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**A BILL**

To amend sections 3302.03, 3307.01, 3309.011, 1  
3313.12, 3314.011, 3314.015, 3314.016, 3314.02, 2  
3314.021, 3314.023, 3314.024, 3314.027, 3  
3314.029, 3314.03, 3314.07, 3314.074, 3314.10, 4  
3314.19, 3314.23, 3314.27, 3314.35, 3314.351, 5  
3314.50, and 3317.034; to enact sections 6  
117.105, 3302.037, 3309.013, 3313.131, 3314.019, 7  
3314.025, 3314.0210, 3314.031, 3314.032, 8  
3314.034, 3314.035, 3314.036, 3314.037, 9  
3314.038, 3314.039, 3314.251, 3314.271, and 10  
3314.46; and to repeal section 3314.026 of the 11  
Revised Code; and to repeal Section 263.660 of 12  
Am. Sub. H.B. 64 of the 131st General Assembly 13  
with regard to governance, sponsorship, and 14  
management of community schools and community 15  
school employee membership in the School 16  
Employees Retirement System and State Teachers 17

Retirement System; to require the Department of 18  
Education to study a regression formula for 19  
measuring student academic performance; to limit 20  
the total annual amount of compensation that a 21  
school district or educational service center 22  
board member may receive; and to revise the 23  
conditions of enrollment status for high school 24  
students. 25

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

**Section 1.** That sections 3302.03, 3307.01, 3309.011, 26  
3313.12, 3314.011, 3314.015, 3314.016, 3314.02, 3314.021, 27  
3314.023, 3314.024, 3314.027, 3314.029, 3314.03, 3314.07, 28  
3314.074, 3314.10, 3314.19, 3314.23, 3314.27, 3314.35, 3314.351, 29  
3314.50, and 3317.034 be amended and sections 117.105, 3302.037, 30  
3309.013, 3313.131, 3314.019, 3314.025, 3314.0210, 3314.031, 31  
3314.032, 3314.034, 3314.035, 3314.036, 3314.037, 3314.038, 32  
3314.039, 3314.251, 3314.271, and 3314.46 of the Revised Code be 33  
enacted to read as follows: 34

**Sec. 117.105.** The auditor of state shall provide written 35  
notice to the sponsor of a community school regarding any action 36  
taken against or upcoming audits of a community school to assist 37  
the sponsor in complying with the requirements of section 38  
3314.019 of the Revised Code. 39

**Sec. 3302.03.** Annually, not later than the fifteenth day 40  
of September or the preceding Friday when that day falls on a 41  
Saturday or Sunday, the department of education shall assign a 42  
letter grade for overall academic performance and for each 43

separate performance measure for each school district, and each 44  
school building in a district, in accordance with this section. 45  
The state board shall adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of 46  
the Revised Code to establish performance criteria for each 47  
letter grade and prescribe a method by which the department 48  
assigns each letter grade. For a school building to which any of 49  
the performance measures do not apply, due to grade levels 50  
served by the building, the state board shall designate the 51  
performance measures that are applicable to the building and 52  
that must be calculated separately and used to calculate the 53  
building's overall grade. The department shall issue annual 54  
report cards reflecting the performance of each school district, 55  
each building within each district, and for the state as a whole 56  
using the performance measures and letter grade system described 57

in this section. The department shall include on the 58  
report card for each district and each building within each 59  
district the most recent two-year trend data in student 60  
achievement for each subject and each grade. 61

(A) (1) For the 2012-2013 school year, the department shall 62  
issue grades as described in division (E) of this section for 63  
each of the following performance measures: 64

(a) Annual measurable objectives; 65

(b) Performance index score for a school district or 66  
building. Grades shall be awarded as a percentage of the total 67  
possible points on the performance index system as adopted by 68  
the state board. In adopting benchmarks for assigning letter 69  
grades under division (A) (1) (b) of this section, the state board 70  
of education shall designate ninety per cent or higher for an 71  
"A," at least seventy per cent but not more than eighty per cent 72  
for a "C," and less than fifty per cent for an "F." 73

(c) The extent to which the school district or building 74  
meets each of the applicable performance indicators established 75  
by the state board under section 3302.02 of the Revised Code and 76  
the percentage of applicable performance indicators that have 77  
been achieved. In adopting benchmarks for assigning letter 78  
grades under division (A)(1)(c) of this section, the state board 79  
shall designate ninety per cent or higher for an "A." 80

(d) The four- and five-year adjusted cohort graduation 81  
rates. 82

In adopting benchmarks for assigning letter grades under 83  
division (A)(1)(d), (B)(1)(d), or (C)(1)(d) of this section, the 84  
department shall designate a four-year adjusted cohort 85  
graduation rate of ninety-three per cent or higher for an "A" 86  
and a five-year cohort graduation rate of ninety-five per cent 87  
or higher for an "A." 88

(e) The overall score under the value-added progress 89  
dimension of a school district or building, for which the 90  
department shall use up to three years of value-added data as 91  
available. The letter grade assigned for this growth measure 92  
shall be as follows: 93

(i) A score that is at least two standard errors of 94  
measure above the mean score shall be designated as an "A." 95

(ii) A score that is at least one standard error of 96  
measure but less than two standard errors of measure above the 97  
mean score shall be designated as a "B." 98

(iii) A score that is less than one standard error of 99  
measure above the mean score but greater than or equal to one 100  
standard error of measure below the mean score shall be 101  
designated as a "C." 102

(iv) A score that is not greater than one standard error of measure below the mean score but is greater than or equal to two standard errors of measure below the mean score shall be designated as a "D." 103  
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(v) A score that is not greater than two standard errors of measure below the mean score shall be designated as an "F." 107  
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Whenever the value-added progress dimension is used as a graded performance measure, whether as an overall measure or as a measure of separate subgroups, the grades for the measure shall be calculated in the same manner as prescribed in division (A) (1) (e) of this section. 109  
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(f) The value-added progress dimension score for a school district or building disaggregated for each of the following subgroups: students identified as gifted, students with disabilities, and students whose performance places them in the lowest quintile for achievement on a statewide basis. Each subgroup shall be a separate graded measure. 114  
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(2) Not later than April 30, 2013, the state board of education shall adopt a resolution describing the performance measures, benchmarks, and grading system for the 2012-2013 school year and, not later than June 30, 2013, shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code that prescribe the methods by which the performance measures under division (A) (1) of this section shall be assessed and assigned a letter grade, including performance benchmarks for each letter grade. 120  
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At least forty-five days prior to the state board's adoption of rules to prescribe the methods by which the performance measures under division (A) (1) of this section shall 129  
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be assessed and assigned a letter grade, the department shall 132  
conduct a public presentation before the standing committees of 133  
the house of representatives and the senate that consider 134  
education legislation describing such methods, including 135  
performance benchmarks. 136

(3) There shall not be an overall letter grade for a 137  
school district or building for the 2012-2013 school year. 138

(B) (1) For the 2013-2014 school year, the department shall 139  
issue grades as described in division (E) of this section for 140  
each of the following performance measures: 141

(a) Annual measurable objectives; 142

(b) Performance index score for a school district or 143  
building. Grades shall be awarded as a percentage of the total 144  
possible points on the performance index system as created by 145  
the department. In adopting benchmarks for assigning letter 146  
grades under division (B) (1) (b) of this section, the state board 147  
shall designate ninety per cent or higher for an "A," at least 148  
seventy per cent but not more than eighty per cent for a "C," 149  
and less than fifty per cent for an "F." 150

(c) The extent to which the school district or building 151  
meets each of the applicable performance indicators established 152  
by the state board under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code and 153  
the percentage of applicable performance indicators that have 154  
been achieved. In adopting benchmarks for assigning letter 155  
grades under division (B) (1) (c) of this section, the state board 156  
shall designate ninety per cent or higher for an "A." 157

(d) The four- and five-year adjusted cohort graduation 158  
rates; 159

(e) The overall score under the value-added progress 160

dimension of a school district or building, for which the 161  
department shall use up to three years of value-added data as 162  
available. 163

(f) The value-added progress dimension score for a school 164  
district or building disaggregated for each of the following 165  
subgroups: students identified as gifted in superior cognitive 166  
ability and specific academic ability fields under Chapter 3324. 167  
of the Revised Code, students with disabilities, and students 168  
whose performance places them in the lowest quintile for 169  
achievement on a statewide basis. Each subgroup shall be a 170  
separate graded measure. 171

(g) Whether a school district or building is making 172  
progress in improving literacy in grades kindergarten through 173  
three, as determined using a method prescribed by the state 174  
board. The state board shall adopt rules to prescribe benchmarks 175  
and standards for assigning grades to districts and buildings 176  
for purposes of division (B) (1) (g) of this section. In adopting 177  
benchmarks for assigning letter grades under divisions (B) (1) (g) 178  
and (C) (1) (g) of this section, the state board shall determine 179  
progress made based on the reduction in the total percentage of 180  
students scoring below grade level, or below proficient, 181  
compared from year to year on the reading and writing diagnostic 182  
assessments administered under section 3301.0715 of the Revised 183  
Code and the third grade English language arts assessment under 184  
section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code, as applicable. The state 185  
board shall designate for a "C" grade a value that is not lower 186  
than the statewide average value for this measure. No grade 187  
shall be issued under divisions (B) (1) (g) and (C) (1) (g) of this 188  
section for a district or building in which less than five per 189  
cent of students have scored below grade level on the diagnostic 190  
assessment administered to students in kindergarten under 191

division (B) (1) of section 3313.608 of the Revised Code. 192

(h) For a high mobility school district or building, an 193  
additional value-added progress dimension score. For this 194  
measure, the department shall use value-added data from the most 195  
recent school year available and shall use assessment scores for 196  
only those students to whom the district or building has 197  
administered the assessments prescribed by section 3301.0710 of 198  
the Revised Code for each of the two most recent consecutive 199  
school years. 200

As used in this division, "high mobility school district 201  
or building" means a school district or building where at least 202  
twenty-five per cent of its total enrollment is made up of 203  
students who have attended that school district or building for 204  
less than one year. 205

(2) In addition to the graded measures in division (B) (1) 206  
of this section, the department shall include on a school 207  
district's or building's report card all of the following 208  
without an assigned letter grade: 209

(a) The percentage of students enrolled in a district or 210  
building participating in advanced placement classes and the 211  
percentage of those students who received a score of three or 212  
better on advanced placement examinations; 213

(b) The number of a district's or building's students who 214  
have earned at least three college credits through dual 215  
enrollment or advanced standing programs, such as the post- 216  
secondary enrollment options program under Chapter 3365. of the 217  
Revised Code and state-approved career-technical courses offered 218  
through dual enrollment or statewide articulation, that appear 219  
on a student's transcript or other official document, either of 220



which is issued by the institution of higher education from 221  
which the student earned the college credit. The credits earned 222  
that are reported under divisions (B) (2) (b) and (C) (2) (c) of 223  
this section shall not include any that are remedial or 224  
developmental and shall include those that count toward the 225  
curriculum requirements established for completion of a degree. 226

(c) The percentage of students enrolled in a district or 227  
building who have taken a national standardized test used for 228  
college admission determinations and the percentage of those 229  
students who are determined to be remediation-free in accordance 230  
with standards adopted under division (F) of section 3345.061 of 231  
the Revised Code; 232

(d) The percentage of the district's or the building's 233  
students who receive industry-recognized credentials. The state 234  
board shall adopt criteria for acceptable industry-recognized 235  
credentials. 236

(e) The percentage of students enrolled in a district or 237  
building who are participating in an international baccalaureate 238  
program and the percentage of those students who receive a score 239  
of four or better on the international baccalaureate 240  
examinations. 241

(f) The percentage of the district's or building's 242  
students who receive an honors diploma under division (B) of 243  
section 3313.61 of the Revised Code. 244

(3) Not later than December 31, 2013, the state board 245  
shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised 246  
Code that prescribe the methods by which the performance 247  
measures under divisions (B) (1) (f) and (B) (1) (g) of this section 248  
will be assessed and assigned a letter grade, including 249

performance benchmarks for each grade.	250
At least forty-five days prior to the state board's	251
adoption of rules to prescribe the methods by which the	252
performance measures under division (B)(1) of this section shall	253
be assessed and assigned a letter grade, the department shall	254
conduct a public presentation before the standing committees of	255
the house of representatives and the senate that consider	256
education legislation describing such methods, including	257
performance benchmarks.	258
(4) There shall not be an overall letter grade for a	259
school district or building for the 2013-2014 school year.	260
(C) (1) For the 2014-2015 school year and each school year	261
thereafter, the department shall issue grades as described in	262
division (E) of this section for each of the performance	263
measures prescribed in division (C) (1) of this section and an	264
overall letter grade based on an aggregate of those measures,	265
except for the performance measure set forth in division (C) (1)	266
(h) of this section. The graded measures are as follows:	267
(a) Annual measurable objectives;	268
(b) Performance index score for a school district or	269
building. Grades shall be awarded as a percentage of the total	270
possible points on the performance index system as created by	271
the department. In adopting benchmarks for assigning letter	272
grades under division (C) (1) (b) of this section, the state board	273
shall designate ninety per cent or higher for an "A," at least	274
seventy per cent but not more than eighty per cent for a "C,"	275
and less than fifty per cent for an "F."	276
(c) The extent to which the school district or building	277
meets each of the applicable performance indicators established	278

by the state board under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code and 279  
the percentage of applicable performance indicators that have 280  
been achieved. In adopting benchmarks for assigning letter 281  
grades under division (C) (1) (c) of this section, the state board 282  
shall designate ninety per cent or higher for an "A." 283

(d) The four- and five-year adjusted cohort graduation 284  
rates; 285

(e) The overall score under the value-added progress 286  
dimension, or another measure of student academic progress if 287  
adopted by the state board, of a school district or building, 288  
for which the department shall use up to three years of value- 289  
added data as available. 290

In adopting benchmarks for assigning letter grades for 291  
overall score on value-added progress dimension under division 292  
(C) (1) (e) of this section, the state board shall prohibit the 293  
assigning of a grade of "A" for that measure unless the 294  
district's or building's grade assigned for value-added progress 295  
dimension for all subgroups under division (C) (1) (f) of this 296  
section is a "B" or higher. 297

For the metric prescribed by division (C) (1) (e) of this 298  
section, the state board may adopt a student academic progress 299  
measure to be used instead of the value-added progress 300  
dimension. If the state board adopts such a measure, it also 301  
shall prescribe a method for assigning letter grades for the new 302  
measure that is comparable to the method prescribed in division 303  
(A) (1) (e) of this section. 304

(f) The value-added progress dimension score of a school 305  
district or building disaggregated for each of the following 306  
subgroups: students identified as gifted in superior cognitive 307

ability and specific academic ability fields under Chapter 3324. 308  
of the Revised Code, students with disabilities, and students 309  
whose performance places them in the lowest quintile for 310  
achievement on a statewide basis, as determined by a method 311  
prescribed by the state board. Each subgroup shall be a separate 312  
graded measure. 313

The state board may adopt student academic progress 314  
measures to be used instead of the value-added progress 315  
dimension. If the state board adopts such measures, it also 316  
shall prescribe a method for assigning letter grades for the new 317  
measures that is comparable to the method prescribed in division 318  
(A) (1) (e) of this section. 319

