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**A BILL**

To amend sections 3313.603, 3314.03, 3326.11, and 1  
3328.24 and to enact section 3319.2310 of the 2  
Revised Code to enact the "Student Protection 3  
Act" to require that high school health 4  
instruction include self-defense training. 5

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That sections 3313.603, 3314.03, 3326.11, and 6  
3328.24 be amended and section 3319.2310 of the Revised Code be 7  
enacted to read as follows: 8

**Sec. 3313.603.** (A) As used in this section: 9

(1) "One unit" means a minimum of one hundred twenty hours 10  
of course instruction, except that for a laboratory course, "one 11  
unit" means a minimum of one hundred fifty hours of course 12  
instruction. 13

(2) "One-half unit" means a minimum of sixty hours of 14  
course instruction, except that for physical education courses, 15  
"one-half unit" means a minimum of one hundred twenty hours of 16  
course instruction. 17

(B) Beginning September 15, 2001, except as required in	18
division (C) of this section and division (C) of section	19
3313.614 of the Revised Code, the requirements for graduation	20
from every high school shall include twenty units earned in	21
grades nine through twelve and shall be distributed as follows:	22
(1) English language arts, four units;	23
(2) Health, one-half unit;	24
(3) Mathematics, three units;	25
(4) Physical education, one-half unit;	26
(5) Science, two units until September 15, 2003, and three	27
units thereafter, which at all times shall include both of the	28
following:	29
(a) Biological sciences, one unit;	30
(b) Physical sciences, one unit.	31
(6) History and government, one unit, which shall comply	32
with division (M) of this section and shall include both of the	33
following:	34
(a) American history, one-half unit;	35
(b) American government, one-half unit.	36
(7) Social studies, two units.	37
Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the	38
first time on or after July 1, 2017, the two units of	39
instruction prescribed by division (B) (7) of this section shall	40
include at least one-half unit of instruction in the study of	41
world history and civilizations.	42
(8) Elective units, seven units until September 15, 2003,	43

and six units thereafter. 44

Each student's electives shall include at least one unit, 45  
or two half units, chosen from among the areas of 46  
business/technology, fine arts, and/or foreign language. 47

(C) Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the 48  
first time on or after July 1, 2010, except as provided in 49  
divisions (D) to (F) of this section, the requirements for 50  
graduation from every public and chartered nonpublic high school 51  
shall include twenty units that are designed to prepare students 52  
for the workforce and college. The units shall be distributed as 53  
follows: 54

(1) English language arts, four units; 55

(2) Health, one-half unit, which shall include instruction 56  
in nutrition and the benefits of nutritious foods and physical 57  
activity for overall health. 58

Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the 59  
first time on or after July 1, 2023, the one-half unit of health 60  
instruction required under division (C)(2) of this section shall 61  
include self-defense instruction with a demonstration provided 62  
by a school resource officer, as defined in section 3313.951 of 63  
the Revised Code, or another certified self-defense instructor. 64

(3) Mathematics, four units, which shall include one unit 65  
of algebra II or the equivalent of algebra II, or one unit of 66  
advanced computer science as described in the standards adopted 67  
pursuant to division (A)(4) of section 3301.079 of the Revised 68  
Code. However, students who enter ninth grade for the first time 69  
on or after July 1, 2015, and who are pursuing a career- 70  
technical instructional track shall not be required to take 71  
algebra II or advanced computer science, and instead may 72

complete a career-based pathway mathematics course approved by 73  
the department of education as an alternative. 74

For students who choose to take advanced computer science 75  
in lieu of algebra II under division (C)(3) of this section, the 76  
school shall communicate to those students that some 77  
institutions of higher education may require algebra II for the 78  
purpose of college admission. Also, the parent, guardian, or 79  
legal custodian of each student who chooses to take advanced 80  
computer science in lieu of algebra II shall sign and submit to 81  
the school a document containing a statement acknowledging that 82  
not taking algebra II may have an adverse effect on college 83  
admission decisions. 84

A student may fulfill one unit of mathematics under 85  
division (C)(3) of this section by completing one-half unit of 86  
financial literacy instruction to satisfy the requirement 87  
prescribed under division (C)(9) of this section and one-half 88  
unit of a mathematics course. The one-half unit course in 89  
mathematics shall not be in algebra II, or its equivalent, or a 90  
course for which the state board requires an end-of-course 91  
examination under section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code. 92

Students who choose to take one unit of advanced computer 93  
science in lieu of algebra II, as described in division (C)(3) 94  
of this section, shall not be permitted to complete one-half 95  
unit of financial literacy instruction to satisfy the 96  
mathematics unit requirements of that division. Instead, those 97  
students shall be required to complete the one-half unit of 98  
financial literacy instruction under division (C)(8) of this 99  
section. 100

