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For purposes of sections 3307.35 and 3307.353 of the Revised Code, "superannuate" also means a former teacher receiving from the system a combined service retirement benefit paid in accordance with section 3307.57 of the Revised Code, regardless of which retirement system is paying the benefit.

(N) "STRS defined benefit plan" means the plan described in sections 3307.50 to 3307.79 of the Revised Code.

(O) "STRS defined contribution plan" means the plans established under section 3307.81 of the Revised Code and includes the STRS combined plan under that section.

(P) "Faculty" means the teaching staff of a university, college, or school, including any academic administrators.

Sec. 3309.013. (A) As used in this section, "operator" has the same meaning as in section 3314.02 of the Revised Code.

(B) "Employee," as defined in division (B) of section 3309.01 of the Revised Code, does not include either of the following:

(1) Any person initially employed on or after July 1, 2016, by a community school operator and for whom the operator withholds and pays employee and employer taxes pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 3101(a) and 3111(a) beginning with the first paycheck after commencing initial employment;

(2) Except as provided in division (C) of this section, any person who is a former employee of a community school operator who is reemployed on or after July 1, 2016, by that operator and for whom the operator withholds and pays employee and employer taxes pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 3101(a) and 3111(a) beginning with the first paycheck after commencing reemployment with that operator.

(C) Division (B)(2) of this section does not apply to either of the following:

(1) Any person who was employed by the same operator at any time within the period of July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016, and whose date of reemployment is before July 1, 2017;

(2) Any person to whom both of the following apply:

(a) The person was employed by the same operator at any time in the twelve-month period preceding the date the operator for the first time withholds and pays employee and employer taxes pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 3101(a) and 3111(a) on behalf of its employees and had previously only contributed to the school employees retirement system;

(b) The person's date of reemployment is not more than twelve months after the date the operator for the first time withholds and pays employee

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and employer taxes pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 3101(a) and 3111(a).

(D) This section applies only to a community school operator that was withholding and paying employee and employer taxes pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 3101(a) and 3111(a) on or before February 1, 2016, for persons employed in the school.

Sec. 3313.976. (A) No private school may receive scholarship payments from parents pursuant to section 3313.979 of the Revised Code until the chief administrator of the private school registers the school with the superintendent of public instruction. The state superintendent shall register any school that meets the following requirements:

(1) The school either:

(a) Offers any of grades kindergarten through twelve and is located within the boundaries of the pilot project school district;

(b) Offers any of grades nine through twelve and is located within the boundaries of a city, local, or exempted village school district that is both:

(i) Located in a municipal corporation with a population of fifty fifteen thousand or more;

(ii) Located within five miles of the border of the pilot project school district.

(2) The school indicates in writing its commitment to follow all requirements for a state-sponsored scholarship program specified under sections 3313.974 to 3313.979 of the Revised Code, including, but not limited to, the requirements for admitting students pursuant to section 3313.977 of the Revised Code;

(3) The school meets all state minimum standards for chartered nonpublic schools in effect on July 1, 1992, except that the state superintendent at the superintendent's discretion may register nonchartered nonpublic schools meeting the other requirements of this division;

(4) The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, or ethnic background;

(5) The school enrolls a minimum of ten students per class or a sum of at least twenty-five students in all the classes offered;

(6) The school does not advocate or foster unlawful behavior or teach hatred of any person or group on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, or religion;

(7) The school does not provide false or misleading information about the school to parents, students, or the general public;

(8) For students in grades kindergarten through eight with family incomes at or below two hundred per cent of the federal poverty guidelines, as defined in section 5104.46 of the Revised Code, the school agrees not to