



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3318.18 Statewide average valuation per pupil - half-mill equalization fund.

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(A) As used in this section:

(1) "Valuation" of a school district means the sum of the amounts described in divisions (A)(1) and (2) of section 3317.021 of the Revised Code as most recently certified for the district before the annual computation is made under division (B) of this section.

(2) "Valuation per pupil" of a school district means the district's valuation divided by the district's formula ADM as most recently calculated under section 3317.03 of the Revised Code before the annual computation is made under division (B) of this section.

(3) "Statewide average valuation per pupil" means the total of the valuations of all school districts divided by the total of the formula ADMs of all school districts as most recently calculated under section 3317.03 of the Revised Code before the annual computation is made under division (C) of this section.

(4) "Maintenance levy requirement" means the tax required to be levied pursuant to division (C)(2)(a) of section 3318.08 and division (B) of section 3318.05 of the Revised Code or the application of proceeds of another levy to paying the costs of maintaining classroom facilities pursuant to division (A)(2) of section 3318.052, division (C)(1) or (C)(2)(b) of section 3318.08, or division (D)(2) of section 3318.36 of the Revised Code, or a combination thereof.

(5) "Project agreement" means an agreement between a school district and the Ohio facilities construction commission under section 3318.08 or division (B)(1) of section 3318.36 of the Revised Code.

(B) On or before the first day of July each year beginning in 2007, the department of education and workforce shall compute the statewide average valuation per pupil and the valuation per pupil of



each school district that has not already entered into a project agreement, and provide the results of those computations to the commission.

(C)(1) At the time the Ohio facilities construction commission enters into a project agreement with a school district, the commission shall compute the difference between the district's valuation per pupil and the statewide average valuation per pupil as most recently provided to the commission under division (B) of this section. If the school district's valuation per pupil is less than the average statewide valuation per pupil, the commission shall multiply the difference between those amounts by one-half mill times the formula ADM of the district as most recently reported to the department for October under division (A) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code. The commission shall certify the resulting product to the department, along with the date on which the maintenance levy requirement terminates as provided in the project agreement between the school district board and the commission.

(2) In the case of a school district that entered into a project agreement after July 1, 1997, but before July 1, 2006, the commission shall make the computation described in division (C)(1) of this section on the basis of the district's valuation per pupil and the statewide average valuation per pupil computed as of September 1, 2006, and the district's formula ADM reported for October 2005.

(3) The amount computed for a school district under division (C)(1) or (2) of this section shall not change for the period during which payments are made to the district under division (D) of this section.

(4) A computation need not be made under division (C)(1) or (2) of this section for a school district that certified a resolution to the commission under division (D)(3) of section 3318.36 of the Revised Code until the district becomes eligible for state assistance as provided in that division.

(D) In the fourth quarter of each fiscal year, for each school district for which a computation has been made under division (C) of this section, the department shall pay the amount computed to each such school district. Payments shall be made to a school district each year until and including the tax year in which the district's maintenance levy requirement terminates. Payments shall be paid from the half-mill equalization fund, subject to appropriation by the general assembly. However, the department shall make no payments under this section to any district that elects the procedure



authorized by section 3318.051 of the Revised Code.

(E) Payments made to a school district under this section shall be credited to the district's classroom facilities maintenance fund and shall be used only for the purpose of maintaining facilities constructed or renovated under the project agreement.

(F) There is hereby created in the state treasury the half-mill equalization fund. The fund shall receive transfers pursuant to section 5727.85 of the Revised Code. The fund shall be used first to make annual payments under division (D) of this section. If a balance remains in the fund after such payments are made in full for a year, the Ohio facilities construction commission may request the controlling board to transfer a reasonable amount from such remaining balance to the public school building fund created under section 3318.15 of the Revised Code for the purposes of this chapter.

All investment earnings arising from investment of money in the half-mill equalization fund shall be credited to the fund.