(4) Physical education, one-half unit; 101

(5) Science, three units with inquiry-based laboratory	102
experience that engages students in asking valid scientific	103
questions and gathering and analyzing information, which shall	104
include the following, or their equivalent:	105
(a) Physical sciences, one unit;	106
(b) Life sciences, one unit;	107
(c) Advanced study in one or more of the following	108
sciences, one unit:	109
(i) Chemistry, physics, or other physical science;	110
(ii) Advanced biology or other life science;	111
(iii) Astronomy, physical geology, or other earth or space	112
science;	113
(iv) Computer science.	114
No student shall substitute a computer science course for	115
a life sciences or biology course under division (C) (5) of this	116
section.	117
(6) History and government, one unit, which shall comply	118
with division (M) of this section and shall include both of the	119
following:	120
(a) American history, one-half unit;	121
(b) American government, one-half unit.	122
(7) Social studies, two units.	123
Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the	124
first time on or after July 1, 2017, the two units of	125
instruction prescribed by division (C) (7) of this section shall	126
include at least one-half unit of instruction in the study of	127

world history and civilizations.	128
(8) Five units consisting of one or any combination of	129
foreign language, fine arts, business, career-technical	130
education, family and consumer sciences, technology which may	131
include computer science, agricultural education, a junior	132
reserve officer training corps (JROTC) program approved by the	133
Congress of the United States under title 10 of the United	134
States Code, or English language arts, mathematics, science, or	135
social studies courses not otherwise required under division (C)	136
of this section.	137
One-half unit of instruction under division (C) (8) of this	138
section may be instruction in financial literacy to satisfy the	139
requirement under division (C) (9) of this section.	140
(9) (a) Except as provided in division (C) (9) (b) of this	141
section, for students who enter ninth grade for the first time	142
on or after July 1, 2022, financial literacy, one-half unit.	143
Each student shall elect to complete the one-half unit of	144
instruction in financial literacy either in lieu of one-half	145
unit of instruction in mathematics under division (C) (3) of this	146
section or an elective under division (C) (8) of this section.	147
(b) A student attending a nonpublic school accredited	148
through the independent schools association of the central	149
states or any other chartered nonpublic school shall not be	150
required to complete the one-half unit of financial literacy	151
instruction prescribed in division (C) (9) (a) of this section,	152
unless that student is attending the school under a state	153
scholarship program as defined in section 3301.0711 of the	154
Revised Code.	155
The study and instruction of financial literacy required	156

under division (C) (9) of this section shall align with the 157  
academic content standards for financial literacy and 158  
entrepreneurship adopted under division (A) (2) of section 159  
3301.079 of the Revised Code. In developing the curriculum for 160  
the study and instruction of financial literacy, schools may use 161  
available public-private partnerships and resources and 162  
materials that exist in business, industry, and through the 163  
centers for economics education at institutions of higher 164  
education. 165

Ohioans must be prepared to apply increased knowledge and 166  
skills in the workplace and to adapt their knowledge and skills 167  
quickly to meet the rapidly changing conditions of the twenty- 168  
first century. National studies indicate that all high school 169  
graduates need the same academic foundation, regardless of the 170  
opportunities they pursue after graduation. The goal of Ohio's 171  
system of elementary and secondary education is to prepare all 172  
students for and seamlessly connect all students to success in 173  
life beyond high school graduation, regardless of whether the 174  
next step is entering the workforce, beginning an 175  
apprenticeship, engaging in post-secondary training, serving in 176  
the military, or pursuing a college degree. 177

The requirements for graduation prescribed in division (C) 178  
of this section are the standard expectation for all students 179  
entering ninth grade for the first time at a public or chartered 180  
nonpublic high school on or after July 1, 2010. A student may 181  
satisfy this expectation through a variety of methods, 182  
including, but not limited to, integrated, applied, career- 183  
technical, and traditional coursework. 184

Stronger coordination between high schools and 185  
institutions of higher education is necessary to prepare 186

students for more challenging academic endeavors and to lessen 187  
the need for academic remediation in college, thereby reducing 188  
the costs of higher education for Ohio's students, families, and 189  
the state. The state board and the chancellor of higher 190  
education shall develop policies to ensure that only in rare 191  
instances will students who complete the requirements for 192  
graduation prescribed in division (C) of this section require 193  
academic remediation after high school. 194

School districts, community schools, and chartered 195  
nonpublic schools shall integrate technology into learning 196  
experiences across the curriculum in order to maximize 197  
efficiency, enhance learning, and prepare students for success 198  
in the technology-driven twenty-first century. Districts and 199  
schools shall use distance and web-based course delivery as a 200  
method of providing or augmenting all instruction required under 201  
this division, including laboratory experience in science. 202  
Districts and schools shall utilize technology access and 203  
electronic learning opportunities provided by the broadcast 204  
educational media commission, chancellor, the Ohio learning 205  
network, education technology centers, public television 206  
stations, and other public and private providers. 207

(D) Except as provided in division (E) of this section, a 208  
student who enters ninth grade on or after July 1, 2010, and 209  
before July 1, 2016, may qualify for graduation from a public or 210  
chartered nonpublic high school even though the student has not 211  
completed the requirements for graduation prescribed in division 212  
(C) of this section if all of the following conditions are 213  
satisfied: 214

(1) During the student's third year of attending high 215  
school, as determined by the school, the student and the 216



student's parent, guardian, or custodian sign and file with the 217  
school a written statement asserting the parent's, guardian's, 218  
or custodian's consent to the student's graduating without 219  
completing the requirements for graduation prescribed in 220  
division (C) of this section and acknowledging that one 221  
consequence of not completing those requirements is 222  
ineligibility to enroll in most state universities in Ohio 223  
without further coursework. 224

(2) The student and parent, guardian, or custodian fulfill 225  
any procedural requirements the school stipulates to ensure the 226  
student's and parent's, guardian's, or custodian's informed 227  
consent and to facilitate orderly filing of statements under 228  
division (D)(1) of this section. Annually, each district or 229  
school shall notify the department of the number of students who 230  
choose to qualify for graduation under division (D) of this 231  
section and the number of students who complete the student's 232  
success plan and graduate from high school. 233