(g) Whether a school district or building is making 320  
progress in improving literacy in grades kindergarten through 321  
three, as determined using a method prescribed by the state 322  
board. The state board shall adopt rules to prescribe benchmarks 323  
and standards for assigning grades to a district or building for 324  
purposes of division (C) (1) (g) of this section. The state board 325  
shall designate for a "C" grade a value that is not lower than 326  
the statewide average value for this measure. No grade shall be 327  
issued under division (C) (1) (g) of this section for a district 328  
or building in which less than five per cent of students have 329  
scored below grade level on the kindergarten diagnostic 330  
assessment under division (B) (1) of section 3313.608 of the 331  
Revised Code. 332

(h) For a high mobility school district or building, an 333  
additional value-added progress dimension score. For this 334  
measure, the department shall use value-added data from the most 335  
recent school year available and shall use assessment scores for 336  
only those students to whom the district or building has 337

administered the assessments prescribed by section 3301.0710 of 338  
the Revised Code for each of the two most recent consecutive 339  
school years. 340

As used in this division, "high mobility school district 341  
or building" means a school district or building where at least 342  
twenty-five per cent of its total enrollment is made up of 343  
students who have attended that school district or building for 344  
less than one year. 345

(2) In addition to the graded measures in division (C) (1) 346  
of this section, the department shall include on a school 347  
district's or building's report card all of the following 348  
without an assigned letter grade: 349

(a) The percentage of students enrolled in a district or 350  
building who have taken a national standardized test used for 351  
college admission determinations and the percentage of those 352  
students who are determined to be remediation-free in accordance 353  
with the standards adopted under division (F) of section 354  
3345.061 of the Revised Code; 355

(b) The percentage of students enrolled in a district or 356  
building participating in advanced placement classes and the 357  
percentage of those students who received a score of three or 358  
better on advanced placement examinations; 359

(c) The percentage of a district's or building's students 360  
who have earned at least three college credits through advanced 361  
standing programs, such as the college credit plus program under 362  
Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code and state-approved career- 363  
technical courses offered through dual enrollment or statewide 364  
articulation, that appear on a student's college transcript 365  
issued by the institution of higher education from which the 366

student earned the college credit. The credits earned that are 367  
reported under divisions (B) (2) (b) and (C) (2) (c) of this section 368  
shall not include any that are remedial or developmental and 369  
shall include those that count toward the curriculum 370  
requirements established for completion of a degree. 371

(d) The percentage of the district's or building's 372  
students who receive an honor's diploma under division (B) of 373  
section 3313.61 of the Revised Code; 374

(e) The percentage of the district's or building's 375  
students who receive industry-recognized credentials; 376

(f) The percentage of students enrolled in a district or 377  
building who are participating in an international baccalaureate 378  
program and the percentage of those students who receive a score 379  
of four or better on the international baccalaureate 380  
examinations; 381

(g) The results of the college and career-ready 382  
assessments administered under division (B) (1) of section 383  
3301.0712 of the Revised Code. 384

(3) The state board shall adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 385  
119. of the Revised Code that establish a method to assign an 386  
overall grade for a school district or school building for the 387  
2014-2015 school year and each school year thereafter. The rules 388  
shall group the performance measures in divisions (C) (1) and (2) 389  
of this section into the following components: 390

(a) Gap closing, which shall include the performance 391  
measure in division (C) (1) (a) of this section; 392

(b) Achievement, which shall include the performance 393  
measures in divisions (C) (1) (b) and (c) of this section; 394

(c) Progress, which shall include the performance measures	395
in divisions (C)(1)(e) and (f) of this section;	396
(d) Graduation, which shall include the performance	397
measure in division (C)(1)(d) of this section;	398
(e) Kindergarten through third-grade literacy, which shall	399
include the performance measure in division (C)(1)(g) of this	400
section;	401
(f) Prepared for success, which shall include the	402
performance measures in divisions (C)(2)(a), (b), (c), (d), (e),	403
and (f) of this section. The state board shall develop a method	404
to determine a grade for the component in division (C)(3)(f) of	405
this section using the performance measures in divisions (C)(2)	406
(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f) of this section. When	407
available, the state board may incorporate the performance	408
measure under division (C)(2)(g) of this section into the	409
component under division (C)(3)(f) of this section. When	410
determining the overall grade for the prepared for success	411
component prescribed by division (C)(3)(f) of this section, no	412
individual student shall be counted in more than one performance	413
measure. However, if a student qualifies for more than one	414
performance measure in the component, the state board may, in	415
its method to determine a grade for the component, specify an	416
additional weight for such a student that is not greater than or	417
equal to 1.0. In determining the overall score under division	418
(C)(3)(f) of this section, the state board shall ensure that the	419
pool of students included in the performance measures aggregated	420
under that division are all of the students included in the	421
four- and five-year adjusted graduation cohort.	422
In the rules adopted under division (C)(3) of this	423
section, the state board shall adopt a method for determining a	424

grade for each component in divisions (C) (3) (a) to (f) of this 425  
section. The state board also shall establish a method to assign 426  
an overall grade of "A," "B," "C," "D," or "F" using the grades 427  
assigned for each component. The method the state board adopts 428  
for assigning an overall grade shall give equal weight to the 429  
components in divisions (C) (3) (b) and (c) of this section. 430

At least forty-five days prior to the state board's 431  
adoption of rules to prescribe the methods for calculating the 432  
overall grade for the report card, as required by this division, 433  
the department shall conduct a public presentation before the 434  
standing committees of the house of representatives and the 435  
senate that consider education legislation describing the format 436  
for the report card, weights that will be assigned to the 437  
components of the overall grade, and the method for calculating 438  
the overall grade. 439

(D) Not later than July 1, 2015, the state board shall 440  
develop a measure of student academic progress for high school 441  
students using only data from assessments in English language 442  
arts and mathematics. For the 2014-2015 school year, the 443  
department shall include this measure on a school district or 444  
building's report card, as applicable, without an assigned 445  
letter grade. Beginning with the report card for the 2015-2016 446  
school year, each school district and applicable school building 447  
shall be assigned a separate letter grade for this measure and 448  
the district's or building's grade for that measure shall be 449  
included in determining the district's or building's overall 450  
letter grade. This measure shall be included within the measure 451  
prescribed in division (C) (3) (c) of this section in the 452  
calculation for the overall letter grade. 453

(E) The letter grades assigned to a school district or 454



building under this section shall be as follows:	455
(1) "A" for a district or school making excellent progress;	456 457
(2) "B" for a district or school making above average progress;	458 459
(3) "C" for a district or school making average progress;	460
(4) "D" for a district or school making below average progress;	461 462
(5) "F" for a district or school failing to meet minimum progress.	463 464
(F) When reporting data on student achievement and progress, the department shall disaggregate that data according to the following categories:	465 466 467
(1) Performance of students by grade-level;	468
(2) Performance of students by race and ethnic group;	469
(3) Performance of students by gender;	470
(4) Performance of students grouped by those who have been enrolled in a district or school for three or more years;	471 472
(5) Performance of students grouped by those who have been enrolled in a district or school for more than one year and less than three years;	473 474 475
(6) Performance of students grouped by those who have been enrolled in a district or school for one year or less;	476 477
(7) Performance of students grouped by those who are economically disadvantaged;	478 479
(8) Performance of students grouped by those who are	480

enrolled in a conversion community school established under	481
Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code;	482
(9) Performance of students grouped by those who are	483
classified as limited English proficient;	484
(10) Performance of students grouped by those who have	485
disabilities;	486
(11) Performance of students grouped by those who are	487
classified as migrants;	488
(12) Performance of students grouped by those who are	489
identified as gifted in superior cognitive ability and the	490
specific academic ability fields of reading and math pursuant to	491
Chapter 3324. of the Revised Code. In disaggregating specific	492
academic ability fields for gifted students, the department	493
shall use data for those students with specific academic ability	494
in math and reading. If any other academic field is assessed,	495
the department shall also include data for students with	496
specific academic ability in that field as well.	497
(13) Performance of students grouped by those who perform	498
in the lowest quintile for achievement on a statewide basis, as	499
determined by a method prescribed by the state board.	500
The department may disaggregate data on student	501
performance according to other categories that the department	502
determines are appropriate. To the extent possible, the	503
department shall disaggregate data on student performance	504
according to any combinations of two or more of the categories	505
listed in divisions (F) (1) to (13) of this section that it deems	506
relevant.	507
In reporting data pursuant to division (F) of this	508
section, the department shall not include in the report cards	509

any data statistical in nature that is statistically unreliable 510  
or that could result in the identification of individual 511  
students. For this purpose, the department shall not report 512  
student performance data for any group identified in division 513  
(F) of this section that contains less than ten students. If the 514  
department does not report student performance data for a group 515  
because it contains less than ten students, the department shall 516  
indicate on the report card that is why data was not reported. 517

(G) The department may include with the report cards any 518  
additional education and fiscal performance data it deems 519  
valuable. 520

(H) The department shall include on each report card a 521  
list of additional information collected by the department that 522  
is available regarding the district or building for which the 523  
report card is issued. When available, such additional 524  
information shall include student mobility data disaggregated by 525  
race and socioeconomic status, college enrollment data, and the 526  
reports prepared under section 3302.031 of the Revised Code. 527

The department shall maintain a site on the world wide 528  
web. The report card shall include the address of the site and 529  
shall specify that such additional information is available to 530  
the public at that site. The department shall also provide a 531  
copy of each item on the list to the superintendent of each 532  
school district. The district superintendent shall provide a 533  
copy of any item on the list to anyone who requests it. 534

~~(I) Division (I) of this section does not apply to 535  
conversion community schools that primarily enroll students 536  
between sixteen and twenty two years of age who dropped out of 537  
high school or are at risk of dropping out of high school due to 538  
poor attendance, disciplinary problems, or suspensions. 539~~

(1) ~~For (a)~~ Except as provided in division (I) (1) (b) of 540  
this section, for any district that sponsors a conversion 541  
community school under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, the 542  
department shall combine data regarding the academic performance 543  
of students enrolled in the community school with comparable 544  
data from the schools of the district for the purpose of 545  
determining the performance of the district as a whole on the 546  
report card issued for the district under this section or 547  
section 3302.033 of the Revised Code. 548

(b) The department shall not combine data from any 549  
conversion community school that a district sponsors if a 550  
majority of the students enrolled in the conversion community 551  
school are enrolled in a dropout prevention and recovery program 552  
that is operated by the school, as described in division (A) (4) 553  
(a) of section 3314.35 of the Revised Code. The department shall 554  
include as an addendum to the district's report card the ratings 555  
and performance measures that are required under section 556  
3314.017 of the Revised Code for any community school to which 557  
division (I) (1) (b) of this section applies. This addendum shall 558  
include, at a minimum, the data specified in divisions (C) (1) 559  
(a), (C) (2), and (C) (3) of section 3314.017 of the Revised Code. 560

(2) Any district that leases a building to a community 561  
school located in the district or that enters into an agreement 562  
with a community school located in the district whereby the 563  
district and the school endorse each other's programs may elect 564  
to have data regarding the academic performance of students 565  
enrolled in the community school combined with comparable data 566  
from the schools of the district for the purpose of determining 567  
the performance of the district as a whole on the district 568  
report card. Any district that so elects shall annually file a 569  
copy of the lease or agreement with the department. 570

(3) Any municipal school district, as defined in section 571  
3311.71 of the Revised Code, that sponsors a community school 572  
located within the district's territory, or that enters into an 573  
agreement with a community school located within the district's 574  
territory whereby the district and the community school endorse 575  
each other's programs, may exercise either or both of the 576  
following elections: 577

(a) To have data regarding the academic performance of 578  
students enrolled in that community school combined with 579  
comparable data from the schools of the district for the purpose 580  
of determining the performance of the district as a whole on the 581  
district's report card; 582

(b) To have the number of students attending that 583  
community school noted separately on the district's report card. 584

The election authorized under division (I) (3) (a) of this 585  
section is subject to approval by the governing authority of the 586  
community school. 587

Any municipal school district that exercises an election 588  
to combine or include data under division (I) (3) of this 589  
section, by the first day of October of each year, shall file 590  
with the department documentation indicating eligibility for 591  
that election, as required by the department. 592

(J) The department shall include on each report card the 593  
percentage of teachers in the district or building who are 594  
highly qualified, as defined by the No Child Left Behind Act of 595  
2001, and a comparison of that percentage with the percentages 596  
of such teachers in similar districts and buildings. 597

(K) (1) In calculating English language arts, mathematics, 598  
social studies, or science assessment passage rates used to 599

determine school district or building performance under this 600  
section, the department shall include all students taking an 601  
assessment with accommodation or to whom an alternate assessment 602  
is administered pursuant to division (C)(1) or (3) of section 603  
3301.0711 of the Revised Code. 604

(2) In calculating performance index scores, rates of 605  
achievement on the performance indicators established by the 606  
state board under section 3302.02 of the Revised Code, and 607  
annual measurable objectives for determining adequate yearly 608  
progress for school districts and buildings under this section, 609  
the department shall do all of the following: 610

(a) Include for each district or building only those 611  
students who are included in the ADM certified for the first 612  
full school week of October and are continuously enrolled in the 613  
district or building through the time of the spring 614  
administration of any assessment prescribed by division (A)(1) 615  
or (B)(1) of section 3301.0710 or division (B) of section 616  
3301.0712 of the Revised Code that is administered to the 617  
student's grade level; 618

(b) Include cumulative totals from both the fall and 619  
spring administrations of the third grade English language arts 620  
achievement assessment; 621

(c) Except as required by the No Child Left Behind Act of 622  
2001, exclude for each district or building any limited English 623  
proficient student who has been enrolled in United States 624  
schools for less than one full school year. 625

(L) Beginning with the 2015-2016 school year and at least 626  
once every three years thereafter, the state board of education 627  
shall review and may adjust the benchmarks for assigning letter 628

grades to the performance measures and components prescribed 629  
under divisions (C) (3) and (D) of this section. 630

Sec. 3302.037. The department of education shall conduct a 631  
study to evaluate the validity and usefulness of using the 632  
"similar students measure," as created by the California charter 633  
schools association, to calculate student academic progress, 634  
using a regression model to take into account demographic 635  
differences, for each public school. 636

Not later than December 1, 2016, the department shall 637  
prepare and submit a report regarding its findings and 638  
recommendations to the state board of education and the general 639  
assembly in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code. 640

**Sec. 3307.01.** As used in this chapter: 641

(A) "Employer" means the board of education, school 642  
district, governing authority of any community school 643  
established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, a science, 644  
technology, engineering, and mathematics school established 645  
under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code, college, university, 646  
institution, or other agency within the state by which a teacher 647  
is employed and paid. 648

(B) (1) "Teacher" means all of the following: 649

(a) Any person paid from public funds and employed in the 650  
public schools of the state under any type of contract described 651  
in section 3311.77 or 3319.08 of the Revised Code in a position 652  
for which the person is required to have a license issued 653  
pursuant to sections 3319.22 to 3319.31 of the Revised Code; 654

