A BILL

To enact section 3781.60 of the Revised Code to require certain baseball stadiums to install protective netting.

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

Section 1. That section 3781.60 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 3781.60. (A) As used in this section, "infield wall" means the wall separating a baseball field from the stadium seating along both the right and the left fields. "Infield wall" does not include the outfield wall.

(B) A baseball stadium used for major or minor league baseball games shall have in place protective netting in accordance with all of the following:

(1) The netting shall be installed from the end of the dugout to the foul poles in both the left and the right fields;

(2) The size of the mesh of the netting shall meet the standards adopted by the major baseball league;

(3) (a) The height of the netting shall extend from the top
of the infield wall to a point equal to the height of the top row of seats of the section of seating being protected.

(b) The height of the netting may vary from one seating section to another to account for differences in the configuration of the existing seating structure, but must comply with division (B)(3)(a) of this section.

(C)(1) The netting required under division (B) of this section may be installed in such a way that allows it to be temporarily removed or lowered.

(2) Notwithstanding division (C)(1) of this section, such netting must be in place during all major and minor league baseball games.

(D) The netting required under this section shall be installed not later than April 1, 2021.