(3) The student and the student's parent, guardian, or 234  
custodian and a representative of the student's high school 235  
jointly develop a student success plan for the student in the 236  
manner described in division (C)(1) of section 3313.6020 of the 237  
Revised Code that specifies the student matriculating to a two- 238  
year degree program, acquiring a business and industry- 239  
recognized credential, or entering an apprenticeship. 240

(4) The student's high school provides counseling and 241  
support for the student related to the plan developed under 242  
division (D)(3) of this section during the remainder of the 243  
student's high school experience. 244

(5) (a) Except as provided in division (D)(5)(b) of this 245  
section, the student successfully completes, at a minimum, the 246

curriculum prescribed in division (B) of this section.	247
(b) Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2014, a student shall be required to complete successfully, at the minimum, the curriculum prescribed in division (B) of this section, except as follows:	248 249 250 251
(i) Mathematics, four units, one unit which shall be one of the following:	252 253
(I) Probability and statistics;	254
(II) Computer science;	255
(III) Applied mathematics or quantitative reasoning;	256
(IV) Any other course approved by the department using standards established by the superintendent not later than October 1, 2014.	257 258 259
(ii) Elective units, five units;	260
(iii) Science, three units as prescribed by division (B) of this section which shall include inquiry-based laboratory experience that engages students in asking valid scientific questions and gathering and analyzing information.	261 262 263 264
(E) Each school district and chartered nonpublic school retains the authority to require an even more challenging minimum curriculum for high school graduation than specified in division (B) or (C) of this section. A school district board of education, through the adoption of a resolution, or the governing authority of a chartered nonpublic school may stipulate any of the following:	265 266 267 268 269 270 271
(1) A minimum high school curriculum that requires more than twenty units of academic credit to graduate;	272 273

(2) An exception to the district's or school's minimum high school curriculum that is comparable to the exception provided in division (D) of this section but with additional requirements, which may include a requirement that the student successfully complete more than the minimum curriculum prescribed in division (B) of this section;

(3) That no exception comparable to that provided in division (D) of this section is available.

If a school district or chartered nonpublic school requires a foreign language as an additional graduation requirement under division (E) of this section, a student may apply one unit of instruction in computer coding to satisfy one unit of foreign language. If a student applies more than one computer coding course to satisfy the foreign language requirement, the courses shall be sequential and progressively more difficult.

(F) A student enrolled in a dropout prevention and recovery program, which program has received a waiver from the department, may qualify for graduation from high school by successfully completing a competency-based instructional program administered by the dropout prevention and recovery program in lieu of completing the requirements for graduation prescribed in division (C) of this section. 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 303  
level behind their cohort age groups or experience crises that 304  
significantly interfere with their academic progress such that 305  
they are prevented from continuing their traditional programs. 306

(3) The program requires students to attain at least the 307  
applicable score designated for each of the assessments 308  
prescribed under division (B) (1) of section 3301.0710 of the 309  
Revised Code or, to the extent prescribed by rule of the state 310  
board under division (D) (5) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised 311  
Code, division (B) (2) of that section. 312

(4) The program develops a student success plan for the 313  
student in the manner described in division (C) (1) of section 314  
3313.6020 of the Revised Code that specifies the student's 315  
matriculating to a two-year degree program, acquiring a business 316  
and industry-recognized credential, or entering an 317  
apprenticeship. 318

(5) The program provides counseling and support for the 319  
student related to the plan developed under division (F) (4) of 320  
this section during the remainder of the student's high school 321  
experience. 322

(6) The program requires the student and the student's 323  
parent, guardian, or custodian to sign and file, in accordance 324  
with procedural requirements stipulated by the program, a 325  
written statement asserting the parent's, guardian's, or 326  
custodian's consent to the student's graduating without 327  
completing the requirements for graduation prescribed in 328  
division (C) of this section and acknowledging that one 329  
consequence of not completing those requirements is 330  
ineligibility to enroll in most state universities in Ohio 331  
without further coursework. 332

(7) Prior to receiving the waiver, the program has 333  
submitted to the department an instructional plan that 334  
demonstrates how the academic content standards adopted by the 335  
state board under section 3301.079 of the Revised Code will be 336  
taught and assessed. 337

(8) Prior to receiving the waiver, the program has 338  
submitted to the department a policy on career advising that 339  
satisfies the requirements of section 3313.6020 of the Revised 340  
Code, with an emphasis on how every student will receive career 341  
advising. 342

(9) Prior to receiving the waiver, the program has 343  
submitted to the department a written agreement outlining the 344  
future cooperation between the program and any combination of 345  
local job training, postsecondary education, nonprofit, and 346  
health and social service organizations to provide services for 347  
students in the program and their families. 348

Divisions (F) (8) and (9) of this section apply only to 349  
waivers granted on or after July 1, 2015. 350

If the department does not act either to grant the waiver 351  
or to reject the program application for the waiver within sixty 352  
days as required under this section, the waiver shall be 353  
considered to be granted. 354

(G) Every high school may permit students below the ninth 355  
grade to take advanced work. If a high school so permits, it 356  
shall award high school credit for successful completion of the 357  
advanced work and shall count such advanced work toward the 358  
graduation requirements of division (B) or (C) of this section 359  
if the advanced work was both: 360