(b) Any-Except as provided in division (B) (2) (b) or (c) of 655  
this section, any person employed as a teacher ~~by~~ or faculty 656  
member in a community school or a science, technology, 657

engineering, and mathematics school pursuant to Chapter 3314. or 658  
3326. of the Revised Code; 659

(c) Any person having a license issued pursuant to 660  
sections 3319.22 to 3319.31 of the Revised Code and employed in 661  
a public school in this state in an educational position, as 662  
determined by the state board of education, under programs 663  
provided for by federal acts or regulations and financed in 664  
whole or in part from federal funds, but for which no licensure 665  
requirements for the position can be made under the provisions 666  
of such federal acts or regulations; 667

(d) Any other teacher or faculty member employed in any 668  
school, college, university, institution, or other agency wholly 669  
controlled and managed, and supported in whole or in part, by 670  
the state or any political subdivision thereof, including 671  
Central state university, Cleveland state university, and the 672  
university of Toledo; 673

(e) The educational employees of the department of 674  
education, as determined by the state superintendent of public 675  
instruction. 676

In all cases of doubt, the state teachers retirement board 677  
shall determine whether any person is a teacher, and its 678  
decision shall be final. 679

(2) "Teacher" does not include any of the following: 680

(a) Any eligible employee of a public institution of 681  
higher education, as defined in section 3305.01 of the Revised 682  
Code, who elects to participate in an alternative retirement 683  
plan established under Chapter 3305. of the Revised Code; 684

(b) Any person employed by a community school operator, as 685  
defined in section 3314.02 of the Revised Code, for whom the 686



operator withholds and pays employee and employer taxes pursuant 687  
to 26 U.S.C. 3101(a) and 3111(a), unless the person had 688  
contributing service in a community school in the state within 689  
one year prior to the later of July 1, 2016, or the date on 690  
which the operator for the first time withholds and pays 691  
employee and employer taxes pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 3101(a) and 692  
3111(a) for that person; 693

(c) Any person who would otherwise be a teacher under 694  
division (B)(2)(b) of this section who terminates employment 695  
with a community school operator and has no contributing service 696  
in a community school in the state for a period of at least one 697  
year from the date of termination of employment. 698

(C) "Member" means any person included in the membership 699  
of the state teachers retirement system, which shall consist of 700  
all teachers and contributors as defined in divisions (B) and 701  
(D) of this section and all disability benefit recipients, as 702  
defined in section 3307.50 of the Revised Code. However, for 703  
purposes of this chapter, the following persons shall not be 704  
considered members: 705

(1) A student, intern, or resident who is not a member 706  
while employed part-time by a school, college, or university at 707  
which the student, intern, or resident is regularly attending 708  
classes; 709

(2) A person denied membership pursuant to section 3307.24 710  
of the Revised Code; 711

(3) An other system retirant, as defined in section 712  
3307.35 of the Revised Code, or a superannuate; 713

(4) An individual employed in a program established 714  
pursuant to the "Job Training Partnership Act," 96 Stat. 1322 715

(1982), 29 U.S.C.A. 1501; 716

(5) The surviving spouse of a member or retirant if the 717  
surviving spouse's only connection to the retirement system is 718  
an account in an STRS defined contribution plan. 719

(D) "Contributor" means any person who has an account in 720  
the teachers' savings fund or defined contribution fund, except 721  
that "contributor" does not mean a member or retirant's 722  
surviving spouse with an account in an STRS defined contribution 723  
plan. 724

(E) "Beneficiary" means any person eligible to receive, or 725  
in receipt of, a retirement allowance or other benefit provided 726  
by this chapter. 727

(F) "Year" means the year beginning the first day of July 728  
and ending with the thirtieth day of June next following, except 729  
that for the purpose of determining final average salary under 730  
the plan described in sections 3307.50 to 3307.79 of the Revised 731  
Code, "year" may mean the contract year. 732

(G) "Local district pension system" means any school 733  
teachers pension fund created in any school district of the 734  
state in accordance with the laws of the state prior to 735  
September 1, 1920. 736

(H) "Employer contribution" means the amount paid by an 737  
employer, as determined by the employer rate, including the 738  
normal and deficiency rates, contributions, and funds wherever 739  
used in this chapter. 740

(I) "Five years of service credit" means employment 741  
covered under this chapter and employment covered under a former 742  
retirement plan operated, recognized, or endorsed by a college, 743  
institute, university, or political subdivision of this state 744

prior to coverage under this chapter. 745

(J) "Actuary" means an actuarial professional contracted 746  
with or employed by the state teachers retirement board, who 747  
shall be either of the following: 748

(1) A member of the American academy of actuaries; 749

(2) A firm, partnership, or corporation of which at least 750  
one person is a member of the American academy of actuaries. 751

(K) "Fiduciary" means a person who does any of the 752  
following: 753

(1) Exercises any discretionary authority or control with 754  
respect to the management of the system, or with respect to the 755  
management or disposition of its assets; 756

(2) Renders investment advice for a fee, direct or 757  
indirect, with respect to money or property of the system; 758

(3) Has any discretionary authority or responsibility in 759  
the administration of the system. 760

(L) (1) Except as provided in this division, "compensation" 761  
means all salary, wages, and other earnings paid to a teacher by 762  
reason of the teacher's employment, including compensation paid 763  
pursuant to a supplemental contract. The salary, wages, and 764  
other earnings shall be determined prior to determination of the 765  
amount required to be contributed to the teachers' savings fund 766  
or defined contribution fund under section 3307.26 of the 767  
Revised Code and without regard to whether any of the salary, 768  
wages, or other earnings are treated as deferred income for 769  
federal income tax purposes. 770

(2) Compensation does not include any of the following: 771

(a) Payments for accrued but unused sick leave or personal leave, including payments made under a plan established pursuant to section 124.39 of the Revised Code or any other plan established by the employer;	772 773 774 775
(b) Payments made for accrued but unused vacation leave, including payments made pursuant to section 124.13 of the Revised Code or a plan established by the employer;	776 777 778
(c) Payments made for vacation pay covering concurrent periods for which other salary, compensation, or benefits under this chapter or Chapter 145. or 3309. of the Revised Code are paid;	779 780 781 782
(d) Amounts paid by the employer to provide life insurance, sickness, accident, endowment, health, medical, hospital, dental, or surgical coverage, or other insurance for the teacher or the teacher's family, or amounts paid by the employer to the teacher in lieu of providing the insurance;	783 784 785 786 787
(e) Incidental benefits, including lodging, food, laundry, parking, or services furnished by the employer, use of the employer's property or equipment, and reimbursement for job-related expenses authorized by the employer, including moving and travel expenses and expenses related to professional development;	788 789 790 791 792 793
(f) Payments made by the employer in exchange for a member's waiver of a right to receive any payment, amount, or benefit described in division (L)(2) of this section;	794 795 796
(g) Payments by the employer for services not actually rendered;	797 798
(h) Any amount paid by the employer as a retroactive increase in salary, wages, or other earnings, unless the	799 800

increase is one of the following: 801

(i) A retroactive increase paid to a member employed by a 802  
school district board of education in a position that requires a 803  
license designated for teaching and not designated for being an 804  
administrator issued under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code 805  
that is paid in accordance with uniform criteria applicable to 806  
all members employed by the board in positions requiring the 807  
licenses; 808

(ii) A retroactive increase paid to a member employed by a 809  
school district board of education in a position that requires a 810  
license designated for being an administrator issued under 811  
section 3319.22 of the Revised Code that is paid in accordance 812  
with uniform criteria applicable to all members employed by the 813  
board in positions requiring the licenses; 814

(iii) A retroactive increase paid to a member employed by 815  
a school district board of education as a superintendent that is 816  
also paid as described in division (L) (2) (h) (i) of this section; 817

(iv) A retroactive increase paid to a member employed by 818  
an employer other than a school district board of education in 819  
accordance with uniform criteria applicable to all members 820  
employed by the employer. 821

(i) Payments made to or on behalf of a teacher that are in 822  
excess of the annual compensation that may be taken into account 823  
by the retirement system under division (a) (17) of section 401 824  
of the "Internal Revenue Code of 1986," 100 Stat. 2085, 26 825  
U.S.C.A. 401(a) (17), as amended. For a teacher who first 826  
establishes membership before July 1, 1996, the annual 827  
compensation that may be taken into account by the retirement 828  
system shall be determined under division (d) (3) of section 829

13212 of the "Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993," Pub.	830
L. No. 103-66, 107 Stat. 472.	831
(j) Payments made under division (B), (C), or (E) of	832
section 5923.05 of the Revised Code, Section 4 of Substitute	833
Senate Bill No. 3 of the 119th general assembly, Section 3 of	834
Amended Substitute Senate Bill No. 164 of the 124th general	835
assembly, or Amended Substitute House Bill No. 405 of the 124th	836
general assembly;	837
(k) Anything of value received by the teacher that is	838
based on or attributable to retirement or an agreement to	839
retire;	840
(l) Any amount paid by the employer as a retroactive	841
payment of earnings, damages, or back pay pursuant to a court	842
order, court-adopted settlement agreement, or other settlement	843
agreement, unless the retirement system receives both of the	844
following:	845
(i) Teacher and employer contributions under sections	846
3307.26 and 3307.28 of the Revised Code, plus interest	847
compounded annually at a rate determined by the board, for each	848
year or portion of a year for which amounts are paid under the	849
order or agreement;	850
(ii) Teacher and employer contributions under sections	851
3307.26 and 3307.28 of the Revised Code, plus interest	852
compounded annually at a rate determined by the board, for each	853
year or portion of a year not subject to division (L) (2) (l) (i)	854
of this section for which the board determines the teacher was	855
improperly paid, regardless of the teacher's ability to recover	856
on such amounts improperly paid.	857
(3) The retirement board shall determine both of the	858

following: 859

(a) Whether particular forms of earnings are included in 860  
any of the categories enumerated in this division; 861

(b) Whether any form of earnings not enumerated in this 862  
division is to be included in compensation. 863

Decisions of the board made under this division shall be 864  
final. 865

(M) "Superannuate" means both of the following: 866

(1) A former teacher receiving from the system a 867  
retirement allowance under section 3307.58 or 3307.59 of the 868  
Revised Code; 869

(2) A former teacher receiving a benefit from the system 870  
under a plan established under section 3307.81 of the Revised 871  
Code, except that "superannuate" does not include a former 872  
teacher who is receiving a benefit based on disability under a 873  
plan established under section 3307.81 of the Revised Code. 874

For purposes of sections 3307.35 and 3307.353 of the 875  
Revised Code, "superannuate" also means a former teacher 876  
receiving from the system a combined service retirement benefit 877  
paid in accordance with section 3307.57 of the Revised Code, 878  
regardless of which retirement system is paying the benefit. 879

(N) "STRS defined benefit plan" means the plan described 880  
in sections 3307.50 to 3307.79 of the Revised Code. 881

(O) "STRS defined contribution plan" means the plans 882  
established under section 3307.81 of the Revised Code and 883  
includes the STRS combined plan under that section. 884

(P) "Faculty" means the teaching staff of a university, 885

college, or school, including any academic administrators. 886

**Sec. 3309.011.** "Employee" as defined in division (B) of 887  
section 3309.01 of the Revised Code, does not include ~~either~~ any 888  
of the following: 889

(A) Any person having a license issued pursuant to 890  
sections 3319.22 to 3319.31 of the Revised Code and employed in 891  
a public school in this state in an educational position, as 892  
determined by the state board of education, under programs 893  
provided for by federal acts or regulations and financed in 894  
whole or in part from federal funds, but for which no licensure 895  
requirements for the position can be made under the provisions 896  
of such federal acts or regulations; 897

(B) Any person who participates in an alternative 898  
retirement plan established under Chapter 3305. of the Revised 899  
Code; 900

(C) Any person who elects to transfer from the school 901  
employees retirement system to the public employees retirement 902  
system under section 3309.312 of the Revised Code; 903

(D) Any person whose full-time employment by the 904  
university of Akron as a state university law enforcement 905  
officer pursuant to section 3345.04 of the Revised Code 906  
commences on or after ~~the effective date of this amendment~~ 907  
September 16, 1998; 908

(E) Any person described in division (B) of section 909  
3309.013 of the Revised Code. 910

**Sec. 3309.013.** (A) As used in this section, "operator" has 911  
the same meaning as in section 3314.02 of the Revised Code. 912

(B) "Employee," as defined in division (B) of section 913



3309.01 of the Revised Code, does not include either of the 914  
following: 915

(1) Any person initially employed on or after July 1, 916  
2016, by a community school operator and for whom the operator 917  
withholds and pays employee and employer taxes pursuant to 26 918  
U.S.C. 3101(a) and 3111(a) beginning with the first paycheck 919  
after commencing initial employment; 920

(2) Except as provided in division (C) of this section, 921  
any person who is a former employee of a community school 922  
operator who is reemployed on or after July 1, 2016, by that 923  
operator and for whom the operator withholds and pays employee 924  
and employer taxes pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 3101(a) and 3111(a) 925  
beginning with the first paycheck after commencing reemployment 926  
with that operator. 927

(C) Division (B)(2) of this section does not apply to 928  
either of the following: 929

(1) Any person who was employed by the same operator at 930  
any time within the period of July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016, 931  
and whose date of reemployment is before July 1, 2017; 932

(2) Any person to whom both of the following apply: 933

(a) The person was employed by the same operator at any 934  
time in the twelve-month period preceding the date the operator 935  
for the first time withholds and pays employee and employer 936  
taxes pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 3101(a) and 3111(a) on behalf of its 937  
employees and had previously only contributed to the school 938  
employees retirement system; 939

(b) The person's date of reemployment is not more than 940  
twelve months after the date the operator for the first time 941  
withholds and pays employee and employer taxes pursuant to 26 942

U.S.C. 3101(a) and 3111(a). 943

**Sec. 3313.12.** (A) Each member of the educational service center governing board may be paid such compensation as the governing board provides by resolution, provided that any such compensation shall not exceed one hundred twenty-five dollars a day plus mileage both ways, at the rate per mile provided by resolution of the governing board, for attendance at any meeting of the board. No member of an educational service center governing board shall receive in compensation under this division a total amount greater than five thousand dollars per year for service on the governing board. Such compensation and the expenses of the educational service center superintendent, itemized and verified, shall be paid from the educational service center governing board fund upon vouchers signed by the president of the governing board. 944  
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(B) The board of education of any city, local, or exempted village school district may provide by resolution for compensation of its members, provided that such compensation shall not exceed one hundred twenty-five dollars per member for meetings attended. No member of a school district board of education shall receive in compensation under this division a total amount greater than five thousand dollars per year for service on the board of education. The board may provide by resolution for the deduction of amounts payable for benefits under section 3313.202 of the Revised Code. 958  
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(C) Each member of a district board or educational service center governing board may be paid such compensation as the respective board provides by resolution for attendance at an approved training program, provided that such compensation shall not exceed sixty dollars a day for attendance at a training 968  
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program three hours or fewer in length and one hundred twenty- 973  
five dollars a day for attendance at a training program longer 974  
than three hours in length. 975

Sec. 3313.131. No person who is a member of the governing 976  
authority of a community school established under Chapter 3314. 977  
of the Revised Code shall be a member of a board of education. 978

