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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.

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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:

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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
village, or local school district, or sections 3318.40 to

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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 prior to the effective date of this section, 25
including a district that received partial assistance prior to 26
May 20, 1997, and can qualify for assistance under division (B) 27
(2) of section 3318.04 of the Revised Code; 28

(2) A joint vocational school district that has not 29
entered into an agreement for any program under this chapter 30
prior to the effective date of this section. 31

An eligible school district may avail itself of the option 32
provided under this section only at the time it becomes eligible 33
for assistance under the classroom facilities assistance program 34
in accordance with the annual percentile ranking of districts 35
under section 3318.011 or 3318.42 of the Revised Code. 36

(B) (1) The commission, at the request of a school district 37
that meets the criteria set forth in division (A) of this 38
section, shall assess the current conditions of the classroom 39
facilities of that school district. Based on the results of the 40
assessment, the commission shall determine the scope of the 41
entire project, the basic project cost of the school district's 42
classroom facilities needs, and the state's portion of the total 43
project if the school district were to receive assistance under 44
sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 of the Revised Code, in the case of 45
a city, exempted village, or local school district, or sections 46
3318.40 to 3318.45 of the Revised Code, in the case of a joint 47

vocational school district.

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

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

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

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

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(2) The application process for districts;

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

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(D) If a district participates in the program established
under this section, that district shall not have another project
under sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 of the Revised Code, in the
case of a city, exempted village, or local school district, or
sections 3318.40 to 3318.45 of the Revised Code, in the case of

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<u>a joint vocational school district, conditionally approved until</u>	77
<u>the expiration of twenty years after the date the district</u>	78
<u>enters into an agreement with the commission for assistance</u>	79
<u>under this section.</u>	80