(1) Taught by a person who possesses a license or 361

certificate issued under section 3301.071, 3319.22, or 3319.222 362  
of the Revised Code that is valid for teaching high school; 363

(2) Designated by the board of education of the city, 364  
local, or exempted village school district, the board of the 365  
cooperative education school district, or the governing 366  
authority of the chartered nonpublic school as meeting the high 367  
school curriculum requirements. 368

Each high school shall record on the student's high school 369  
transcript all high school credit awarded under division (G) of 370  
this section. In addition, if the student completed a seventh- 371  
or eighth-grade fine arts course described in division (K) of 372  
this section and the course qualified for high school credit 373  
under that division, the high school shall record that course on 374  
the student's high school transcript. 375

(H) The department shall make its individual academic 376  
career plan available through its Ohio career information system 377  
web site for districts and schools to use as a tool for 378  
communicating with and providing guidance to students and 379  
families in selecting high school courses. 380

(I) A school district or chartered nonpublic school may 381  
integrate academic content in a subject area for which the state 382  
board has adopted standards under section 3301.079 of the 383  
Revised Code into a course in a different subject area, 384  
including a career-technical education course, in accordance 385  
with guidance for integrated coursework developed by the 386  
department. Upon successful completion of an integrated course, 387  
a student may receive credit for both subject areas that were 388  
integrated into the course. Units earned for subject area 389  
content delivered through integrated academic and career- 390  
technical instruction are eligible to meet the graduation 391

requirements of division (B) or (C) of this section. 392

For purposes of meeting graduation requirements, if an 393  
end-of-course examination has been prescribed under section 394  
3301.0712 of the Revised Code for the subject area delivered 395  
through integrated instruction, the school district or school 396  
may administer the related subject area examinations upon the 397  
student's completion of the integrated course. 398

Nothing in division (I) of this section shall be construed 399  
to excuse any school district, chartered nonpublic school, or 400  
student from any requirement in the Revised Code related to 401  
curriculum, assessments, or the awarding of a high school 402  
diploma. 403

(J) (1) The state board, in consultation with the 404  
chancellor, shall adopt a statewide plan implementing methods 405  
for students to earn units of high school credit based on a 406  
demonstration of subject area competency, instead of or in 407  
combination with completing hours of classroom instruction. The 408  
state board shall adopt the plan not later than March 31, 2009, 409  
and commence phasing in the plan during the 2009-2010 school 410  
year. The plan shall include a standard method for recording 411  
demonstrated proficiency on high school transcripts. Each school 412  
district and community school shall comply with the state 413  
board's plan adopted under this division and award units of high 414  
school credit in accordance with the plan. The state board may 415  
adopt existing methods for earning high school credit based on a 416  
demonstration of subject area competency as necessary prior to 417  
the 2009-2010 school year. 418

(2) Not later than December 31, 2015, the state board 419  
shall update the statewide plan adopted pursuant to division (J) 420  
(1) of this section to also include methods for students 421

enrolled in seventh and eighth grade to meet curriculum 422  
requirements based on a demonstration of subject area 423  
competency, instead of or in combination with completing hours 424  
of classroom instruction. Beginning with the 2017-2018 school 425  
year, each school district and community school also shall 426  
comply with the updated plan adopted pursuant to this division 427  
and permit students enrolled in seventh and eighth grade to meet 428  
curriculum requirements based on subject area competency in 429  
accordance with the plan. 430

(3) Not later than December 31, 2017, the department shall 431  
develop a framework for school districts and community schools 432  
to use in granting units of high school credit to students who 433  
demonstrate subject area competency through work-based learning 434  
experiences, internships, or cooperative education. Beginning 435  
with the 2018-2019 school year, each district and community 436  
school shall comply with the framework. Each district and 437  
community school also shall review any policy it has adopted 438  
regarding the demonstration of subject area competency to 439  
identify ways to incorporate work-based learning experiences, 440  
internships, and cooperative education into the policy in order 441  
to increase student engagement and opportunities to earn units 442  
of high school credit. 443

(K) This division does not apply to students who qualify 444  
for graduation from high school under division (D) or (F) of 445  
this section, or to students pursuing a career-technical 446  
instructional track as determined by the school district board 447  
of education or the chartered nonpublic school's governing 448  
authority. Nevertheless, the general assembly encourages such 449  
students to consider enrolling in a fine arts course as an 450  
elective. 451



Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the 452  
first time on or after July 1, 2010, each student enrolled in a 453  
public or chartered nonpublic high school shall complete two 454  
semesters or the equivalent of fine arts to graduate from high 455  
school. The coursework may be completed in any of grades seven 456  
to twelve. Each student who completes a fine arts course in 457  
grade seven or eight may elect to count that course toward the 458  
five units of electives required for graduation under division 459  
(C) (8) of this section, if the course satisfied the requirements 460  
of division (G) of this section. In that case, the high school 461  
shall award the student high school credit for the course and 462  
count the course toward the five units required under division 463  
(C) (8) of this section. If the course in grade seven or eight 464  
did not satisfy the requirements of division (G) of this 465  
section, the high school shall not award the student high school 466  
credit for the course but shall count the course toward the two 467  
semesters or the equivalent of fine arts required by this 468  
division. 469