Sec. 3314.011. (A) Every community school established 979  
under this chapter shall have a designated fiscal officer. 980  
Except as provided for in division (C) of this section, the 981  
fiscal officer shall be employed by or engaged under a contract 982  
with the governing authority of the community school. 983

(B) The auditor of state ~~may shall~~ require ~~by rule~~ that 984  
the fiscal officer of any community school, before entering upon 985  
duties as fiscal officer of the school, execute a bond in an 986  
amount and with surety to be approved by the governing authority 987  
of the school, payable to the state, conditioned for the 988  
faithful performance of all the official duties required of the 989  
fiscal officer. ~~Any such~~ The bond shall be deposited with the 990  
governing authority of the school, and a copy thereof, certified 991  
by the governing authority, shall be filed with the county 992  
auditor. 993

(C) Prior to assuming the duties of fiscal officer, the 994  
fiscal officer designated under this section shall be licensed 995  
under section 3301.074 of the Revised Code. Any person serving 996  
as a fiscal officer of a community school ~~on the effective date~~ 997  
~~of this amendment~~ March 22, 2013, who is not licensed as a 998  
treasurer shall be permitted to serve as a fiscal officer for 999  
not more than one year following ~~the effective date of this~~ 1000  
~~amendment~~ March 22, 2013. Beginning on that date and thereafter, 1001  
no community school shall permit any individual to serve as a 1002

fiscal officer without a license as required by this section. 1003

(D) (1) The governing authority of a community school may 1004  
adopt a resolution waiving the requirement that the governing 1005  
authority is the party responsible to employ or contract with 1006  
the designated fiscal officer, as prescribed by division (A) of 1007  
this section, so long as the school's sponsor also approves the 1008  
resolution. The resolution shall be valid for one year. A new 1009  
resolution shall be adopted for each year that the governing 1010  
authority wishes to waive this requirement, so long as the 1011  
school's sponsor also approves the resolution. 1012

No resolution adopted pursuant to this division may waive 1013  
the requirement for a community school to have a designated 1014  
fiscal officer. 1015

(2) If the governing authority adopts a resolution 1016  
pursuant to division (D) (1) of this section, the school's 1017  
designated fiscal officer annually shall meet with the governing 1018  
authority to review the school's financial status. 1019

(3) The governing authority shall submit to the department 1020  
of education a copy of each resolution adopted pursuant to 1021  
division (D) (1) of this section. 1022

**Sec. 3314.015.** (A) The department of education shall be 1023  
responsible for the oversight of any and all sponsors of the 1024  
community schools established under this chapter and shall 1025  
provide technical assistance to schools and sponsors in their 1026  
compliance with applicable laws and the terms of the contracts 1027  
entered into under section 3314.03 of the Revised Code and in 1028  
the development and start-up activities of those schools. In 1029  
carrying out its duties under this section, the department shall 1030  
do all of the following: 1031

(1) In providing technical assistance to proposing 1032  
parties, governing authorities, and sponsors, conduct training 1033  
sessions and distribute informational materials; 1034

(2) Approve entities to be sponsors of community schools; 1035

(3) Monitor and evaluate, as required under section 1036  
3314.016 of the Revised Code, the effectiveness of any and all 1037  
sponsors in their oversight of the schools with which they have 1038  
contracted; 1039

(4) By December thirty-first of each year, issue a report 1040  
to the governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, 1041  
the president of the senate, and the chairpersons of the house 1042  
and senate committees principally responsible for education 1043  
matters regarding the effectiveness of academic programs, 1044  
operations, and legal compliance and of the financial condition 1045  
of all community schools established under this chapter and on 1046  
the performance of community school sponsors; 1047

(5) From time to time, make legislative recommendations to 1048  
the general assembly designed to enhance the operation and 1049  
performance of community schools. 1050

(B) (1) Except as provided in sections 3314.021 and 1051  
3314.027 of the Revised Code, no entity ~~listed in division (C)~~ 1052  
~~(1) of section 3314.02 of the Revised Code~~ shall enter into a 1053  
preliminary agreement under division (C) (2) of section 3314.02 1054  
of the Revised Code or renew an existing contract to sponsor a 1055  
community school until it has received approval from the 1056  
department of education to sponsor community schools under this 1057  
chapter and has entered into a written agreement with the 1058  
department regarding the manner in which the entity will conduct 1059  
such sponsorship. 1060

On and after July 1, 2017, each entity that sponsors a 1061  
community school in this state, except for an entity described 1062  
in sections 3314.021 and 3314.027 of the Revised Code, shall 1063  
attain approval from the department in order to continue 1064  
sponsoring schools regardless of whether that entity intends to 1065  
enter into a preliminary agreement or renew an existing 1066  
contract. 1067

All new and renewed agreements between the department and 1068  
a sponsor shall contain specific language addressing the 1069  
parameters under which the department can intervene and 1070  
potentially revoke sponsorship authority in the event that the 1071  
sponsor is unwilling or unable to fulfill its obligations. 1072  
Additionally, each agreement shall set forth any territorial 1073  
restrictions and limits on the number of schools that entity may 1074  
sponsor, provide for an annual evaluation process, and include a 1075  
stipulation permitting the department to modify the agreement 1076  
under the following circumstances: 1077

(a) Poor fiscal management; 1078

(b) Lack of academic progress. 1079

(2) The initial term of a sponsor's agreement with the 1080  
department shall be for up to ~~seven~~ five years. For every year 1081  
that the sponsor satisfies the conditions of division (B)(1)(a) 1082  
or (b) of this section, as applicable, the department shall add 1083  
one year to the agreement term, subject to divisions (C) and (F) 1084  
of this section, unless the sponsor notifies the department that 1085  
it does not wish to have the term of the agreement so extended. 1086

To qualify for the extension of the term of the sponsor's 1087  
agreement, the sponsor shall satisfy one of the following, as 1088  
applicable: 1089

~~(a) Prior to January 1, 2015, the sponsor is not in the lowest twenty per cent of sponsors statewide according to the composite performance index score as ranked under section 3314.016 of the Revised Code, as that section exists prior to that date, and the sponsor continues to meet all the requirements of this chapter pertaining to community school sponsors.~~

~~(b) On or after January 1, 2015, the sponsor is rated as "exemplary" or "effective" under section 3314.016 of the Revised Code, as that section exists on and after that date, and the sponsor continues to meet all the requirements of this chapter pertaining to community school sponsors.~~

(a) An agreement entered into with the department pursuant to this section may be renewed for a term of up to ten years using the following criteria:

(i) The academic performance of students enrolled in each community school the entity sponsors, as determined by the department pursuant to division (B)(1)(a) of section 3314.016 of the Revised Code;

(ii) The sponsor's adherence to quality practices, as determined by the department pursuant to division (B)(1)(b) of section 3314.016 of the Revised Code;

(iii) The sponsor's compliance with all applicable laws and administrative rules.

(b) Each agreement between the department and a sponsor shall specify that entities with an overall rating of "exemplary" for at least two consecutive years shall not be subject to the limit on the number of community schools the entity may sponsor or any territorial restrictions on

sponsorship, for so long as that entity continues to be rated 1119  
"exemplary." 1120

(c) The ~~department~~ state board of education shall adopt in 1121  
accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code rules 1122  
containing criteria, procedures, and deadlines for processing 1123  
applications for approval of sponsors, for oversight of 1124  
sponsors, for notifying a sponsor of noncompliance with 1125  
applicable laws and administrative rules under division (F) of 1126  
this section, for revocation of the approval of sponsors under 1127  
division (C) of this section, and for entering into written 1128  
agreements with sponsors. The rules shall require an entity to 1129  
submit evidence of the entity's ability and willingness to 1130  
comply with the provisions of division (D) of section 3314.03 of 1131  
the Revised Code. The rules also shall require all entities 1132  
approved as sponsors ~~on and after June 30, 2005,~~ to demonstrate 1133  
a record of financial responsibility and successful 1134  
implementation of educational programs. If an entity seeking 1135  
approval ~~on or after June 30, 2005,~~ to sponsor community schools 1136  
in this state sponsors or operates schools in another state, at 1137  
least one of the schools sponsored or operated by the entity 1138  
must be comparable to or better than the performance of Ohio 1139  
schools in need of continuous improvement under section 3302.03 1140  
of the Revised Code, as determined by the department. 1141

Subject to section 3314.016 of the Revised Code, an entity 1142  
that sponsors community schools may enter into preliminary 1143  
agreements and sponsor up to one hundred schools, provided each 1144  
school and the contract for sponsorship meets the requirements 1145  
of this chapter. 1146

~~(2)~~ (3) The state board of education shall determine, 1147  
pursuant to criteria specified in rules adopted in accordance 1148



with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, whether the mission 1149  
proposed to be specified in the contract of a community school 1150  
to be sponsored by a state university board of trustees or the 1151  
board's designee under division (C) (1) (e) of section 3314.02 of 1152  
the Revised Code complies with the requirements of that 1153  
division. Such determination of the state board is final. 1154

~~(3)~~ (4) The state board of education shall determine, 1155  
pursuant to criteria specified in rules adopted in accordance 1156  
with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, if any tax-exempt entity 1157  
under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code that is 1158  
proposed to be a sponsor of a community school is an education- 1159  
oriented entity for purpose of satisfying the condition 1160  
prescribed in division (C) (1) (f) (iii) of section 3314.02 of the 1161  
Revised Code. Such determination of the state board is final. 1162

(C) If at any time the state board of education finds that 1163  
a sponsor is not in compliance or is no longer willing to comply 1164  
with its contract with any community school or with the 1165  
department's rules for sponsorship, the state board or designee 1166  
shall conduct a hearing in accordance with Chapter 119. of the 1167  
Revised Code on that matter. If after the hearing, the state 1168  
board or designee has confirmed the original finding, the 1169  
department of education may revoke the sponsor's approval to 1170  
sponsor community schools. In that case, the department's office 1171  
of Ohio school sponsorship, established under section 3314.029 1172  
of the Revised Code, may assume the sponsorship of any schools 1173  
with which the sponsor has contracted until the earlier of the 1174  
expiration of two school years or until a new sponsor as 1175  
described in division (C) (1) of section 3314.02 of the Revised 1176  
Code is secured by the school's governing authority. The office 1177  
of Ohio school sponsorship may extend the term of the contract 1178  
in the case of a school for which it has assumed sponsorship 1179

under this division as necessary to accommodate the term of the 1180  
department's authorization to sponsor the school specified in 1181  
this division. Community schools sponsored under this division 1182  
shall not apply to the limit on directly authorized community 1183  
schools under division (A) (3) of section 3314.029 of the Revised 1184  
Code. However, nothing in this division shall preclude a 1185  
community school affected by this division from applying for 1186  
sponsorship under that section. 1187

(D) The decision of the department to disapprove an entity 1188  
for sponsorship of a community school or to revoke approval for 1189  
such sponsorship under division (C) of this section, may be 1190  
appealed by the entity in accordance with section 119.12 of the 1191  
Revised Code. 1192

(E) The department shall adopt procedures for use by a 1193  
community school governing authority and sponsor when the school 1194  
permanently closes and ceases operation, which shall include at 1195  
least procedures for data reporting to the department, handling 1196  
of student records, distribution of assets in accordance with 1197  
section 3314.074 of the Revised Code, and other matters related 1198  
to ceasing operation of the school. 1199

(F) (1) In lieu of revoking a sponsor's authority to 1200  
sponsor community schools under division (C) of this section, if 1201  
the department finds that a sponsor is not in compliance with 1202  
applicable laws and administrative rules, the department shall 1203  
declare in a written notice to the sponsor the specific laws or 1204  
rules, or both, for which the sponsor is noncompliant. A sponsor 1205  
notified under division (F) (1) of this section shall respond to 1206  
the department not later than fourteen days after the 1207  
notification with a proposed plan to remedy the conditions for 1208  
which the sponsor was found to be noncompliant. The department 1209

shall approve or disapprove the plan not later than fourteen 1210  
days after receiving it. If the plan is disapproved, the sponsor 1211  
may submit a revised plan to the department not later than 1212  
fourteen days after receiving notification of disapproval from 1213  
the department or not later than sixty days after the date the 1214  
sponsor received notification of noncompliance from the 1215  
department, whichever is earlier. The department shall approve 1216  
or disapprove the revised plan not later than fourteen days 1217  
after receiving it or not later than sixty days after the date 1218  
the sponsor received notification of noncompliance from the 1219  
department, whichever is earlier. A sponsor may continue to make 1220  
revisions by the deadlines prescribed in division (F) (1) of this 1221  
section to any revised plan that is disapproved by the 1222  
department until the sixtieth day after the date the sponsor 1223  
received notification of noncompliance from the department. 1224

If a plan or a revised plan is approved, the sponsor shall 1225  
implement it not later than sixty days after the date the 1226  
sponsor received notification of noncompliance from the 1227  
department or not later than thirty days after the plan is 1228  
approved, whichever is later. If a sponsor does not respond to 1229  
the department or implement an approved compliance plan by the 1230  
deadlines prescribed by division (F) (1) of this section, or if a 1231  
sponsor does not receive approval of a compliance plan on or 1232  
before the sixtieth day after the date the sponsor received 1233  
notification of noncompliance from the department, the 1234  
department shall declare in written notice to the sponsor that 1235  
the sponsor is in probationary status, and may limit the 1236  
sponsor's ability to sponsor additional schools. 1237

(2) A sponsor that has been placed on probationary status 1238  
under division (F) (1) of this section may apply to the 1239  
department for its probationary status to be lifted. The 1240

application for a sponsor's probationary status to be lifted 1241  
shall include evidence, occurring after the initial notification 1242  
of noncompliance, of the sponsor's compliance with applicable 1243  
laws and administrative rules. Not later than fourteen days 1244  
after receiving an application from the sponsor, the department 1245  
shall decide whether or not to remove the sponsor's probationary 1246  
status. 1247

(G) In carrying out its duties under this chapter, the 1248  
department shall not impose requirements on community schools or 1249  
their sponsors that are not permitted by law or duly adopted 1250  
rules. 1251

(H) This section applies to entities that sponsor 1252  
conversion community schools and new start-up schools. 1253

(I) Nothing in divisions (C) to (F) of this section 1254  
prohibits the department from taking any action permitted or 1255  
required under the written agreement between the department and 1256  
a sponsoring entity without a hearing on the matter, in the 1257  
event that the sponsor is unwilling or unable to fulfill its 1258  
obligations. 1259

**Sec. 3314.016.** This section applies to any entity that 1260  
sponsors a community school, regardless of whether section 1261  
3314.021 or 3314.027 of the Revised Code exempts the entity from 1262  
the requirement to be approved for sponsorship under divisions 1263  
(A) (2) and (B) (1) of section 3314.015 of the Revised Code. The 1264  
office of Ohio school sponsorship established under section 1265  
3314.029 of the Revised Code shall be rated under division (B) 1266  
of this section, but divisions (A) and (C) of this section do 1267  
not apply to the office. 1268

(A) An entity that sponsors a community school shall be 1269

permitted to enter into contracts under section 3314.03 of the Revised Code to sponsor additional community schools only if the entity meets ~~both~~all of the following criteria:

(1) The entity is in compliance with all provisions of this chapter requiring sponsors of community schools to report data or information to the department of education.

