A BILL

To provide for discretion to school districts regarding educational requirements of substitute teachers for the 2020-2021 school year and to declare an emergency.

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

Section 1. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section 3319.226 of the Revised Code, or the rules of the State Board of Education, a school district board of education may, in accordance with the district's own set of educational requirements, employ an individual as a substitute teacher, for the 2020-2021 school year only, provided that all other requirements and procedures contained in section 3319.226 of the Revised Code and in rule 3301-23-44 of the Administrative Code with respect to that individual's qualifications are satisfied.

Section 2. This act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety. The reason for such necessity is to ensure school districts can employ an adequate number of substitute teachers for the 2020-2021 school year to address the needs of the state arising from the COVID-19 outbreak.
Therefore, this act shall go into immediate effect.