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Ohio Revised Code

Section 3314.36 Applicability of RC 3314.35 closure rule.

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(A) Section 3314.35 of the Revised Code does not apply to any community school in which a majority of the students are enrolled in a dropout prevention and recovery program that is operated by the school and that has been granted a waiver by the department of education. Until June 30, 2014, the department shall grant a waiver to a dropout prevention and recovery program, within sixty days after the program applies for the waiver, if the program meets all of the following conditions:

(1) The program serves only students not younger than sixteen years of age and not older than twenty-one years of age.

(2) The program enrolls students who, at the time of their initial enrollment, either, or both, are at least one grade level behind their cohort age groups or experience crises that significantly interfere with their academic progress such that they are prevented from continuing their traditional programs.

(3) The program requires students to attain at least the applicable score designated for each of the assessments prescribed under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code or, to the extent prescribed by rule of the state board of education under division (D)(5) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code, division (B)(2) of that section.

(4) The program develops an individual career plan for the student that specifies the student's matriculating to a two-year degree program, acquiring a business and industry credential, or entering an apprenticeship.

(5) The program provides counseling and support for the student related to the plan developed under division (A)(4) of this section during the remainder of the student's high school experience.

(6) Prior to receiving the waiver, the program has submitted to the department an instructional plan



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that demonstrates how the academic content standards adopted by the state board of education under section 3301.079 of the Revised Code will be taught and assessed.

If the department does not act either to grant the waiver or to reject the program application for the waiver within sixty days as required under this section, the waiver shall be considered to be granted.

(B) Notwithstanding division (A) of this section, the department shall not grant a waiver to any community school that did not qualify for a waiver under this section when it initially began operations, unless the state board of education approves the waiver.

(C) Beginning on July 1, 2014, all community schools in which a majority of the students are enrolled in a dropout prevention and recovery program are subject to the provisions of section 3314.351 of the Revised Code, regardless of whether a waiver has been granted under this section. Thereafter, no waivers shall be granted under this section.