(2) The entity is not rated as "ineffective" under division (B) (6) of this section.

(3) Except as set forth in sections 3314.021 and 3314.027 of the Revised Code, the entity has received approval from and entered into an agreement with the department of education pursuant to section 3314.015 of the Revised Code.

~~(B) (1) For purposes of this section~~ Beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, the department shall develop and implement an evaluation system that annually rates and assigns an overall rating to each entity that sponsors a community school based on the following components:

(a) Academic performance of students enrolled in community schools sponsored by the same entity~~r~~. The academic performance component shall be derived from the performance measures prescribed for the state report cards under section 3302.03 or 3314.017 of the Revised Code, and shall be based on the performance of the schools for the school year for which the evaluation is conducted. In addition to the academic performance for a specific school year, the academic performance component shall also include year-to-year changes in the overall sponsor portfolio. For a community school for which no graded performance measures are applicable or available, the department shall use nonreport card performance measures specified in the

contract between the community school and the sponsor under 1299  
division (A) (4) of section 3314.03 of the Revised Code. 1300

(b) Adherence by a sponsor to the quality practices 1301  
prescribed by the department under division (B) (3) of this 1302  
section. ~~The department shall not include this measure in the~~ 1303  
~~sponsor evaluation rating system until the department prescribes~~ 1304  
~~quality practices and develops an instrument to measure~~ 1305  
~~adherence to those practices under division (B) (3) of this~~ 1306  
~~section.~~ For a sponsor that was rated "effective" or "exemplary" 1307  
on its most recent rating, the department may evaluate that 1308  
sponsor's adherence to quality practices once over a period of 1309  
three years. If the department elects to evaluate a sponsor once 1310  
over a period of three years, the most recent rating for a 1311  
sponsor's adherence to quality practices shall be used when 1312  
determining an annual overall rating conducted under this 1313  
section. 1314

(c) Compliance with all applicable laws and administrative 1315  
rules by an entity that sponsors a community school. 1316

(2) In calculating an academic performance component, the 1317  
department shall exclude ~~all of the following:~~ 1318

~~(a) All~~ all community schools that have been in operation 1319  
for not more than two full school years. 1320

~~(b) All~~ and all community schools described in division 1321  
(A) (4) (b) of section 3314.35 of the Revised Code. However, the 1322  
academic performance of the community schools described in 1323  
division (A) (4) (b) of section 3314.35 of the Revised Code shall 1324  
be reported, but shall not be used as a factor when determining 1325  
a sponsoring entity's rating under this section. 1326

(3) The department, in consultation with entities that 1327

sponsor community schools, shall prescribe quality practices for 1328  
community school sponsors and develop an instrument to measure 1329  
adherence to those quality practices. The quality practices 1330  
shall be based on standards developed by the national 1331  
association of charter school authorizers or any other 1332  
nationally organized community school organization. 1333

(4) (a) The department may permit peer review of a 1334  
sponsor's adherence to the quality practices prescribed under 1335  
division (B) (3) of this section. Peer reviewers shall be limited 1336  
to individuals employed by sponsors rated "effective" or 1337  
"exemplary" on the most recent ratings conducted under this 1338  
section. 1339

(b) The department shall require individuals participating 1340  
in peer review under division (B) (4) (a) of this section to 1341  
complete training approved or established by the department. 1342

(c) The department may enter into an agreement with 1343  
another entity to provide training to individuals conducting 1344  
peer review of sponsors. Prior to entering into an agreement 1345  
with an entity, the department shall review and approve of the 1346  
entity's training program. 1347

(5) Not later than July 1, 2013, the state board of 1348  
education shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of 1349  
the Revised Code prescribing standards for measuring compliance 1350  
with applicable laws and rules under division (B) (1) (c) of this 1351  
section. 1352

(6) The department annually shall rate all entities that 1353  
sponsor community schools as either "exemplary," "effective," ~~or~~ 1354  
"ineffective," or "poor," based on the components prescribed by 1355  
division (B) of this section, where each component is weighted 1356

~~equally, except that entities sponsoring community schools for~~ 1357  
~~the first time may be assigned the rating of "emerging" for only~~ 1358  
~~the first two consecutive years. A separate rating shall be~~ 1359  
given by the department for each component of the evaluation 1360  
system. 1361

The department shall publish the ratings between the first 1362  
day of October and the fifteenth day of October. 1363

The department shall provide training on an annual basis 1364  
regarding the evaluation system prescribed under this section. 1365  
The training shall, at a minimum, describe methodology, 1366  
timelines, and data required for the evaluation system. The 1367  
first training session shall occur not later than thirty days 1368  
after the effective date of this section. 1369

~~(7) (a) Prior to the 2014-2015 school year, student~~ 1370  
~~academic performance prescribed under division (B) (1) (a) of this~~ 1371  
~~section shall not include student academic performance data from~~ 1372  
~~community schools that primarily serve students enrolled in a~~ 1373  
~~dropout prevention and recovery program as described in division~~ 1374  
~~(A) (4) (a) of section 3314.35 of the Revised Code.~~ 1375

~~(b)~~ Entities with an overall rating of "exemplary" for at 1376  
least two consecutive years may take advantage of the following 1377  
incentives: 1378

(i) Renewal of the written agreement with the department, 1379  
not to exceed ten years, provided that the entity consents to 1380  
continued evaluation of adherence to quality practices as 1381  
described in division (B) (1) (b) of this section; 1382

(ii) The ability to extend the term of the contract 1383  
between the sponsoring entity and the community school beyond 1384  
the term described in the written agreement with the department; 1385



(iii) An exemption from the preliminary agreement and contract adoption and execution deadline requirements prescribed in division (D) of section 3314.02 of the Revised Code; 1386  
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(iv) An exemption from the automatic contract expiration requirement, should a new community school fail to open by the thirtieth day of September of the calendar year in which the community school contract is executed; 1389  
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(v) No limit on the number of community schools the entity may sponsor; 1393  
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(vi) No territorial restrictions on sponsorship. 1395

An entity may continue to sponsor any community schools with which it entered into agreements under division (B) (7) (a) (v) or (vi) of this section while rated "exemplary," notwithstanding the fact that the entity later receives a lower overall rating. 1396  
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(b) (i) Entities that receive an overall rating of "ineffective" shall be prohibited from sponsoring any new or additional community schools during the time in which the sponsor is rated as "ineffective" and shall be subject to a quality improvement plan based on correcting the deficiencies that led to the "ineffective" rating, with timelines and benchmarks that have been established by the department. 1401  
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(ii) Entities that receive an overall rating of "ineffective" on their three most recent ratings shall have all sponsorship authority revoked. Within thirty days after receiving its third rating of "ineffective," the entity may appeal the revocation of its sponsorship authority to the superintendent of public instruction, who shall appoint an independent hearing officer to conduct a hearing in accordance 1408  
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with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. The hearing shall be 1415  
conducted within thirty days after receipt of the notice of 1416  
appeal. Within forty-five days after the hearing is completed, 1417  
the state board of education shall determine whether the 1418  
revocation is appropriate based on the hearing conducted by the 1419  
independent hearing officer, and if determined appropriate, the 1420  
revocation shall be confirmed. 1421

(c) Entities that receive an overall rating of "poor" 1422  
shall have all sponsorship authority revoked. Within thirty days 1423  
after receiving a rating of "poor," the entity may appeal the 1424  
revocation of its sponsorship authority to the superintendent of 1425  
public instruction, who shall appoint an independent hearing 1426  
officer to conduct a hearing in accordance with Chapter 119. of 1427  
the Revised Code. The hearing shall be conducted within thirty 1428  
days after receipt of the notice of appeal. Within forty-five 1429  
days after the hearing is completed, the state board of 1430  
education shall determine whether the revocation is appropriate 1431  
based on the hearing conducted by the independent hearing 1432  
officer, and if determined appropriate, the revocation shall be 1433  
confirmed. 1434

(8) For the 2014-2015 school year and each school year 1435  
thereafter, student academic performance prescribed under 1436  
division (B) (1) (a) of this section shall include student 1437  
academic performance data from community schools that primarily 1438  
serve students enrolled in a dropout prevention and recovery 1439  
program. 1440

(C) If the governing authority of a community school 1441  
enters into a contract with a sponsor prior to the date on which 1442  
the sponsor is prohibited from sponsoring additional schools 1443  
under division (A) of this section and the school has not opened 1444

for operation as of that date, that contract shall be void and 1445  
the school shall not open until the governing authority secures 1446  
a new sponsor by entering into a contract with the new sponsor 1447  
under section 3314.03 of the Revised Code. However, the 1448  
department's office of Ohio school sponsorship, established 1449  
under section 3314.029 of the Revised Code, may assume the 1450  
sponsorship of the school until the earlier of the expiration of 1451  
two school years or until a new sponsor is secured by the 1452  
school's governing authority. A community school sponsored by 1453  
the department under this division shall not be included when 1454  
calculating the maximum number of directly authorized community 1455  
schools permitted under division (A) (3) of section 3314.029 of 1456  
the Revised Code. 1457

(D) When an entity's authority to sponsor schools is 1458  
revoked pursuant to division (B) (7) (b) or (c) of this section, 1459  
the office of Ohio school sponsorship shall assume sponsorship 1460  
of any schools with which the original sponsor has contracted 1461  
for the remainder of that school year. The office may continue 1462  
sponsoring those schools until the earlier of: 1463

(1) The expiration of two school years from the time that 1464  
sponsorship is revoked; 1465

(2) When a new sponsor is secured by the governing 1466  
authority pursuant to division (C) (1) of section 3314.02 of the 1467  
Revised Code. 1468

Any community school sponsored under this division shall 1469  
not be counted for purposes of directly authorized community 1470  
schools under division (A) (3) of section 3314.029 of the Revised 1471  
Code. 1472

**Sec. 3314.019.** A community school's sponsor shall 1473

communicate with the auditor of state regarding an audit of the 1474  
school or the condition of financial and enrollment records of 1475  
the school, and shall maintain a presence at any and all 1476  
meetings with the auditor of state regardless of whether the 1477  
sponsor has entered into an agreement with another entity to 1478  
perform all or part of the sponsor's oversight duties. 1479

**Sec. 3314.02.** (A) As used in this chapter: 1480

(1) "Sponsor" means the board of education of a school 1481  
district or the governing board of an educational service center 1482  
that agrees to the conversion of all or part of a school or 1483  
building under division (B) of this section, or an entity listed 1484  
in division (C) (1) of this section, which has been approved by 1485  
the department of education to sponsor community schools or is 1486  
exempted by section 3314.021 or 3314.027 of the Revised Code 1487  
from obtaining approval, and with which the governing authority 1488  
of a community school enters into a contract under section 1489  
3314.03 of the Revised Code. 1490

(2) "Pilot project area" means the school districts 1491  
included in the territory of the former community school pilot 1492  
project established by former Section 50.52 of Am. Sub. H.B. No. 1493  
215 of the 122nd general assembly. 1494

(3) "Challenged school district" means any of the 1495  
following: 1496

(a) A school district that is part of the pilot project 1497  
area; 1498

(b) A school district that meets one of the following 1499  
conditions: 1500

(i) On March 22, 2013, the district was in a state of 1501  
academic emergency or in a state of academic watch under section 1502

3302.03 of the Revised Code, as that section existed prior to 1503  
March 22, 2013; 1504

(ii) For two of the 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, and 1505  
2015-2016 school years, the district received a grade of "D" or 1506  
"F" for the performance index score and a grade of "F" for the 1507  
value-added progress dimension under section 3302.03 of the 1508  
Revised Code; 1509

(iii) For the 2016-2017 school year and for any school 1510  
year thereafter, the district has received an overall grade of 1511  
"D" or "F" under division (C) (3) of section 3302.03 of the 1512  
Revised Code, or, for at least two of the three most recent 1513  
school years, the district received a grade of "F" for the 1514  
value-added progress dimension under division (C) (1) (e) of that 1515  
section. 1516

(c) A big eight school district; 1517

(d) A school district ranked in the lowest five per cent 1518  
of school districts according to performance index score under 1519  
section 3302.21 of the Revised Code. 1520

(4) "Big eight school district" means a school district 1521  
that for fiscal year 1997 had both of the following: 1522

(a) A percentage of children residing in the district and 1523  
participating in the predecessor of Ohio works first greater 1524  
than thirty per cent, as reported pursuant to section 3317.10 of 1525  
the Revised Code; 1526

(b) An average daily membership greater than twelve 1527  
thousand, as reported pursuant to former division (A) of section 1528  
3317.03 of the Revised Code. 1529

(5) "New start-up school" means a community school other 1530

than one created by converting all or part of an existing public 1531  
school or educational service center building, as designated in 1532  
the school's contract pursuant to division (A) (17) of section 1533  
3314.03 of the Revised Code. 1534

(6) "Urban school district" means one of the state's 1535  
twenty-one urban school districts as defined in division (O) of 1536  
section 3317.02 of the Revised Code as that section existed 1537  
prior to July 1, 1998. 1538

(7) "Internet- or computer-based community school" means a 1539  
community school established under this chapter in which the 1540  
enrolled students work primarily from their residences on 1541  
assignments in nonclassroom-based learning opportunities 1542  
provided via an internet- or other computer-based instructional 1543  
method that does not rely on regular classroom instruction or 1544  
via comprehensive instructional methods that include internet- 1545  
based, other computer-based, and noncomputer-based learning 1546  
opportunities unless a student receives career-technical 1547  
education under section 3314.086 of the Revised Code. 1548

A community school that operates mainly as an internet- or 1549  
computer-based community school and provides career-technical 1550  
education under section 3314.086 of the Revised Code shall be 1551  
considered an internet- or computer-based community school, even 1552  
if it provides some classroom-based instruction, so long as it 1553  
provides instruction via the methods described in this division. 1554

(8) "Operator" means either of the following: 1555

(a) An individual or organization that manages the daily 1556  
operations of a community school pursuant to a contract between 1557  
the operator and the school's governing authority; 1558

(b) A nonprofit organization that provides programmatic 1559

oversight and support to a community school under a contract 1560  
with the school's governing authority and that retains the right 1561  
to terminate its affiliation with the school if the school fails 1562  
to meet the organization's quality standards. 1563

(9) "Alliance municipal school district" has the same 1564  
meaning as in section 3311.86 of the Revised Code. 1565

(B) (1) Any person or group of individuals may initially 1566  
propose under this division the conversion of all or a portion 1567  
of a public school to a community school. The proposal shall be 1568  
made to the board of education of the city, local, exempted 1569  
village, or joint vocational school district in which the public 1570  
school is proposed to be converted. 1571

(2) Any person or group of individuals may initially 1572  
propose under this division the conversion of all or a portion 1573  
of a building operated by an educational service center to a 1574  
community school. The proposal shall be made to the governing 1575  
board of the service center. 1576

~~An~~ On or after July 1, 2017, except as provided in section 1577  
3314.027 of the Revised Code, any educational service center 1578  
that sponsors a community school ~~in accordance with this~~ 1579  
~~division~~ shall be approved by and enter into a written agreement 1580  
with the department as described in section 3314.015 of the 1581  
Revised Code. 1582

