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A BILL

To amend sections 3301.0721 and 3301.0722 of the Revised Code to require the State Board of Education to develop and adopt a model curriculum in cursive handwriting instruction, which may be used by public schools.

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

Section 1. That sections 3301.0721 and 3301.0722 of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3301.0721. (A) The superintendent of public instruction shall develop a model curriculum for instruction in college and career readiness and financial literacy. The curriculum shall focus on grades seven through twelve, but the superintendent may include other grade levels. When the model curriculum has been developed, the department of education shall notify all school districts, community schools established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, and STEM schools established
under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code of the content of the curriculum. Any district or school may utilize the model curriculum.

(B) The state board of education shall adopt a model curriculum for instruction in cursive handwriting in grades kindergarten through five to ensure that students develop the ability to print letters and words legibly by grade three and to create readable documents using legible cursive handwriting by the end of grade five. When the model curriculum has been adopted, the department shall notify all school districts, community schools, STEM schools, and college-preparatory boarding schools of the content of the curriculum. Any district or school may utilize the model curriculum.

Sec. 3301.0722. As used in this section and section 3301.0721 of the Revised Code, "form" means any report, document, paper, computer software program, or other instrument used in the management information system created by section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code or used to gather required or requested education data under division (I) of section 3301.07 of the Revised Code or any other provision of state or federal statute or rule.

Beginning July 1, 1992, the state board of education, the superintendent of public instruction, or the department of education shall not put into use any new form or any modified version of any previously existing form, unless the new or modified form has been submitted to the unit established pursuant to section 3301.133 of the Revised Code, the unit has reviewed the form, and the superintendent has considered the findings of the review and the unit's recommendations.

Section 2. That existing sections 3301.0721 and 3301.0722
of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.

Section 3. The State Board of Education shall develop the model curriculum prescribed in division (B) of section 3301.0721 of the Revised Code not later than December 31, 2018. The State Board of Education shall make a decision on whether to adopt the model curriculum not later than March 31, 2019, so that it is ready for use in the 2019-2020 school year.