

Senate Addresses All-Day Kindergarten Fees

Substitute House Bill 190, as passed by the Senate, amends ORC 3321.01 and contains a provision to allow school districts to charge parents a fee for all-day kindergarten programs provided the district is not eligible for all-day kindergarten poverty based assistance. The fee must

be based on a sliding scale based on family income. All districts offering all-day kindergarten will be required to report to ODE the following information:

1. Whether the district charges fees or tuition for students enrolled in all-day kindergarten;
2. The amount of the fees or tuition charged;
3. How many of the students for whom tuition is charged are eligible for free lunches;
4. How many students are enrolled in traditional half-day kindergarten rather than all-day kindergarten.

This bill is not law yet but we do expect it to pass in the near future and will be effective immediately after receiving the Governor's signature.