(3) Upon receipt of a proposal, and after an agreement has 1583  
been entered into pursuant to section 3314.015 of the Revised 1584  
Code, a board may enter into a preliminary agreement with the 1585  
person or group proposing the conversion of the public school or 1586  
service center building, indicating the intention of the board 1587  
to support the conversion to a community school. A proposing 1588

person or group that has a preliminary agreement under this 1589  
division may proceed to finalize plans for the school, establish 1590  
a governing authority for the school, and negotiate a contract 1591  
with the board. Provided the proposing person or group adheres 1592  
to the preliminary agreement and all provisions of this chapter, 1593  
the board shall negotiate in good faith to enter into a contract 1594  
in accordance with section 3314.03 of the Revised Code and 1595  
division (C) of this section. 1596

(4) The sponsor of a conversion community school proposed 1597  
to open in an alliance municipal school district shall be 1598  
subject to approval by the department of education for 1599  
sponsorship of that school using the criteria established under 1600  
division (A) of section 3311.87 of the Revised Code. 1601

Division (B) (4) of this section does not apply to a 1602  
sponsor that, on or before ~~the effective date of this amendment~~ 1603  
September 29, 2015, was exempted under section 3314.021 or 1604  
3314.027 of the Revised Code from the requirement to be approved 1605  
for sponsorship under divisions (A) (2) and (B) (1) of section 1606  
3314.015 of the Revised Code. 1607

(C) (1) Any person or group of individuals may propose 1608  
under this division the establishment of a new start-up school 1609  
to be located in a challenged school district. The proposal may 1610  
be made to any of the following entities: 1611

(a) The board of education of the district in which the 1612  
school is proposed to be located; 1613

(b) The board of education of any joint vocational school 1614  
district with territory in the county in which is located the 1615  
majority of the territory of the district in which the school is 1616  
proposed to be located; 1617



(c) The board of education of any other city, local, or 1618  
exempted village school district having territory in the same 1619  
county where the district in which the school is proposed to be 1620  
located has the major portion of its territory; 1621

(d) The governing board of any educational service center, 1622  
regardless of the location of the proposed school, may sponsor a 1623  
new start-up school in any challenged school district in the 1624  
state if all of the following are satisfied: 1625

(i) If applicable, it satisfies the requirements of 1626  
division (E) of section 3311.86 of the Revised Code; 1627

(ii) It is approved to do so by the department; 1628

(iii) It enters into an agreement with the department 1629  
under section 3314.015 of the Revised Code. 1630

(e) A sponsoring authority designated by the board of 1631  
trustees of any of the thirteen state universities listed in 1632  
section 3345.011 of the Revised Code or the board of trustees 1633  
itself as long as a mission of the proposed school to be 1634  
specified in the contract under division (A) (2) of section 1635  
3314.03 of the Revised Code and as approved by the department 1636  
under division (B) ~~(2)~~ (3) of section 3314.015 of the Revised 1637  
Code will be the practical demonstration of teaching methods, 1638  
educational technology, or other teaching practices that are 1639  
included in the curriculum of the university's teacher 1640  
preparation program approved by the state board of education; 1641

(f) Any qualified tax-exempt entity under section 501(c) 1642  
(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as long as all of the following 1643  
conditions are satisfied: 1644

(i) The entity has been in operation for at least five 1645  
years prior to applying to be a community school sponsor. 1646

(ii) The entity has assets of at least five hundred 1647  
thousand dollars and a demonstrated record of financial 1648  
responsibility. 1649

(iii) The department has determined that the entity is an 1650  
education-oriented entity under division (B) (3) of section 1651  
3314.015 of the Revised Code and the entity has a demonstrated 1652  
record of successful implementation of educational programs. 1653

(iv) The entity is not a community school. 1654

(g) The mayor of a city in which the majority of the 1655  
territory of a school district to which section 3311.60 of the 1656  
Revised Code applies is located, regardless of whether that 1657  
district has created the position of independent auditor as 1658  
prescribed by that section. The mayor's sponsorship authority 1659  
under this division is limited to community schools that are 1660  
located in that school district. Such mayor may sponsor 1661  
community schools only with the approval of the city council of 1662  
that city, after establishing standards with which community 1663  
schools sponsored by the mayor must comply, and after entering 1664  
into a sponsor agreement with the department as prescribed under 1665  
section 3314.015 of the Revised Code. The mayor shall establish 1666  
the standards for community schools sponsored by the mayor not 1667  
later than one hundred eighty days after July 15, 2013, and 1668  
shall submit them to the department upon their establishment. 1669  
The department shall approve the mayor to sponsor community 1670  
schools in the district, upon receipt of an application by the 1671  
mayor to do so. Not later than ninety days after the 1672  
department's approval of the mayor as a community school 1673  
sponsor, the department shall enter into the sponsor agreement 1674  
with the mayor. 1675

Any entity described in division (C) (1) of this section 1676

may enter into a preliminary agreement pursuant to division (C) 1677  
(2) of this section with the proposing person or group, provided 1678  
that entity has been approved by and entered into a written 1679  
agreement with the department pursuant to section 3314.015 of 1680  
the Revised Code. 1681

(2) A preliminary agreement indicates the intention of an 1682  
entity described in division (C)(1) of this section to sponsor 1683  
the community school. A proposing person or group that has such 1684  
a preliminary agreement may proceed to finalize plans for the 1685  
school, establish a governing authority as described in division 1686  
(E) of this section for the school, and negotiate a contract 1687  
with the entity. Provided the proposing person or group adheres 1688  
to the preliminary agreement and all provisions of this chapter, 1689  
the entity shall negotiate in good faith to enter into a 1690  
contract in accordance with section 3314.03 of the Revised Code. 1691

(3) A new start-up school that is established in a school 1692  
district described in either division (A)(3)(b) or (d) of this 1693  
section may continue in existence once the school district no 1694  
longer meets the conditions described in either division, 1695  
provided there is a valid contract between the school and a 1696  
sponsor. 1697

(4) A copy of every preliminary agreement entered into 1698  
under this division shall be filed with the superintendent of 1699  
public instruction. 1700

(D) A majority vote of the board of a sponsoring entity 1701  
and a majority vote of the members of the governing authority of 1702  
a community school shall be required to adopt a contract and 1703  
convert the public school or educational service center building 1704  
to a community school or establish the new start-up school. 1705  
Beginning September 29, 2005, adoption of the contract shall 1706

occur not later than the fifteenth day of March, and signing of 1707  
the contract shall occur not later than the fifteenth day of 1708  
May, prior to the school year in which the school will open. The 1709  
governing authority shall notify the department of education 1710  
when the contract has been signed. Subject to sections 3314.013 1711  
and 3314.016 of the Revised Code, an unlimited number of 1712  
community schools may be established in any school district 1713  
provided that a contract is entered into for each community 1714  
school pursuant to this chapter. 1715

(E) (1) As used in this division, "immediate relatives" are 1716  
limited to spouses, children, parents, grandparents, siblings, 1717  
and in-laws. 1718

Each new start-up community school established under this 1719  
chapter shall be under the direction of a governing authority 1720  
which shall consist of a board of not less than five 1721  
individuals. 1722

(2) (a) No person shall serve on the governing authority or 1723  
operate the community school under contract with the governing 1724  
authority so long as the person under any of the following 1725  
circumstances: 1726

(i) The person owes the state any money or is in a dispute 1727  
over whether the person owes the state any money concerning the 1728  
operation of a community school that has closed. 1729

(ii) The person would otherwise be subject to division (B) 1730  
of section 3319.31 of the Revised Code with respect to refusal, 1731  
limitation, or revocation of a license to teach, if the person 1732  
were a licensed educator. 1733

(iii) The person has pleaded guilty to or been convicted 1734  
of theft in office under section 2921.41 of the Revised Code, or 1735

has pleaded guilty to or been convicted of a substantially 1736  
similar offense in another state. 1737

(b) No person shall serve on the governing authority or 1738  
engage in the financial day-to-day management of the community 1739  
school under contract with the governing authority unless and 1740  
until that person has submitted to a criminal records check in 1741  
the manner prescribed by section 3319.39 of the Revised Code. 1742

(c) Each sponsor of a community school shall annually 1743  
verify that a finding for recovery has not been issued by the 1744  
auditor of state against any individual or individuals who 1745  
propose to create a community school or any member of the 1746  
governing authority, the operator, or any employee of each 1747  
community school. 1748

~~(2)~~(3) No person shall serve on the governing authorities 1749  
of more than five start-up community schools at the same time. 1750

~~(3)~~(4) No present or former member, or immediate relative 1751  
of a present or former member, of the governing authority of any 1752  
community school established under this chapter shall be an 1753  
owner, employee, or consultant of any sponsor or operator of a 1754  
community school, unless at least one year has elapsed since the 1755  
conclusion of the person's membership. 1756

~~(4)~~(5) The governing authority of a start-up or 1757  
conversion community school may provide by resolution for the 1758  
compensation of its members. However, no individual who serves 1759  
on the governing authority of a start-up or conversion community 1760  
school shall be compensated more than ~~four~~one hundred twenty- 1761  
five dollars per meeting of that governing authority and no such 1762  
individual shall be compensated more than a total amount of five 1763  
thousand dollars per year for all governing authorities upon 1764

which the individual serves. Each member of the governing authority may be paid compensation for attendance at an approved training program, provided that such compensation shall not exceed sixty dollars a day for attendance at a training program three hours or less in length and one hundred twenty-five dollars a day for attendance at a training program longer than three hours in length. 1765  
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(6) No person who is the employee of a school district or educational service center shall serve on the governing authority of any community school sponsored by that school district or service center. 1772  
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(7) Each member of the governing authority of a community school shall annually file a disclosure statement setting forth the names of any immediate relatives or business associates employed by any of the following within the previous three years: 1776  
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(a) The sponsor or operator of that community school; 1781

(b) A school district or educational service center that has contracted with that community school; 1782  
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(c) A vendor that is or has engaged in business with that community school. 1784  
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(8) No person who is a member of a school district board of education shall serve on the governing authority of any community school. 1786  
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(F) (1) A new start-up school that is established prior to August 15, 2003, in an urban school district that is not also a big-eight school district may continue to operate after that date and the contract between the school's governing authority and the school's sponsor may be renewed, as provided under this 1789  
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chapter, after that date, but no additional new start-up schools 1794  
may be established in such a district unless the district is a 1795  
challenged school district as defined in this section as it 1796  
exists on and after that date. 1797

(2) A community school that was established prior to June 1798  
29, 1999, and is located in a county contiguous to the pilot 1799  
project area and in a school district that is not a challenged 1800  
school district may continue to operate after that date, 1801  
provided the school complies with all provisions of this 1802  
chapter. The contract between the school's governing authority 1803  
and the school's sponsor may be renewed, but no additional 1804  
start-up community school may be established in that district 1805  
unless the district is a challenged school district. 1806

(3) Any educational service center that, on June 30, 2007, 1807  
sponsors a community school that is not located in a county 1808  
within the territory of the service center or in a county 1809  
contiguous to such county may continue to sponsor that community 1810  
school on and after June 30, 2007, and may renew its contract 1811  
with the school. However, the educational service center shall 1812  
not enter into a contract with any additional community school, 1813  
unless the governing board of the service center has entered 1814  
into an agreement with the department authorizing the service 1815  
center to sponsor a community school in any challenged school 1816  
district in the state. 1817

**Sec. 3314.021.** (A) This section applies to any entity that 1818  
is exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal 1819  
Revenue Code and that satisfies the conditions specified in 1820  
divisions (C)(1)(f)(ii) and (iii) of section 3314.02 of the 1821  
Revised Code but does not satisfy the condition specified in 1822  
division (C)(1)(f)(i) of that section. 1823

(B) Notwithstanding division (C) (1) (f) (i) of section 1824  
3314.02 of the Revised Code, and subject to division (D) (2) of 1825  
this section, an entity described in division (A) of this 1826  
section may do both of the following without obtaining the 1827  
department of education's initial approval of its sponsorship 1828  
under divisions (A) (2) and (B) (1) of section 3314.015 of the 1829  
Revised Code: 1830

(1) Succeed the board of trustees of a state university 1831  
located in the pilot project area or that board's designee as 1832  
the sponsor of a community school established under this 1833  
chapter; 1834

(2) Continue to sponsor that school in conformance with 1835  
the terms of the contract between the board of trustees or its 1836  
designee and the governing authority of the community school and 1837  
renew that contract as provided in division (E) of section 1838  
3314.03 of the Revised Code. 1839

(C) The entity that succeeds the board of trustees or the 1840  
board's designee as sponsor of a community school under division 1841  
(B) of this section also may enter into contracts to sponsor 1842  
other community schools located in any challenged school 1843  
district, without obtaining the department's initial approval of 1844  
its sponsorship of those schools under divisions (A) (2) and (B) 1845  
(1) of section 3314.015 of the Revised Code as long as the 1846  
contracts conform with and the entity complies with all other 1847  
requirements of this chapter. 1848

(D) (1) Regardless of the entity's authority to sponsor 1849  
community schools without the initial approval of the 1850  
department, the entity is under the continuing oversight of the 1851  
department in accordance with rules adopted under section 1852  
3314.015 of the Revised Code. 1853



(2) If an entity described in division (A) of this section 1854  
receives a rating below "effective" under division (B) of 1855  
section 3314.016 of the Revised Code for two or more consecutive 1856  
years, that entity shall receive approval from the department of 1857  
education to sponsor community schools and enter into a written 1858  
agreement with the department in accordance with division (B)(1) 1859  
of section 3314.015 of the Revised Code prior to entering into 1860  
any further preliminary agreements under division (C)(2) of 1861  
section 3314.02 of the Revised Code or renewing any existing 1862  
contract to sponsor a community school. 1863

**Sec. 3314.023.** A sponsor shall provide monitoring, 1864  
oversight, and technical assistance to each school that it 1865  
sponsors. In order to provide monitoring, oversight, and 1866  
technical assistance, a representative of the sponsor of a 1867  
community school shall meet with the governing authority or 1868  
fiscal officer of the school and shall review the financial and 1869  
enrollment records of the school at least once every month. Not 1870  
later than ten days after each review, the sponsor shall provide 1871  
the governing authority and fiscal officer with a written report 1872  
regarding the review. Copies of those financial and enrollment 1873  
records shall be furnished to the community school sponsor and 1874  
operator, members of the governing authority, and the fiscal 1875  
officer designated in section 3314.011 of the Revised Code on a 1876  
monthly basis. 1877

If a community school closes or is permanently closed, the 1878  
designated fiscal officer shall deliver all financial and 1879  
enrollment records to the school's sponsor within thirty days of 1880  
the school's closure. If the fiscal officer fails to provide the 1881  
records in a timely manner, or fails to faithfully perform any 1882  
of the fiscal officer's other duties, the sponsor has the right 1883  
of action against the fiscal officer to compel delivery of all 1884

financial and enrollment records of the school and shall, if 1885  
necessary, seek recovery of any funds owed as a result of any 1886  
finding of recovery by the auditor of state against the fiscal 1887  
officer. 1888

For purposes of this chapter, "monitoring, oversight, and 1889  
technical assistance" shall include the following: 1890

(A) Monitoring the community school's compliance with all 1891  
laws applicable to the school and with the terms of the 1892  
contract; 1893