(L) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this 470  
section, the board of education of each school district and the 471  
governing authority of each chartered nonpublic school may adopt 472  
a policy to excuse from the high school physical education 473  
requirement each student who, during high school, has 474  
participated in interscholastic athletics, marching band, show 475  
choir, or cheerleading for at least two full seasons or in the 476  
junior reserve officer training corps for at least two full 477  
school years. If the board or authority adopts such a policy, 478  
the board or authority shall not require the student to complete 479  
any physical education course as a condition to graduate. 480  
However, the student shall be required to complete one-half 481  
unit, consisting of at least sixty hours of instruction, in 482

another course of study. In the case of a student who has 483  
participated in the junior reserve officer training corps for at 484  
least two full school years, credit received for that 485  
participation may be used to satisfy the requirement to complete 486  
one-half unit in another course of study. 487

(M) It is important that high school students learn and 488  
understand United States history and the governments of both the 489  
United States and the state of Ohio. Therefore, beginning with 490  
students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after 491  
July 1, 2012, the study of American history and American 492  
government required by divisions (B) (6) and (C) (6) of this 493  
section shall include the study of all of the following 494  
documents: 495

(1) The Declaration of Independence; 496

(2) The Northwest Ordinance; 497

(3) The Constitution of the United States with emphasis on 498  
the Bill of Rights; 499

(4) The Ohio Constitution. 500

The study of each of the documents prescribed in divisions 501  
(M) (1) to (4) of this section shall include study of that 502  
document in its original context. 503

The study of American history and government required by 504  
divisions (B) (6) and (C) (6) of this section shall include the 505  
historical evidence of the role of documents such as the 506  
Federalist Papers and the Anti-Federalist Papers to firmly 507  
establish the historical background leading to the establishment 508  
of the provisions of the Constitution and Bill of Rights. 509

(N) A student may apply one unit of instruction in 510

computer science to satisfy one unit of mathematics or one unit 511  
of science under division (C) of this section as the student 512  
chooses, regardless of the field of certification of the teacher 513  
who teaches the course, so long as that teacher meets the 514  
licensure requirements prescribed by section 3319.236 of the 515  
Revised Code and, prior to teaching the course, completes a 516  
professional development program determined to be appropriate by 517  
the district board. 518

If a student applies more than one computer science course 519  
to satisfy curriculum requirements under that division, the 520  
courses shall be sequential and progressively more difficult or 521  
cover different subject areas within computer science. 522

**Sec. 3314.03.** A copy of every contract entered into under 523  
this section shall be filed with the superintendent of public 524  
instruction. The department of education shall make available on 525  
its web site a copy of every approved, executed contract filed 526  
with the superintendent under this section. 527

(A) Each contract entered into between a sponsor and the 528  
governing authority of a community school shall specify the 529  
following: 530

(1) That the school shall be established as either of the 531  
following: 532

(a) A nonprofit corporation established under Chapter 533  
1702. of the Revised Code, if established prior to April 8, 534  
2003; 535

(b) A public benefit corporation established under Chapter 536  
1702. of the Revised Code, if established after April 8, 2003. 537

(2) The education program of the school, including the 538  
school's mission, the characteristics of the students the school 539

is expected to attract, the ages and grades of students, and the focus of the curriculum; 540  
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(3) The academic goals to be achieved and the method of measurement that will be used to determine progress toward those goals, which shall include the statewide achievement assessments; 542  
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(4) Performance standards, including but not limited to all applicable report card measures set forth in section 3302.03 or 3314.017 of the Revised Code, by which the success of the school will be evaluated by the sponsor; 546  
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(5) The admission standards of section 3314.06 of the Revised Code and, if applicable, section 3314.061 of the Revised Code; 550  
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(6) (a) Dismissal procedures; 553

(b) A requirement that the governing authority adopt an attendance policy that includes a procedure for automatically withdrawing a student from the school if the student without a legitimate excuse fails to participate in seventy-two consecutive hours of the learning opportunities offered to the student. 554  
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(7) The ways by which the school will achieve racial and ethnic balance reflective of the community it serves; 560  
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(8) Requirements for financial audits by the auditor of state. The contract shall require financial records of the school to be maintained in the same manner as are financial records of school districts, pursuant to rules of the auditor of state. Audits shall be conducted in accordance with section 117.10 of the Revised Code. 562  
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(9) An addendum to the contract outlining the facilities	568
to be used that contains at least the following information:	569
(a) A detailed description of each facility used for	570
instructional purposes;	571
(b) The annual costs associated with leasing each facility	572
that are paid by or on behalf of the school;	573
(c) The annual mortgage principal and interest payments	574
that are paid by the school;	575
(d) The name of the lender or landlord, identified as	576
such, and the lender's or landlord's relationship to the	577
operator, if any.	578
(10) Qualifications of teachers, including a requirement	579
that the school's classroom teachers be licensed in accordance	580
with sections 3319.22 to 3319.31 of the Revised Code, except	581
that a community school may engage noncertificated persons to	582
teach up to twelve hours or forty hours per week pursuant to	583
section 3319.301 of the Revised Code.	584
(11) That the school will comply with the following	585
requirements:	586
(a) The school will provide learning opportunities to a	587
minimum of twenty-five students for a minimum of nine hundred	588
twenty hours per school year.	589
(b) The governing authority will purchase liability	590
insurance, or otherwise provide for the potential liability of	591
the school.	592
(c) The school will be nonsectarian in its programs,	593
admission policies, employment practices, and all other	594
operations, and will not be operated by a sectarian school or	595

