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A BILL

To amend section 3313.60 of the Revised Code to
require instruction in cursive handwriting.

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

Section 1. That section 3313.60 of the Revised Code be
amended to read as follows:

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Sec. 3313.60. Notwithstanding division (D) of section
3311.52 of the Revised Code, divisions (A) to (E) of this
section do not apply to any cooperative education school
district established pursuant to divisions (A) to (C) of section
3311.52 of the Revised Code.

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(A) The board of education of each city, exempted village,
and local school district and the board of each cooperative
education school district established, pursuant to section
3311.521 of the Revised Code, shall prescribe a curriculum for
all schools under its control. Except as provided in division
(E) of this section, in any such curriculum there shall be
included the study of the following subjects:

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(1) The language arts, including reading, writing,

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spelling, oral and written English, and literature;	18
(2) Geography, the history of the United States and of Ohio, and national, state, and local government in the United States, including a balanced presentation of the relevant contributions to society of men and women of African, Mexican, Puerto Rican, and American Indian descent as well as other ethnic and racial groups in Ohio and the United States;	19 20 21 22 23 24
(3) Mathematics;	25
(4) Natural science, including instruction in the conservation of natural resources;	26 27
(5) Health education, which shall include instruction in:	28
(a) The nutritive value of foods, including natural and organically produced foods, the relation of nutrition to health, and the use and effects of food additives;	29 30 31
(b) The harmful effects of and legal restrictions against the use of drugs of abuse, alcoholic beverages, and tobacco;	32 33
(c) Venereal disease education, except that upon written request of the student's parent or guardian, a student shall be excused from taking instruction in venereal disease education;	34 35 36
(d) In grades kindergarten through six, instruction in personal safety and assault prevention, except that upon written request of the student's parent or guardian, a student shall be excused from taking instruction in personal safety and assault prevention;	37 38 39 40 41
(e) In grades seven through twelve, age-appropriate instruction in dating violence prevention education, which shall include instruction in recognizing dating violence warning signs and characteristics of healthy relationships.	42 43 44 45

In order to assist school districts in developing a dating violence prevention education curriculum, the department of education shall provide on its web site links to free curricula addressing dating violence prevention.

If the parent or legal guardian of a student less than eighteen years of age submits to the principal of the student's school a written request to examine the dating violence prevention instruction materials used at that school, the principal, within a reasonable period of time after the request is made, shall allow the parent or guardian to examine those materials at that school.

(f) Prescription opioid abuse prevention, with an emphasis on the prescription drug epidemic and the connection between prescription opioid abuse and addiction to other drugs, such as heroin.

(6) Physical education;

(7) The fine arts, including music;

(8) First aid, including a training program in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, safety, and fire prevention, except that upon written request of the student's parent or guardian, a student shall be excused from taking instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation;

(9) Handwriting instruction in kindergarten through fifth grade to ensure that students develop the ability to print letters and words legibly by third grade and to create readable documents using legible cursive handwriting by the end of fifth grade.

(B) Except as provided in division (E) of this section, every school or school district shall include in the

requirements for promotion from the eighth grade to the ninth 75
grade one year's course of study of American history. A board 76
may waive this requirement for academically accelerated students 77
who, in accordance with procedures adopted by the board, are 78
able to demonstrate mastery of essential concepts and skills of 79
the eighth grade American history course of study. 80

(C) As specified in divisions (B) (6) and (C) (6) of section 81
3313.603 of the Revised Code, except as provided in division (E) 82
of this section, every high school shall include in the 83
requirements for graduation from any curriculum one-half unit 84
each of American history and government. 85

(D) Except as provided in division (E) of this section, 86
basic instruction or demonstrated mastery in geography, United 87
States history, the government of the United States, the 88
government of the state of Ohio, local government in Ohio, the 89
Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, and 90
the Constitution of the state of Ohio shall be required before 91
pupils may participate in courses involving the study of social 92
problems, economics, foreign affairs, United Nations, world 93
government, socialism, and communism. 94

(E) For each cooperative education school district 95
established pursuant to section 3311.521 of the Revised Code and 96
each city, exempted village, and local school district that has 97
territory within such a cooperative district, the curriculum 98
adopted pursuant to divisions (A) to (D) of this section shall 99
only include the study of the subjects that apply to the grades 100
operated by each such school district. The curriculums for such 101
schools, when combined, shall provide to each student of these 102
districts all of the subjects required under divisions (A) to 103
(D) of this section. 104

(F) The board of education of any cooperative education school district established pursuant to divisions (A) to (C) of section 3311.52 of the Revised Code shall prescribe a curriculum for the subject areas and grade levels offered in any school under its control.

(G) Upon the request of any parent or legal guardian of a student, the board of education of any school district shall permit the parent or guardian to promptly examine, with respect to the parent's or guardian's own child:

(1) Any survey or questionnaire, prior to its administration to the child;

(2) Any textbook, workbook, software, video, or other instructional materials being used by the district in connection with the instruction of the child;

(3) Any completed and graded test taken or survey or questionnaire filled out by the child;

(4) Copies of the statewide academic standards and each model curriculum developed pursuant to section 3301.079 of the Revised Code, which copies shall be available at all times during school hours in each district school building.

Section 2. That existing section 3313.60 of the Revised Code is hereby repealed.

Section 3. The Department of Education shall assist school districts in identifying the most appropriate means for integrating the requirements of division (A) (9) of section 3313.60, as amended by this act, into the existing curriculum and in identifying instructional materials to meet those requirements.