(B) Monitoring and evaluating the academic and fiscal 1894  
performance and the organization and operation of the community 1895  
school on at least an annual basis. The evaluation of a school's 1896  
academic and fiscal performance shall be based on the 1897  
performance requirements specified in the contract between the 1898  
sponsor and the governing authority under section 3314.03 of the 1899  
Revised Code, the state report cards issued for the school under 1900  
section 3302.03 or 3314.017 of the Revised Code, and any other 1901  
analysis conducted by the department of education. 1902

(C) Reporting on an annual basis the results of the 1903  
evaluation conducted under division (D) (2) of section 3314.03 of 1904  
the Revised Code to the department of education and to the 1905  
parents of students enrolled in the community school; 1906

(D) Providing technical assistance to the community school 1907  
in complying with laws applicable to the school and terms of the 1908  
contract; 1909

(E) Taking steps to intervene in the school's operation to 1910  
correct problems in the school's overall performance, declaring 1911  
the school to be on probationary status pursuant to section 1912  
3314.073 of the Revised Code, suspending the operation of the 1913

school pursuant to section 3314.072 of the Revised Code, or 1914  
terminating the contract of the school pursuant to section 1915  
3314.07 of the Revised Code as determined necessary by the 1916  
sponsor; 1917

(F) Having in place a plan of action to be undertaken in 1918  
the event the community school experiences financial 1919  
difficulties or closes prior to the end of a school year. 1920

(G) Other activities designed to specifically benefit the 1921  
community school the entity sponsors. 1922

**Sec. 3314.024.** (A) A management company that ~~provides~~ 1923  
~~services to a community school that amounts to~~ receives more 1924  
than twenty per cent of the annual gross revenues of ~~the a~~ 1925  
community school shall provide a detailed accounting including 1926  
the nature and costs of ~~the goods and~~ services it provides to 1927  
the community school. This information shall be ~~included in the~~ 1928  
~~footnotes of the financial statements of the school reported~~ 1929  
using the categories and designations set forth in divisions (B) 1930  
and (C) of this section, as applicable. 1931

(B) The detailed accounting shall include the following 1932  
categories of expenses for each designation as set forth in 1933  
division (C) of this section: 1934

(1) Aggregate salaries and wages; 1935

(2) Aggregate employee benefits; 1936

(3) Professional and technical services; 1937

(4) Property services; 1938

(5) Utilities; 1939

(6) Contracted craft or trade services; 1940

<u>(7) Tuition paid to other districts;</u>	1941
<u>(8) Transportation;</u>	1942
<u>(9) Other purchased services;</u>	1943
<u>(10) Supplies;</u>	1944
<u>(11) Land;</u>	1945
<u>(12) Buildings;</u>	1946
<u>(13) Improvements other than buildings;</u>	1947
<u>(14) Equipment;</u>	1948
<u>(15) All other capital outlay;</u>	1949
<u>(16) Principal;</u>	1950
<u>(17) Interest;</u>	1951
<u>(18) Judgments;</u>	1952
<u>(19) Other direct and indirect costs.</u>	1953
<u>(C) The expenses set forth in division (B) of this section</u>	1954
<u>shall be disaggregated according to the following designations,</u>	1955
<u>as applicable:</u>	1956
<u>(1) Regular instruction;</u>	1957
<u>(2) Special instruction;</u>	1958
<u>(3) Vocational instruction;</u>	1959
<u>(4) Other instruction;</u>	1960
<u>(5) Support services;</u>	1961
<u>(6) Noninstructional activities.</u>	1962
<u>(D) The information provided pursuant to this section</u>	1963

shall be subject to ~~audit~~ verification through examination of 1964  
community school records during the course of the regular 1965  
financial audit of the community school. 1966

**Sec. 3314.025.** (A) Beginning with the 2016-2017 school 1967  
year, each sponsor of a community school shall submit, not later 1968  
than the fifteenth day of August of each year, a report to the 1969  
department of education, using the format and manner prescribed 1970  
by the department as set forth in division (B) of this section, 1971  
describing the amount and type of expenditures made to provide 1972  
monitoring, oversight, and technical assistance to the community 1973  
schools it sponsors. The report shall also be submitted to the 1974  
governing authority of the community school. 1975

(B) Not later than ninety days after the effective date of 1976  
this section, the department shall establish requirements and a 1977  
reporting procedure to aid each sponsor in complying with 1978  
division (A) of this section. The department shall require that 1979  
each report include at least the following types of expenditures 1980  
made to provide oversight, monitoring, and technical assistance 1981  
to the community school it sponsors: 1982

(1) Employee salaries, wages, benefits, and other 1983  
compensation; 1984

(2) All purchased or contracted services; 1985

(3) Materials and supplies; 1986

(4) Equipment, furniture, and fixtures; 1987

(5) Facilities; 1988

(6) Other expenditures. 1989

(C) The report submitted under this section shall be a 1990  
factor when evaluating a sponsor's compliance with applicable 1991

law and administrative rules as prescribed under division (B) (1) (c) of section 3314.016 of the Revised Code. The report also may be used as a factor when evaluating a sponsor's adherence to quality practices as prescribed under division (B) (1) (b) of that section. 1992  
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**Sec. 3314.027.** Notwithstanding the requirement for initial approval of sponsorship by the department of education prescribed in divisions (A) (2) and (B) (1) of section 3314.015 of the Revised Code and any geographical restriction or mission requirement prescribed in division (C) (1) of section 3314.02 of the Revised Code, an entity that has entered into a contract to sponsor a community school on April 8, 2003, may continue to sponsor the school in conformance with the terms of that contract and also may enter into new contracts to sponsor community schools after April 8, 2003, as long as the contracts conform to and the entity complies with all other provisions of this chapter. 1997  
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Regardless of the entity's authority to sponsor community schools without the initial approval of the department, each entity described in this section is under the continuing oversight of the department in accordance with rules adopted under section 3314.015 of the Revised Code. 2009  
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If an entity to which this section applies receives a rating below "effective" under division (B) of section 3314.016 of the Revised Code for two or more consecutive years, that entity shall receive approval from the department of education to sponsor community schools and enter into a written agreement with the department in accordance with division (B) (1) of section 3314.015 of the Revised Code prior to entering into any further preliminary agreements under division (C) (2) of section 2014  
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3314.02 of the Revised Code or renewing any existing contract to 2022  
sponsor a community school. 2023

**Sec. 3314.029.** This section establishes the Ohio school 2024  
sponsorship program. The department of education shall establish 2025  
an office of Ohio school sponsorship to perform the department's 2026  
duties prescribed by this section. 2027

(A) (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this 2028  
chapter, any person, group of individuals, or entity may apply 2029  
to the department for direct authorization to establish a 2030  
community school and, upon approval of the application, may 2031  
establish the school. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary 2032  
in this chapter, the governing authority of an existing 2033  
community school, upon the expiration or termination of its 2034  
contract with the school's sponsor entered into under section 2035  
3314.03 of the Revised Code, may apply to the department for 2036  
direct authorization to continue operating the school and, upon 2037  
approval of the application, may continue to operate the school. 2038  
The department may establish a format and deadlines for an 2039  
application. 2040

Each application submitted to the department shall include 2041  
the following: 2042

(a) Evidence that the applicant will be able to comply 2043  
with division (C) of this section; 2044

(b) A statement indicating that the applicant agrees to 2045  
comply with all applicable provisions of this chapter, including 2046  
the requirement to be established as a nonprofit corporation or 2047  
public benefit corporation in accordance with division (A) (1) of 2048  
section 3314.03 of the Revised Code; 2049

(c) A statement attesting that no unresolved finding of 2050

recovery has been issued by the auditor of state against any 2051  
person, group of individuals, or entity that is a party to the 2052  
application and that no person who is party to the application 2053  
has been a member of the governing authority of any community 2054  
school that has permanently closed and against which an 2055  
unresolved finding of recovery has been issued by the auditor of 2056  
state. In the case of an application submitted by the governing 2057  
authority of an existing community school, a person who is party 2058  
to the application shall include each individual member of that 2059  
governing authority. 2060

(d) A statement that the school will be nonsectarian in 2061  
its programs, admission policies, employment practices, and all 2062  
other operations, and will not be operated by a sectarian school 2063  
or religious institution; 2064

(e) A statement of whether the school is to be created by 2065  
converting all or part of an existing public school or 2066  
educational service center building or is to be a new start-up 2067  
school. If it is a converted public school or service center 2068  
building, the statement shall include a specification of any 2069  
duties or responsibilities of an employer that the board of 2070  
education or service center governing board that operated the 2071  
school or building before conversion is delegating to the 2072  
governing authority of the community school with respect to all 2073  
or any specified group of employees, provided the delegation is 2074  
not prohibited by a collective bargaining agreement applicable 2075  
to such employees. 2076

(f) A statement that the school's teachers will be 2077  
licensed in the manner prescribed by division (A)(10) of section 2078  
3314.03 of the Revised Code; 2079

(g) A statement that the school will comply with all of 2080



the provisions of law enumerated in divisions (A) (11) (d) and (e) 2081  
of section 3314.03 of the Revised Code and of division (A) (11) 2082  
(h) of that section, if applicable; 2083

(h) A statement that the school's graduation and 2084  
curriculum requirements will comply with division (A) (11) (f) of 2085  
section 3314.03 of the Revised Code; 2086

(i) A description of each of the following: 2087

(i) The school's mission and educational program, the 2088  
characteristics of the students the school is expected to 2089  
attract, the ages and grade levels of students, and the focus of 2090  
the curriculum; 2091

(ii) The school's governing authority, which shall be in 2092  
compliance with division (E) of section 3314.02 of the Revised 2093  
Code; 2094

(iii) The school's admission and dismissal policies, which 2095  
shall be in compliance with divisions (A) (5) and (6) of section 2096  
3314.03 of the Revised Code; 2097

(iv) The school's business plan, including a five-year 2098  
financial forecast; 2099

(v) In the case of an application to establish a community 2100  
school, the applicant's resources and capacity to establish and 2101  
operate the school; 2102

(vi) The school's academic goals to be achieved and the 2103  
method of measurement that will be used to determine progress 2104  
toward those goals, which shall include the statewide 2105  
achievement assessments; 2106

(vii) The facilities to be used by the school and their 2107  
locations; 2108

(viii) A description of the learning opportunities that 2109  
will be offered to students including both classroom-based and 2110  
nonclassroom-based learning opportunities that are in compliance 2111  
with criteria for student participation established by the 2112  
department under division (H) (2) of section 3314.08 of the 2113  
Revised Code. 2114

(2) Subject to division (A) (3) of this section, the 2115  
department ~~shall~~ may approve each application, unless, within 2116  
~~thirty days after receipt of the application, the department~~ 2117  
~~determines that the application does not satisfy the~~ 2118  
~~requirements of division (A) (1) of this section and provides the~~ 2119  
~~applicant a written explanation of the reasons for the~~ 2120  
~~determination. In that case, the department shall grant the~~ 2121  
~~applicant thirty days to correct the insufficiencies in the~~ 2122  
~~application. If the department determines that the~~ 2123  
~~insufficiencies have been corrected, it shall approve the~~ 2124  
~~application. If the department determines that the~~ 2125  
~~insufficiencies have not been corrected, it shall deny the~~ 2126  
~~application and provide the applicant with a written explanation~~ 2127  
~~of the reasons for the denial. The denial of an application may~~ 2128  
~~be appealed in accordance with section 119.12 of the Revised~~ 2129  
~~Code or deny an application, taking into consideration the~~ 2130  
standards for quality authorizing, capacity requirements, 2131  
financial constraints, or any other criteria it determines 2132  
necessary and appropriate. The department shall adopt the 2133  
criteria not later than sixty days after the effective date of 2134  
this amendment. The department shall assign each applicant 2135  
school a rating established for a new start-up community school 2136  
or an existing community school, as applicable. 2137

The department of education shall annually publish on its 2138  
web site the criteria it uses to approve or deny an application 2139

submitted pursuant to this section. 2140

(3) For each of five school years, beginning with the 2141  
school year that begins in the calendar year in which this 2142  
section takes effect, the department may approve up to twenty 2143  
applications for community schools to be established or to 2144  
continue operation under division (A) of this section; however, 2145  
of the twenty applications that may be approved each school 2146  
year, only up to five may be for the establishment of new 2147  
schools. 2148

(4) Notwithstanding division (A) (2) of this section, the 2149  
department may deny an application submitted by the governing 2150  
authority of an existing community school, if a previous sponsor 2151  
of that school did not renew its contract or terminated its 2152  
contract with the school entered into under section 3314.03 of 2153  
the Revised Code. 2154

(5) In the case of a proposed new community school to be 2155  
located in an alliance municipal school district, the department 2156  
shall not approve the application of that community school 2157  
unless both of the following apply: 2158

(a) The department approves the application using the 2159  
requirements of divisions (A) (1) (a) to (h) of this section and 2160  
the criteria developed under division (A) (2) of this section. 2161

(b) The department has determined that the applicant has 2162  
requested and received a recommendation from the alliance in the 2163  
manner prescribed by divisions (E) (1) and (2) of section 3311.86 2164  
of the Revised Code. 2165

As used in this section, "alliance municipal school 2166  
district" and "alliance" have the same meanings as in section 2167  
3311.86 of the Revised Code. 2168

(B) The department and the governing authority of each 2169  
community school authorized under this section shall enter into 2170  
a contract under section 3314.03 of the Revised Code. 2171  
Notwithstanding division (A) (13) of that section, the contract 2172  
with an existing community school may begin at any time during 2173  
the academic year. The length of the initial contract of any 2174  
community school under this section may be for any term up to 2175  
five years. The contract may be renewed in accordance with 2176  
division (E) of that section. The contract may provide for the 2177  
school's governing authority to pay a fee for oversight and 2178  
monitoring of the school that does not exceed three per cent of 2179  
the total amount of payments for operating expenses that the 2180  
school receives from the state. 2181

(C) The department may require a community school 2182  
authorized under this section to post and file with the 2183  
superintendent of public instruction a bond payable to the state 2184  
or to file with the state superintendent a guarantee, which 2185  
shall be used to pay the state any moneys owed by the community 2186  
school in the event the school closes. 2187

(D) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a 2188  
community school authorized under this section shall comply with 2189  
all applicable provisions of this chapter. The department may 2190  
take any action that a sponsor may take under this chapter to 2191  
enforce the school's compliance with this division and the terms 2192  
of the contract entered into under division (B) of this section. 2193

(E) Not later than December 31, 2012, and annually 2194  
thereafter, the department shall issue a report on the program, 2195  
including information about the number of community schools 2196  
participating in the program and their compliance with the 2197  
provisions of this chapter. In its fifth report, the department 2198

shall include a complete evaluation of the program and 2199  
recommendations regarding the program's continuation. Each 2200  
report shall be provided to the general assembly, in accordance 2201  
with section 101.68 of the Revised Code, and to the governor. 2202

Sec. 3314.0210. When an operator or management company 2203  
purchases furniture, computers, software, equipment, or other 2204  
personal property for use in the operation of a community school 2205  
under this chapter with state funds that were paid to the 2206  
operator or management company by the community school as 2207  
payment for services rendered, such property is property of that 2208  
school and is not property of the operator or management 2209  
company. 2210

