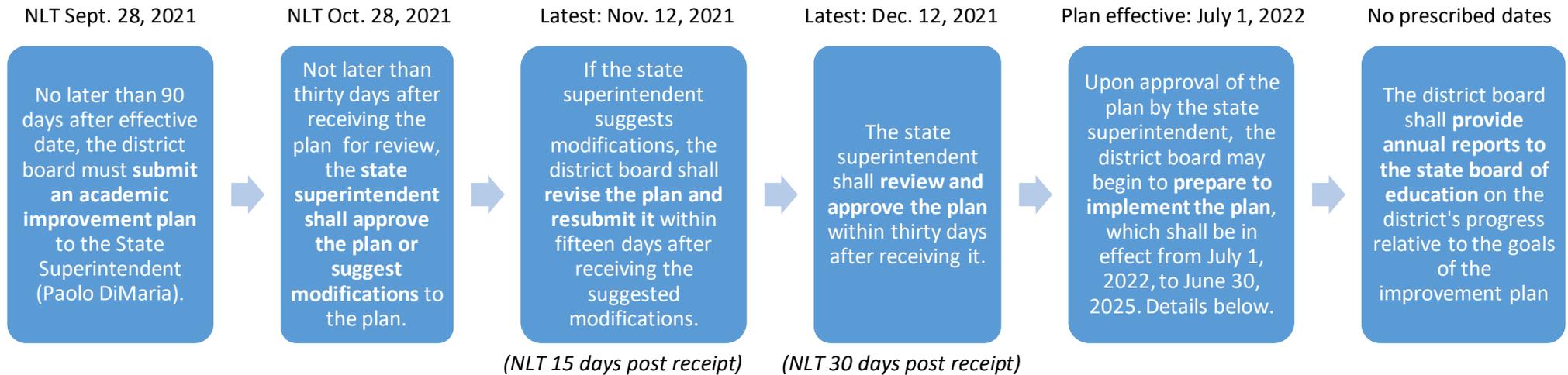


**Academic Distress Commission Policy Under Consideration in HB 110  
(The State Operating Budget)**

**TIMELINE**



**Mandatory Audit**

- One provision of the bill requires the **Auditor of State to complete an audit** of all affected districts between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2025.
- The bill does not specify any additional obligation of for a school district related to the audit.

**The Academic Improvement Plan – Content and Duration**

The academic improvement plan must:

- Be submitted by the district board “in consultation with the appropriate stakeholders, the academic distress commission, and the chief executive officer appointed by that commission”
- Operate for a period of three school years
- Include annual and overall academic improvement benchmarks for the district.
- Include an explanation of strategies for achieving the annual and overall academic improvement benchmarks.
- Begin July 1, 2022 and continue until at least June 20, 2025.

**Dissolving the ADC Permanently**

- If the district meets a majority of the academic improvement benchmarks established in its plan, the ADC shall be dissolved, and the district board shall continue exercising all powers granted to it.
- This can happen at the end of the initial three years, or after an extension (see next page).

**During the school years in which the district is implementing the plan:**

- The district shall not be subject to section 3302.10 of the Revised Code.
- The district board shall reassume all powers granted to a district board under the Revised Code.
- The district's academic distress commission shall continue to exist and aid the district but shall not have any operational or managerial control of the district.
- The CEO shall be removed from that position.
- The district board may choose to employ the CEO as district superintendent. If the district board enters into a contract for district superintendent with that individual while the district is implementing the improvement plan, the Ohio Department of Education shall continue compensating the former CEO under the terms of that individual's CEO contract.

**Conclusion of the Process Established by the Legislation**

- At the end of three school years under the plan, the district shall be evaluated by the state board based on the academic improvement benchmarks established in the plan, and the board's evaluation outcomes include:

Finding	Result
District meets at least a majority of the plan's academic improvement benchmarks at the end of year 3, 4, or 5.	ADC dissolved, the district board continues exercising all powers granted to it.
District does not meet at least a majority of the plan's academic improvement benchmarks at the end of year 3, or at the end of year 4 / year 5, if an extension has been granted.	District board may apply to the state superintendent for an extension of one school year to continue implementing the plan, pending approval by the state superintendent (extensions may be requested only twice).
District does not meet at least a majority of benchmarks at the end of five school years -OR - the state superintendent does not approve a district's application for an extension	ADC resumes control of the district and must appoint a new CEO, who assumes all powers specified in ORC 3302.10.