religious institution. 596

(d) The school will comply with sections 9.90, 9.91, 597  
109.65, 121.22, 149.43, 2151.357, 2151.421, 2313.19, 3301.0710, 598  
3301.0711, 3301.0712, 3301.0715, 3301.0729, 3301.948, 3302.037, 599  
3313.472, 3313.50, 3313.539, 3313.5310, 3313.608, 3313.609, 600  
3313.6012, 3313.6013, 3313.6014, 3313.6015, 3313.6020, 601  
3313.6024, 3313.6025, 3313.6026, 3313.643, 3313.648, 3313.6411, 602  
3313.66, 3313.661, 3313.662, 3313.666, 3313.667, 3313.668, 603  
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3321.041, 3321.13, 3321.14, 3321.141, 3321.17, 3321.18, 3321.19, 610  
3323.251, 3327.10, 4111.17, 4113.52, 5502.262, and 5705.391 and 611  
Chapters 117., 1347., 2744., 3365., 3742., 4112., 4123., 4141., 612  
and 4167. of the Revised Code as if it were a school district 613  
and will comply with section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code in 614  
the manner specified in section 3314.17 of the Revised Code. 615

(e) The school shall comply with Chapter 102. and section 616  
2921.42 of the Revised Code. 617

(f) The school will comply with sections 3313.61, 618  
3313.611, 3313.614, 3313.617, 3313.618, and 3313.6114 of the 619  
Revised Code, except that for students who enter ninth grade for 620  
the first time before July 1, 2010, the requirement in sections 621  
3313.61 and 3313.611 of the Revised Code that a person must 622  
successfully complete the curriculum in any high school prior to 623  
receiving a high school diploma may be met by completing the 624  
curriculum adopted by the governing authority of the community 625

school rather than the curriculum specified in Title XXXIII of 626  
the Revised Code or any rules of the state board of education. 627  
Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the first time 628  
on or after July 1, 2010, the requirement in sections 3313.61 629  
and 3313.611 of the Revised Code that a person must successfully 630  
complete the curriculum of a high school prior to receiving a 631  
high school diploma shall be met by completing the requirements 632  
prescribed in section 3313.6027 and division (C) of section 633  
3313.603 of the Revised Code, unless the person qualifies under 634  
division (D) or (F) of that section. Each school shall comply 635  
with the plan for awarding high school credit based on 636  
demonstration of subject area competency, and beginning with the 637  
2017-2018 school year, with the updated plan that permits 638  
students enrolled in seventh and eighth grade to meet curriculum 639  
requirements based on subject area competency adopted by the 640  
state board of education under divisions (J) (1) and (2) of 641  
section 3313.603 of the Revised Code. Beginning with the 2018- 642  
2019 school year, the school shall comply with the framework for 643  
granting units of high school credit to students who demonstrate 644  
subject area competency through work-based learning experiences, 645  
internships, or cooperative education developed by the 646  
department under division (J) (3) of section 3313.603 of the 647  
Revised Code. 648

(g) The school governing authority will submit within four 649  
months after the end of each school year a report of its 650  
activities and progress in meeting the goals and standards of 651  
divisions (A) (3) and (4) of this section and its financial 652  
status to the sponsor and the parents of all students enrolled 653  
in the school. 654

(h) The school, unless it is an internet- or computer- 655  
based community school, will comply with section 3313.801 of the 656

Revised Code as if it were a school district. 657

(i) If the school is the recipient of moneys from a grant 658  
awarded under the federal race to the top program, Division (A), 659  
Title XIV, Sections 14005 and 14006 of the "American Recovery 660  
and Reinvestment Act of 2009," Pub. L. No. 111-5, 123 Stat. 115, 661  
the school will pay teachers based upon performance in 662  
accordance with section 3317.141 and will comply with section 663  
3319.111 of the Revised Code as if it were a school district. 664

(j) If the school operates a preschool program that is 665  
licensed by the department of education under sections 3301.52 666  
to 3301.59 of the Revised Code, the school shall comply with 667  
sections 3301.50 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code and the minimum 668  
standards for preschool programs prescribed in rules adopted by 669  
the state board under section 3301.53 of the Revised Code. 670

(k) The school will comply with sections 3313.6021 and 671  
3313.6023 of the Revised Code as if it were a school district 672  
unless it is either of the following: 673

(i) An internet- or computer-based community school; 674

(ii) A community school in which a majority of the 675  
enrolled students are children with disabilities as described in 676  
division (A) (4) (b) of section 3314.35 of the Revised Code. 677

(l) The school will comply with section 3321.191 of the 678  
Revised Code, unless it is an internet- or computer-based 679  
community school that is subject to section 3314.261 of the 680  
Revised Code. 681

(12) Arrangements for providing health and other benefits 682  
to employees; 683

(13) The length of the contract, which shall begin at the 684



beginning of an academic year. No contract shall exceed five 685  
years unless such contract has been renewed pursuant to division 686  
(E) of this section. 687

(14) The governing authority of the school, which shall be 688  
responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract; 689

(15) A financial plan detailing an estimated school budget 690  
for each year of the period of the contract and specifying the 691  
total estimated per pupil expenditure amount for each such year. 692

(16) Requirements and procedures regarding the disposition 693  
of employees of the school in the event the contract is 694  
terminated or not renewed pursuant to section 3314.07 of the 695  
Revised Code; 696

