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Eligibility and Exit Criteria

- Any district that, for three consecutive years, receives either of the following is subject to ADC control:
 - Overall grade of "F" under the former report card rating system
 - Overall performance rating of less than two stars under the current report card rating system
- Any ADC district that receives either can begin transition out of ADC control:
 - Overall grade of "C" or higher
 - Overall performance rating of three stars or higher
- Transition continues until two consecutive years of:
 - Overall grade of "D" or higher
 - Overall performance rating of two stars or higher
 - An overall "F" or overall rating of lower than two stars resets the clock



Eligibility and Exit Criteria

Establishment and operation of academic distress commissions

Requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to establish an academic distress commission (ADC) for any school district that receives an overall grade of “F” for three consecutive school years (R.C. 3302.10(A)(1)).

Changes the triggering condition to an overall performance rating of less than two stars (R.C. 3302.10(A)(1)).

Under letter grade report cards

Specifies that a district must begin to transition out of being subject to an ADC if the district receives an overall grade of “C” or higher (R.C. 3302.10(N)(1)).

Specifies that the transition period must last until the district receives an overall grade of higher than an “F” for two consecutive years after the transition period begins (R.C. 3302.10(N)(1)).

Specifies that a district that has entered a transition period must be subject to an ADC again if, during that period, the district receives an overall grade of “F” (R.C. 3302.10(N)(2)).

Under the act’s star rating report card

Changes the triggering condition to an overall performance rating of three stars or higher (R.C. 3302.10(N)(1)).

Changes the triggering condition to an overall performance rating of two stars or higher (R.C. 3302.10(N)(1)).

Changes the triggering condition to an overall performance rating of less than two stars (R.C. 3302.10(N)(2)).



Safe Harbor and Other Relief

- For both the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years:
 - ODE is prohibited from publishing and issuing ratings for overall grades, components, and individual measures on the state report cards
 - Hold harmless from penalties and sanctions for districts and schools, including eligibility for academic distress commissions
 - Ratings of previous and subsequent school years must still be used to determine sanctions and penalties
 - The 2021-22 school year is not a new starting point for these sanctions and penalties
- State budget bill created an exit path for three districts subject to ADC
 - Youngstown City, Lorain City, and East Cleveland City
 - That law does not apply to other districts that become eligible to ADC control
- State Superintendent is prohibited from establishing any ADCs for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years



Now What?

- Don't expect ADCs to go away any time soon
- However, ODE [outlined several policy challenges](#) with the current program that may inform future policy debates, and included recommendations
 - Not enough time to improve
 - No nuanced consideration of improvement
 - Districts focus on boosting grades rather than systemic reform
- Report card phase-in beginning with this school year, and overall report card rating next school year
- Forthcoming performance audits of three ADC districts
- Maintain conversations with legislators about ADCs and school improvement efforts
 - Budget process and standalone legislation



Key Resources

- [House Bill 197 \(133rd GA\)](#)
- [House Bill 409 \(133rd GA\)](#)
- [House Bill 82 \(134th GA\)](#)
- [House Bill 110 \(134th GA\)](#)
- [ODE resources](#)



Questions?

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