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**A BILL**

To amend section 3318.031 and to enact section 1  
3301.80 of the Revised Code to require the State 2  
Board of Education to adopt rules prescribing 3  
standards for safety enhancements to new public 4  
and nonpublic school facilities and to require 5  
the Ohio School Facilities Commission to revise 6  
its construction and design standards to comply 7  
with the State Board's standards. 8

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

**Section 1.** That section 3318.031 be amended and section 9  
3301.80 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 10

**Sec. 3301.80.** (A) Not later than ninety days after the 11  
effective date of this section, in accordance with Chapter 119. 12  
of the Revised Code, the state board of education shall adopt 13  
rules prescribing safety standards for use in the construction 14  
of new school facilities for public schools and chartered and 15  
nonchartered nonpublic schools. Those standards shall include 16  
design provisions to enhance the overall safety and well-being 17  
of students and staff including, but not limited to, the 18  
following: 19

<u>(1) Surveillance video;</u>	20
<u>(2) Entryway metal detectors;</u>	21
<u>(3) Direct entrance and exit routes located within a classroom, which may only be accessed from inside that classroom;</u>	22 23 24
<u>(4) An effective means of communication between classrooms and the administrative offices;</u>	25 26
<u>(5) A real-time notification device located within a classroom, such as a panic button, to alert local area law enforcement when a staff member encounters a dangerous situation;</u>	27 28 29 30
<u>(6) A means of threat containment, which may include a barrier system to lock down the portion of a building wherein a threat has been identified.</u>	31 32 33
<u>(B) The standards shall require new schools to include at least two of the safety enhancements described in division (A) of this section. The standards also shall expressly permit a new school to include more than two such enhancements.</u>	34 35 36 37
<b>Sec. 3318.031.</b> (A) The Ohio school facilities commission shall consider student and staff safety and health when reviewing design plans for classroom facility construction projects proposed under this chapter. After consulting with appropriate education, health, and law enforcement personnel, the commission may require as a condition of project approval under either section 3318.03 or division (B) (1) of section 3318.41 of the Revised Code such changes in the design plans as the commission believes will advance or improve student and staff safety and health in the proposed classroom facility.	38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47

To carry out its duties under this division, the 48  
commission shall review and, if necessary, amend any 49  
construction and design standards used in its project approval 50  
process, including standards for location and number of exits, 51  
standards for lead safety in classroom facilities constructed 52  
before 1978 in which services are provided to children under six 53  
years of age, and location of restrooms, with a focus on 54  
advancing student and staff safety and health. 55

(B) When reviewing design standards for classroom facility 56  
construction projects proposed under this chapter, the 57  
commission shall also consider the extent to which the design 58  
standards support the following: 59

(1) Trends in educational delivery methods, including 60  
digital access and blended learning; 61

(2) Provision of sufficient space for training new 62  
teachers and promotion of collaboration among teaching 63  
candidates, experienced teachers, and teacher educators; 64

(3) Provision of adequate space for teacher planning and 65  
collaboration; 66

(4) Provision of adequate space for parent involvement 67  
activities; 68

(5) Provision of sufficient space for innovative 69  
partnerships between schools and health and social service 70  
agencies. 71

(C) Not later than one hundred eighty days after the 72  
effective date of this amendment, the commission shall amend the 73  
construction and design standards used in the approval process 74  
of any new classroom facilities to comply with the standards 75  
adopted by the state board of education pursuant to section 76

3301.80 of the Revised Code.

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**Section 2.** That existing section 3318.031 of the Revised  
Code is hereby repealed.

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