiscal controls, encompasses only authorized 41  
activities, has any undesirable or unintended effects, and is 42  
efficiently managed; 43

(3) Examination of pilot programs developed and initiated 44  
in school districts, at other public schools, and at state 45  
institutions of higher education to determine whether the 46

programs suggest innovative, effective ways to deal with 47  
problems that may exist in other districts, schools, or 48  
institutions of higher education, or to create opportunities for 49  
success, and to assess the fiscal costs and likely impact of 50  
adopting the programs throughout the state. 51

(C) The committee may prepare a report of the results of 52  
each review and evaluation it conducts, make recommendations to 53  
the general assembly and transmit the report and its 54  
recommendations to the general assembly under section 101.68 of 55  
the Revised Code. It also may submit the report and its 56  
recommendations to the chairpersons and members of the standing 57  
committees of the house of representatives and the senate 58  
principally responsible for education policy. 59

(D) If the general assembly directs the joint education 60  
oversight committee to submit a study to the general assembly by 61  
a particular date, the committee, upon a majority vote of its 62  
members, may modify the scope and due date of the study to 63  
accommodate the availability of data and resources. 64

**Sec. 103.46.** The joint education oversight committee may 65  
review bills and resolutions regarding education that are 66  
introduced or offered in the general assembly, and may prepare a 67  
report of its review. The committee shall transmit its report to 68  
the general assembly under section 101.68 of the Revised Code. 69  
The report may include the committee's determination regarding 70  
the bill's or resolution's desirability as a matter of public 71  
policy. 72

The committee's decision on whether and when to review a 73  
bill or resolution has no effect on the general assembly's 74  
authority to act on the bill or resolution. 75

Sec. 103.47. The joint education oversight committee 76  
chairperson may, subject to approval by the speaker of the house 77  
of representatives or the speaker's designee and the president 78  
of the senate or the president's designee, employ professional, 79  
technical, and clerical employees as are necessary for the joint 80  
education oversight committee to be able successfully and 81  
efficiently to perform its duties. All the employees are in the 82  
unclassified service and may be terminated by the chairperson, 83  
subject to approval of the speaker of the house of 84  
representatives or the speaker's designee and president of the 85  
senate or the president's designee. The committee may contract 86  
for the services of persons who are qualified by education and 87  
experience to advise, consult with, or otherwise assist the 88  
committee in the performance of its duties. 89

Sec. 103.48. The chairperson of the joint education 90  
oversight committee may request that the director of education 91  
and workforce or the chancellor of higher education appear 92  
before the committee. If so requested, the director or the 93  
chancellor shall appear before the committee at the time and 94  
place specified in the request. 95

Sec. 103.49. (A) The chairperson of the joint education 96  
oversight committee may request any state agency or political 97  
subdivision to provide to the committee such data, statistics, 98  
and other information that is determined to be useful to the 99  
work of the committee pursuant to the committee's statutory 100  
purposes. Subject to division (B) of this section, and to the 101  
extent permitted under section 3319.321 of the Revised Code and 102  
the "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974," 20 103  
U.S.C. 1232g, as amended, any state agency or political 104  
subdivision shall provide the committee with the information 105  
requested. 106

(B) (1) Upon the joint written request of the chairperson 107  
and vice-chairperson of the committee, the director of education 108  
and workforce shall, within a reasonable time period, provide 109  
the committee with data and information that is in the 110  
director's possession or is readily accessible to the director. 111

(2) Upon receiving a written request from the chairperson 112  
and vice-chairperson of the committee, the director may request 113  
clarification from the committee regarding the request in order 114  
to facilitate a timely response. The committee shall cooperate 115  
with the director to determine the scope of the data and 116  
information requested, taking into account the committee's need 117  
and urgency for the information, the director's ease or 118  
difficulty of accessing the data and information, the quantity 119  
of the information requested, and any other practical 120  
considerations that apply. 121

(3) Except as provided in division (B) (4) of this section, 122  
if the director and the chairperson and vice-chairperson are 123  
unable to resolve their differences regarding a written request 124  
within thirty days of the director's receipt of the request from 125  
the chairperson and vice-chairperson, the chairperson and vice- 126  
chairperson may jointly insist in writing on receiving the data 127  
and information from the director, and the director, upon 128  
receiving that written request, shall promptly make that 129  
information available to the chairperson and vice-chairperson. 130

(4) If the director requests clarification from the 131  
committee under division (B) (2) of this section regarding a 132  
written request for a large data set, as determined by the 133  
director, the director may inform the chairperson and vice- 134  
chairperson of the state director's determination that the 135  
request is for a large data set and request that the period of 136

time in which the director and the chairperson and vice- 137  
chairperson must resolve their differences regarding the request 138  
under division (B) (3) of this section be extended beyond thirty 139  
days of the director's receipt of the request. At no time, 140  
however, shall the time period in which the director and the 141  
chairperson and vice-chairperson must resolve their differences 142  
regarding the request under division (B) (3) of this section be 143  
longer than ninety days following the director's receipt of the 144  
request. 145