(17) Whether the school is to be created by converting all 697  
or part of an existing public school or educational service 698  
center building or is to be a new start-up school, and if it is 699  
a converted public school or service center building, 700  
specification of any duties or responsibilities of an employer 701  
that the board of education or service center governing board 702  
that operated the school or building before conversion is 703  
delegating to the governing authority of the community school 704  
with respect to all or any specified group of employees provided 705  
the delegation is not prohibited by a collective bargaining 706  
agreement applicable to such employees; 707

(18) Provisions establishing procedures for resolving 708  
disputes or differences of opinion between the sponsor and the 709  
governing authority of the community school; 710

(19) A provision requiring the governing authority to 711  
adopt a policy regarding the admission of students who reside 712  
outside the district in which the school is located. That policy 713

shall comply with the admissions procedures specified in 714  
sections 3314.06 and 3314.061 of the Revised Code and, at the 715  
sole discretion of the authority, shall do one of the following: 716

(a) Prohibit the enrollment of students who reside outside 717  
the district in which the school is located; 718

(b) Permit the enrollment of students who reside in 719  
districts adjacent to the district in which the school is 720  
located; 721

(c) Permit the enrollment of students who reside in any 722  
other district in the state. 723

(20) A provision recognizing the authority of the 724  
department of education to take over the sponsorship of the 725  
school in accordance with the provisions of division (C) of 726  
section 3314.015 of the Revised Code; 727

(21) A provision recognizing the sponsor's authority to 728  
assume the operation of a school under the conditions specified 729  
in division (B) of section 3314.073 of the Revised Code; 730

(22) A provision recognizing both of the following: 731

(a) The authority of public health and safety officials to 732  
inspect the facilities of the school and to order the facilities 733  
closed if those officials find that the facilities are not in 734  
compliance with health and safety laws and regulations; 735

(b) The authority of the department of education as the 736  
community school oversight body to suspend the operation of the 737  
school under section 3314.072 of the Revised Code if the 738  
department has evidence of conditions or violations of law at 739  
the school that pose an imminent danger to the health and safety 740  
of the school's students and employees and the sponsor refuses 741

to take such action. 742

(23) A description of the learning opportunities that will 743  
be offered to students including both classroom-based and non- 744  
classroom-based learning opportunities that is in compliance 745  
with criteria for student participation established by the 746  
department under division (H) (2) of section 3314.08 of the 747  
Revised Code; 748

(24) The school will comply with sections 3302.04 and 749  
3302.041 of the Revised Code, except that any action required to 750  
be taken by a school district pursuant to those sections shall 751  
be taken by the sponsor of the school. However, the sponsor 752  
shall not be required to take any action described in division 753  
(F) of section 3302.04 of the Revised Code. 754

(25) Beginning in the 2006-2007 school year, the school 755  
will open for operation not later than the thirtieth day of 756  
September each school year, unless the mission of the school as 757  
specified under division (A) (2) of this section is solely to 758  
serve dropouts. In its initial year of operation, if the school 759  
fails to open by the thirtieth day of September, or within one 760  
year after the adoption of the contract pursuant to division (D) 761  
of section 3314.02 of the Revised Code if the mission of the 762  
school is solely to serve dropouts, the contract shall be void. 763

(26) Whether the school's governing authority is planning 764  
to seek designation for the school as a STEM school equivalent 765  
under section 3326.032 of the Revised Code; 766

(27) That the school's attendance and participation 767  
policies will be available for public inspection; 768

(28) That the school's attendance and participation 769  
records shall be made available to the department of education, 770

auditor of state, and school's sponsor to the extent permitted 771  
under and in accordance with the "Family Educational Rights and 772  
Privacy Act of 1974," 88 Stat. 571, 20 U.S.C. 1232g, as amended, 773  
and any regulations promulgated under that act, and section 774  
3319.321 of the Revised Code; 775

(29) If a school operates using the blended learning 776  
model, as defined in section 3301.079 of the Revised Code, all 777  
of the following information: 778

(a) An indication of what blended learning model or models 779  
will be used; 780

(b) A description of how student instructional needs will 781  
be determined and documented; 782

(c) The method to be used for determining competency, 783  
granting credit, and promoting students to a higher grade level; 784

(d) The school's attendance requirements, including how 785  
the school will document participation in learning 786  
opportunities; 787

(e) A statement describing how student progress will be 788  
monitored; 789

(f) A statement describing how private student data will 790  
be protected; 791

(g) A description of the professional development 792  
activities that will be offered to teachers. 793

(30) A provision requiring that all moneys the school's 794  
operator loans to the school, including facilities loans or cash 795  
flow assistance, must be accounted for, documented, and bear 796  
interest at a fair market rate; 797

(31) A provision requiring that, if the governing authority contracts with an attorney, accountant, or entity specializing in audits, the attorney, accountant, or entity shall be independent from the operator with which the school has contracted.

(32) A provision requiring the governing authority to adopt an enrollment and attendance policy that requires a student's parent to notify the community school in which the student is enrolled when there is a change in the location of the parent's or student's primary residence.

(33) A provision requiring the governing authority to adopt a student residence and address verification policy for students enrolling in or attending the school.

(B) The community school shall also submit to the sponsor a comprehensive plan for the school. The plan shall specify the following:

(1) The process by which the governing authority of the school will be selected in the future;

(2) The management and administration of the school;

(3) If the community school is a currently existing public school or educational service center building, alternative arrangements for current public school students who choose not to attend the converted school and for teachers who choose not to teach in the school or building after conversion;

(4) The instructional program and educational philosophy of the school;

(5) Internal financial controls.

