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A BILL

To enact section 3318.39 of the Revised Code to
establish the 1:1 School Facilities Option
Program as an alternative to assist certain
school districts in constructing, acquiring,
reconstructing, or making additions or repairs
to any feature of a classroom facility.

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

Section 1. That section 3318.39 of the Revised Code be
enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 3318.39. (A) The 1:1 school facilities option program
is hereby established. Under the program, the Ohio school
facilities commission shall provide state funds to assist
eligible school districts in constructing, acquiring,
reconstructing, or making additions or repairs to any feature of
a classroom facility that meets the design standards of the
commission in lieu of that district participating in the
classroom facilities assistance program under sections 3318.01

to 3318.20 of the Revised Code, in the case of a city, exempted 17
village, or local school district, or sections 3318.40 to 18
3318.45 of the Revised Code, in the case of a joint vocational 19
school district. 20

For purposes of this program, an eligible school district 21
is either of the following: 22

(1) A city, exempted village, or local school district 23
that has not entered into an agreement for any program under 24
this chapter, except for emergency assistance under section 25
3318.351 of the Revised Code, prior to the effective date of 26
this section. A district that received partial assistance prior 27
to May 20, 1997, and can qualify for assistance under division 28
(B) (2) of section 3318.04 of the Revised Code shall not be 29
eligible for assistance under this section. 30

(2) A joint vocational school district that has not 31
entered into an agreement for any program under this chapter 32
prior to the effective date of this section. 33

An eligible school district may avail itself of the option 34
provided under this section only at the time it becomes eligible 35
for assistance under the classroom facilities assistance program 36
in accordance with the annual percentile ranking of districts 37
under section 3318.011 or 3318.42 of the Revised Code. 38

(B) (1) The commission, at the request of a school district 39
that meets the criteria set forth in division (A) of this 40
section, shall assess the current conditions of the classroom 41
facilities of that school district. Based on the results of the 42
assessment, the commission shall determine the scope of the 43
entire project, the basic project cost of the school district's 44
classroom facilities needs, and the state's portion of the total 45

project if the school district were to receive assistance under 46
sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 of the Revised Code, in the case of 47
a city, exempted village, or local school district, or sections 48
3318.40 to 3318.45 of the Revised Code, in the case of a joint 49
vocational school district. 50

(2) A district that opts to receive assistance under this 51
section shall be eligible to receive state funds in the amount 52
of up to the greater of one million dollars or ten per cent of 53
the state's share of the total project cost determined under 54
division (B) (1) of this section. However, a district may choose 55
to receive less than the maximum amount of state funds for which 56
it is eligible under this division. 57

(3) A district that opts to receive assistance under this 58
section shall match the amount of state funds it receives on a 59
one-to-one basis. A district may generate the school district 60
funds for its match using any lawful manner. 61

(C) The commission shall adopt guidelines and procedures 62
for the administration of the program. The guidelines shall 63
include the following: 64

(1) A requirement that, in order to participate in the 65
program, the district's board of education must approve 66
participation by an affirmative vote of not less than four- 67
fifths of the board's full membership; 68

(2) The application process for districts; 69

(3) A requirement that, in order to participate in the 70
program, the district shall provide a share that is at least 71
equal to the amount of the state assistance provided under this 72
section. 73

(D) If a district participates in the program established 74

under this section, that district shall not have another project 75
under sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 of the Revised Code, in the 76
case of a city, exempted village, or local school district, or 77
sections 3318.40 to 3318.45 of the Revised Code, in the case of 78
a joint vocational school district, conditionally approved until 79
the expiration of twenty years after the date the district 80
enters into an agreement with the commission for assistance 81
under this section. 82