Sec. 103.50. The joint education oversight committee shall 146  
consist of the following members: 147

(A) Five members of the house of representatives appointed 148  
by the speaker of the house of representatives, three of whom 149  
are members of the majority party and two of whom are members of 150  
the minority party; 151

(B) Five members of the senate appointed by the president 152  
of the senate, three of whom are members of the majority party 153  
and two of whom are members of the minority party. 154

The term of each member begins on the day of appointment 155  
to the committee and ends on expiration or other termination of 156  
the member's term as a member of the house of representatives or 157  
senate. The speaker of the house of representatives and 158  
president of the senate shall make subsequent appointments not 159  
later than fifteen days after the commencement of the first 160  
regular session of each general assembly. Members may be 161  
reappointed. A vacancy on the committee shall be filled in the 162  
same manner as the original appointment. 163

In odd-numbered years, the speaker of the house of 164  
representatives shall designate one of the majority members from 165

the house of representatives as chairperson and the president of 166  
the senate shall designate one member from the senate, who is 167  
not from the same political party as the chairperson, as the 168  
ranking member. In even-numbered years, the president of the 169  
senate shall designate one of the majority members from the 170  
senate as the chairperson and the speaker of the house of 171  
representatives shall designate one member from the house of 172  
representatives, who is not from the same political party as the 173  
chairperson, as the ranking member. 174

In appointing members from the minority, and in 175  
designating ranking members who are from the minority, the 176  
president of the senate and speaker of the house of 177  
representatives shall consult with the minority leader of their 178  
respective houses. 179

The committee shall meet at the call of the chairperson. 180  
The committee shall meet not less often than once each calendar 181  
month, unless the chairperson and ranking member agree that the 182  
chairperson should not call the committee to meet for a 183  
particular month. 184

Notwithstanding section 101.26 of the Revised Code, the 185  
members, when engaged in their duties as members of the 186  
committee on days when there is not a voting session of the 187  
member's house of the general assembly, shall be paid at the per 188  
diem rate of one hundred fifty dollars, and their necessary 189  
traveling expenses. These amounts shall be paid from the funds 190  
appropriated for the payment of expenses of legislative 191  
committees. 192

The chairperson, when authorized by the committee and the 193  
president of the senate and speaker of the house of 194  
representatives, may issue subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum 195

in aid of the committee's performance of its duties. A subpoena 196  
may require a witness in any part of the state to appear before 197  
the committee at a time and place designated in the subpoena to 198  
testify. A subpoena duces tecum may require witnesses or other 199  
persons in any part of the state to produce books, papers, 200  
records, and other tangible evidence before the committee at a 201  
time and place designated in the subpoena duces tecum. A 202  
subpoena or subpoena duces tecum shall be issued, served, and 203  
returned, and has consequences, as specified in sections 101.41 204  
to 101.45 of the Revised Code. 205

The chairperson may administer oaths to witnesses 206  
appearing before the committee. 207

**Section 2.** All items in this act are hereby appropriated 208  
as designated out of any moneys in the state treasury to the 209  
credit of the designated fund. For all operating appropriations 210  
made in this act, those in the first column are for fiscal year 211  
2024 and those in the second column are for fiscal year 2025. 212  
The operating appropriations made in this act are in addition to 213  
any other operating appropriations made for these fiscal years. 214

**Section 3.** 215

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A	JEO JOINT EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE				
B	General Revenue Fund				
C	GRF	047321	Operating Expenses	\$376,663	\$378,668



D	TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund	\$376,663	\$378,668
E	TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS	\$376,663	\$378,668

OPERATING EXPENSES 217

The foregoing appropriation item 047321, Operating 218  
Expenses, shall be used to support expenses related to the Joint 219  
Education Oversight Committee under sections 103.45 to 103.50 of 220  
the Revised Code. 221

On July 1, 2024, or as soon as possible thereafter, the 222  
Joint Education Oversight Committee may certify to the Director 223  
of Budget and Management an amount up to the unexpended, 224  
unencumbered balance of the foregoing appropriation item 047321, 225  
Operating Expenses, at the end of fiscal year 2024 to be 226  
reappropriated to fiscal year 2025. The amount certified is 227  
hereby reappropriated to the same appropriation item for fiscal 228  
year 2025. 229

**Section 4.** Within the limits set forth in this act, the 230  
Director of Budget and Management shall establish accounts 231  
indicating the source and amount of funds for each appropriation 232  
made in this act, and shall determine the manner in which 233  
appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures from 234  
operating appropriations contained in this act shall be 235  
accounted for as though made in, and are subject to all 236  
applicable provisions of, H.B. 33 of the 135th General Assembly. 237

**Section 5.** That Section 733.40 of Am. Sub. H.B. 166 of the 238  
133rd General Assembly is hereby repealed. 239