When submitting the plan under this division, the school

shall also submit copies of all policies and procedures 826  
regarding internal financial controls adopted by the governing 827  
authority of the school. 828

(C) A contract entered into under section 3314.02 of the 829  
Revised Code between a sponsor and the governing authority of a 830  
community school may provide for the community school governing 831  
authority to make payments to the sponsor, which is hereby 832  
authorized to receive such payments as set forth in the contract 833  
between the governing authority and the sponsor. The total 834  
amount of such payments for monitoring, oversight, and technical 835  
assistance of the school shall not exceed three per cent of the 836  
total amount of payments for operating expenses that the school 837  
receives from the state. 838

(D) The contract shall specify the duties of the sponsor 839  
which shall be in accordance with the written agreement entered 840  
into with the department of education under division (B) of 841  
section 3314.015 of the Revised Code and shall include the 842  
following: 843

(1) Monitor the community school's compliance with all 844  
laws applicable to the school and with the terms of the 845  
contract; 846

(2) Monitor and evaluate the academic and fiscal 847  
performance and the organization and operation of the community 848  
school on at least an annual basis; 849

(3) Report on an annual basis the results of the 850  
evaluation conducted under division (D) (2) of this section to 851  
the department of education and to the parents of students 852  
enrolled in the community school; 853

(4) Provide technical assistance to the community school 854

in complying with laws applicable to the school and terms of the 855  
contract; 856

(5) Take steps to intervene in the school's operation to 857  
correct problems in the school's overall performance, declare 858  
the school to be on probationary status pursuant to section 859  
3314.073 of the Revised Code, suspend the operation of the 860  
school pursuant to section 3314.072 of the Revised Code, or 861  
terminate the contract of the school pursuant to section 3314.07 862  
of the Revised Code as determined necessary by the sponsor; 863

(6) Have in place a plan of action to be undertaken in the 864  
event the community school experiences financial difficulties or 865  
closes prior to the end of a school year. 866

(E) Upon the expiration of a contract entered into under 867  
this section, the sponsor of a community school may, with the 868  
approval of the governing authority of the school, renew that 869  
contract for a period of time determined by the sponsor, but not 870  
ending earlier than the end of any school year, if the sponsor 871  
finds that the school's compliance with applicable laws and 872  
terms of the contract and the school's progress in meeting the 873  
academic goals prescribed in the contract have been 874  
satisfactory. Any contract that is renewed under this division 875  
remains subject to the provisions of sections 3314.07, 3314.072, 876  
and 3314.073 of the Revised Code. 877

(F) If a community school fails to open for operation 878  
within one year after the contract entered into under this 879  
section is adopted pursuant to division (D) of section 3314.02 880  
of the Revised Code or permanently closes prior to the 881  
expiration of the contract, the contract shall be void and the 882  
school shall not enter into a contract with any other sponsor. A 883  
school shall not be considered permanently closed because the 884

operations of the school have been suspended pursuant to section 885  
3314.072 of the Revised Code. 886

Sec. 3319.2310. (A) Beginning with the 2023-2024 school 887  
year, a school district or chartered nonpublic school shall 888  
require an individual providing health instruction to students 889  
in any of grades nine through twelve to complete a course in 890  
self-defense training. 891

(B) Each school district or chartered nonpublic school 892  
shall determine which courses meet the training requirements of 893  
this section and how often individuals providing health 894  
instruction shall be required to complete a course in self- 895  
defense training. 896

(C) Any coursework taken pursuant to this section shall 897  
count toward professional development requirements for renewal 898  
of a license issued under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code. 899

**Sec. 3326.11.** Each science, technology, engineering, and 900  
mathematics school established under this chapter and its 901  
governing body shall comply with sections 9.90, 9.91, 109.65, 902  
121.22, 149.43, 2151.357, 2151.421, 2313.19, 2921.42, 2921.43, 903  
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5502.262, and 5705.391 and Chapters 102., 117., 1347., 2744., 920  
3307., 3309., 3365., 3742., 4112., 4123., 4141., and 4167. of 921  
the Revised Code as if it were a school district. 922

**Sec. 3328.24.** A college-preparatory boarding school 923  
established under this chapter and its board of trustees shall 924  
comply with sections 102.02, 3301.0710, 3301.0711, 3301.0712, 925  
3301.0714, 3301.0729, 3301.948, 3302.037, 3313.6013, 3313.6021, 926  
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3319.39, 3319.391, 3319.393, 3319.46, 3320.01, 3320.02, 3320.03, 930  
3323.251, and 5502.262, and Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code as 931  
if the school were a school district and the school's board of 932  
trustees were a district board of education. 933

**Section 2.** That existing sections 3313.603, 3314.03, 934  
3326.11, and 3328.24 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 935

**Section 3.** This act shall be known as the "Student 936  
Protection Act." 937

**Section 4.** Section 3328.24 of the Revised Code is 938  
presented in this act as a composite of the section as amended 939  
by both H.B. 82 and H.B. 110 of the 134th General Assembly. The 940  
General Assembly, applying the principle stated in division (B) 941  
of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments are to be 942  
harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous operation, 943  
finds that the composite is the resulting version of the section 944

in effect prior to the effective date of the section as  
presented in this act.

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