When a community school permanently closes and ceases its 2211  
operation as a community school, any property that was acquired 2212  
by the operator or management company of the school in the 2213  
manner described in this section shall be distributed in 2214  
accordance with division (E) of section 3314.015 and section 2215  
3314.074 of the Revised Code. 2216

**Sec. 3314.03.** A copy of every contract entered into under 2217  
this section shall be filed with the superintendent of public 2218  
instruction. The department of education shall make available on 2219  
its web site a copy of every approved, executed contract filed 2220  
with the superintendent under this section. 2221

(A) Each contract entered into between a sponsor and the 2222  
governing authority of a community school shall specify the 2223  
following: 2224

(1) That the school shall be established as either of the 2225  
following: 2226

(a) A nonprofit corporation established under Chapter 2227

1702. of the Revised Code, if established prior to April 8,	2228
2003;	2229
(b) A public benefit corporation established under Chapter	2230
1702. of the Revised Code, if established after April 8, 2003.	2231
(2) The education program of the school, including the	2232
school's mission, the characteristics of the students the school	2233
is expected to attract, the ages and grades of students, and the	2234
focus of the curriculum;	2235
(3) The academic goals to be achieved and the method of	2236
measurement that will be used to determine progress toward those	2237
goals, which shall include the statewide achievement	2238
assessments;	2239
(4) Performance standards, <u>including but not limited to</u>	2240
<u>all applicable report card measures set forth in section 3302.03</u>	2241
<u>or 3314.017 of the Revised Code,</u> by which the success of the	2242
school will be evaluated by the sponsor;	2243
(5) The admission standards of section 3314.06 of the	2244
Revised Code and, if applicable, section 3314.061 of the Revised	2245
Code;	2246
(6) (a) Dismissal procedures;	2247
(b) A requirement that the governing authority adopt an	2248
attendance policy that includes a procedure for automatically	2249
withdrawing a student from the school if the student without a	2250
legitimate excuse fails to participate in one hundred five	2251
consecutive hours of the learning opportunities offered to the	2252
student.	2253
(7) The ways by which the school will achieve racial and	2254
ethnic balance reflective of the community it serves;	2255

(8) Requirements for financial audits by the auditor of 2256  
state. The contract shall require financial records of the 2257  
school to be maintained in the same manner as are financial 2258  
records of school districts, pursuant to rules of the auditor of 2259  
state. Audits shall be conducted in accordance with section 2260  
117.10 of the Revised Code. 2261

(9) ~~The~~ An addendum to the contract outlining the 2262  
facilities to be used and their locations, that contains at least 2263  
the following information: 2264

(a) A detailed description of each facility used for 2265  
instructional purposes; 2266

(b) The annual costs associated with leasing each facility 2267  
that are paid by or on behalf of the school; 2268

(c) The annual mortgage principal and interest payments 2269  
that are paid by the school; 2270

(d) The name of the lender or landlord, identified as 2271  
such, and the lender's or landlord's relationship to the 2272  
operator, if any. 2273

(10) Qualifications of teachers, including a requirement 2274  
that the school's classroom teachers be licensed in accordance 2275  
with sections 3319.22 to 3319.31 of the Revised Code, except 2276  
that a community school may engage noncertificated persons to 2277  
teach up to twelve hours per week pursuant to section 3319.301 2278  
of the Revised Code. 2279

(11) That the school will comply with the following 2280  
requirements: 2281

(a) The school will provide learning opportunities to a 2282  
minimum of twenty-five students for a minimum of nine hundred 2283

twenty hours per school year. 2284

(b) The governing authority will purchase liability 2285  
insurance, or otherwise provide for the potential liability of 2286  
the school. 2287

(c) The school will be nonsectarian in its programs, 2288  
admission policies, employment practices, and all other 2289  
operations, and will not be operated by a sectarian school or 2290  
religious institution. 2291

(d) The school will comply with sections 9.90, 9.91, 2292  
109.65, 121.22, 149.43, 2151.357, 2151.421, 2313.19, 3301.0710, 2293  
3301.0711, 3301.0712, 3301.0715, 3301.948, 3313.472, 3313.50, 2294  
3313.536, 3313.539, 3313.608, 3313.609, 3313.6012, 3313.6013, 2295  
3313.6014, 3313.6015, 3313.6020, 3313.643, 3313.648, 3313.6411, 2296  
3313.66, 3313.661, 3313.662, 3313.666, 3313.667, 3313.67, 2297  
3313.671, 3313.672, 3313.673, 3313.69, 3313.71, 3313.716, 2298  
3313.718, 3313.719, 3313.7112, 3313.80, 3313.814, 3313.816, 2299  
3313.817, 3313.86, 3313.89, 3313.96, 3319.073, 3319.321, 2300  
3319.39, 3319.391, 3319.41, 3319.46, 3321.01, 3321.041, 3321.13, 2301  
3321.14, 3321.17, 3321.18, 3321.19, 3321.191, 3327.10, 4111.17, 2302  
4113.52, and 5705.391 and Chapters 117., 1347., 2744., 3365., 2303  
3742., 4112., 4123., 4141., and 4167. of the Revised Code as if 2304  
it were a school district and will comply with section 3301.0714 2305  
of the Revised Code in the manner specified in section 3314.17 2306  
of the Revised Code. 2307

(e) The school shall comply with Chapter 102. and section 2308  
2921.42 of the Revised Code. 2309

(f) The school will comply with sections 3313.61, 2310  
3313.611, and 3313.614 of the Revised Code, except that for 2311  
students who enter ninth grade for the first time before July 1, 2312



2010, the requirement in sections 3313.61 and 3313.611 of the 2313  
Revised Code that a person must successfully complete the 2314  
curriculum in any high school prior to receiving a high school 2315  
diploma may be met by completing the curriculum adopted by the 2316  
governing authority of the community school rather than the 2317  
curriculum specified in Title XXXIII of the Revised Code or any 2318  
rules of the state board of education. Beginning with students 2319  
who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2320  
2010, the requirement in sections 3313.61 and 3313.611 of the 2321  
Revised Code that a person must successfully complete the 2322  
curriculum of a high school prior to receiving a high school 2323  
diploma shall be met by completing the requirements prescribed 2324  
in division (C) of section 3313.603 of the Revised Code, unless 2325  
the person qualifies under division (D) or (F) of that section. 2326  
Each school shall comply with the plan for awarding high school 2327  
credit based on demonstration of subject area competency, 2328  
adopted by the state board of education under division (J) of 2329  
section 3313.603 of the Revised Code. 2330

(g) The school governing authority will submit within four 2331  
months after the end of each school year a report of its 2332  
activities and progress in meeting the goals and standards of 2333  
divisions (A) (3) and (4) of this section and its financial 2334  
status to the sponsor and the parents of all students enrolled 2335  
in the school. 2336

(h) The school, unless it is an internet- or computer- 2337  
based community school, will comply with section 3313.801 of the 2338  
Revised Code as if it were a school district. 2339

(i) If the school is the recipient of moneys from a grant 2340  
awarded under the federal race to the top program, Division (A), 2341  
Title XIV, Sections 14005 and 14006 of the "American Recovery 2342

and Reinvestment Act of 2009," Pub. L. No. 111-5, 123 Stat. 115, 2343  
the school will pay teachers based upon performance in 2344  
accordance with section 3317.141 and will comply with section 2345  
3319.111 of the Revised Code as if it were a school district. 2346

(12) Arrangements for providing health and other benefits 2347  
to employees; 2348

(13) The length of the contract, which shall begin at the 2349  
beginning of an academic year. No contract shall exceed five 2350  
years unless such contract has been renewed pursuant to division 2351  
(E) of this section. 2352

(14) The governing authority of the school, which shall be 2353  
responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract; 2354

(15) A financial plan detailing an estimated school budget 2355  
for each year of the period of the contract and specifying the 2356  
total estimated per pupil expenditure amount for each such year. 2357

(16) Requirements and procedures regarding the disposition 2358  
of employees of the school in the event the contract is 2359  
terminated or not renewed pursuant to section 3314.07 of the 2360  
Revised Code; 2361

(17) Whether the school is to be created by converting all 2362  
or part of an existing public school or educational service 2363  
center building or is to be a new start-up school, and if it is 2364  
a converted public school or service center building, 2365  
specification of any duties or responsibilities of an employer 2366  
that the board of education or service center governing board 2367  
that operated the school or building before conversion is 2368  
delegating to the governing authority of the community school 2369  
with respect to all or any specified group of employees provided 2370  
the delegation is not prohibited by a collective bargaining 2371

agreement applicable to such employees;	2372
(18) Provisions establishing procedures for resolving	2373
disputes or differences of opinion between the sponsor and the	2374
governing authority of the community school;	2375
(19) A provision requiring the governing authority to	2376
adopt a policy regarding the admission of students who reside	2377
outside the district in which the school is located. That policy	2378
shall comply with the admissions procedures specified in	2379
sections 3314.06 and 3314.061 of the Revised Code and, at the	2380
sole discretion of the authority, shall do one of the following:	2381
(a) Prohibit the enrollment of students who reside outside	2382
the district in which the school is located;	2383
(b) Permit the enrollment of students who reside in	2384
districts adjacent to the district in which the school is	2385
located;	2386
(c) Permit the enrollment of students who reside in any	2387
other district in the state.	2388
(20) A provision recognizing the authority of the	2389
department of education to take over the sponsorship of the	2390
school in accordance with the provisions of division (C) of	2391
section 3314.015 of the Revised Code;	2392
(21) A provision recognizing the sponsor's authority to	2393
assume the operation of a school under the conditions specified	2394
in division (B) of section 3314.073 of the Revised Code;	2395
(22) A provision recognizing both of the following:	2396
(a) The authority of public health and safety officials to	2397
inspect the facilities of the school and to order the facilities	2398
closed if those officials find that the facilities are not in	2399

compliance with health and safety laws and regulations; 2400

(b) The authority of the department of education as the 2401  
community school oversight body to suspend the operation of the 2402  
school under section 3314.072 of the Revised Code if the 2403  
department has evidence of conditions or violations of law at 2404  
the school that pose an imminent danger to the health and safety 2405  
of the school's students and employees and the sponsor refuses 2406  
to take such action. 2407

(23) A description of the learning opportunities that will 2408  
be offered to students including both classroom-based and non- 2409  
classroom-based learning opportunities that is in compliance 2410  
with criteria for student participation established by the 2411  
department under division (H) (2) of section 3314.08 of the 2412  
Revised Code; 2413

(24) The school will comply with sections 3302.04 and 2414  
3302.041 of the Revised Code, except that any action required to 2415  
be taken by a school district pursuant to those sections shall 2416  
be taken by the sponsor of the school. However, the sponsor 2417  
shall not be required to take any action described in division 2418  
(F) of section 3302.04 of the Revised Code. 2419

(25) Beginning in the 2006-2007 school year, the school 2420  
will open for operation not later than the thirtieth day of 2421  
September each school year, unless the mission of the school as 2422  
specified under division (A) (2) of this section is solely to 2423  
serve dropouts. In its initial year of operation, if the school 2424  
fails to open by the thirtieth day of September, or within one 2425  
year after the adoption of the contract pursuant to division (D) 2426  
of section 3314.02 of the Revised Code if the mission of the 2427  
school is solely to serve dropouts, the contract shall be void. 2428

(26) Whether the school's governing authority is planning 2429  
to seek designation for the school as a STEM school equivalent 2430  
under section 3326.032 of the Revised Code; 2431

(27) That the school's attendance and participation 2432  
policies will be available for public inspection; 2433

(28) That the school's attendance and participation 2434  
records shall be made available to the department of education, 2435  
auditor of state, and school's sponsor to the extent permitted 2436  
under and in accordance with the "Family Educational Rights and 2437  
Privacy Act of 1974," 88 Stat. 571, 20 U.S.C. 1232g, as amended, 2438  
and any regulations promulgated under that act, and section 2439  
3319.321 of the Revised Code; 2440

(29) If a school operates using the blended learning 2441  
model, as defined in section 3301.079 of the Revised Code, all 2442  
of the following information: 2443

(a) An indication of what blended learning model or models 2444  
will be used; 2445

(b) A description of how student instructional needs will 2446  
be determined and documented; 2447

(c) The method to be used for determining competency, 2448  
granting credit, and promoting students to a higher grade level; 2449

(d) The school's attendance requirements, including how 2450  
the school will document participation in learning 2451  
opportunities; 2452

(e) A statement describing how student progress will be 2453  
monitored; 2454

(f) A statement describing how private student data will 2455  
be protected; 2456

(g) A description of the professional development 2457  
activities that will be offered to teachers. 2458

(30) A provision requiring that all moneys the school's 2459  
operator loans to the school, including facilities loans or cash 2460  
flow assistance, must be accounted for, documented, and bear 2461  
interest at a fair market rate; 2462

(31) A provision requiring that, if the governing 2463  
authority contracts with an attorney, accountant, or entity 2464  
specializing in audits, the attorney, accountant, or entity 2465  
shall be independent from the operator with which the school has 2466  
contracted. 2467

(B) The community school shall also submit to the sponsor 2468  
a comprehensive plan for the school. The plan shall specify the 2469  
following: 2470

(1) The process by which the governing authority of the 2471  
school will be selected in the future; 2472

(2) The management and administration of the school; 2473

(3) If the community school is a currently existing public 2474  
school or educational service center building, alternative 2475  
arrangements for current public school students who choose not 2476  
to attend the converted school and for teachers who choose not 2477  
to teach in the school or building after conversion; 2478

(4) The instructional program and educational philosophy 2479  
of the school; 2480

(5) Internal financial controls. 2481

When submitting the plan under this division, the school 2482  
shall also submit copies of all policies and procedures 2483  
regarding internal financial controls adopted by the governing 2484

authority of the school. 2485

(C) A contract entered into under section 3314.02 of the 2486  
Revised Code between a sponsor and the governing authority of a 2487  
community school may provide for the community school governing 2488  
authority to make payments to the sponsor, which is hereby 2489  
authorized to receive such payments as set forth in the contract 2490  
between the governing authority and the sponsor. The total 2491  
amount of such payments for ~~oversight and monitoring,~~ oversight, 2492  
and technical assistance of the school shall not exceed three 2493  
per cent of the total amount of payments for operating expenses 2494  
that the school receives from the state. 2495

(D) The contract shall specify the duties of the sponsor 2496  
which shall be in accordance with the written agreement entered 2497  
into with the department of education under division (B) of 2498  
section 3314.015 of the Revised Code and shall include the 2499  
following: 2500

(1) Monitor the community school's compliance with all 2501  
laws applicable to the school and with the terms of the 2502  
contract; 2503

(2) Monitor and evaluate the academic and fiscal 2504  
performance and the organization and operation of the community 2505  
school on at least an annual basis; 2506

(3) Report on an annual basis the results of the 2507  
evaluation conducted under division (D) (2) of this section to 2508  
the department of education and to the parents of students 2509  
enrolled in the community school; 2510

(4) Provide technical assistance to the community school 2511  
in complying with laws applicable to the school and terms of the 2512  
contract; 2513

(5) Take steps to intervene in the school's operation to 2514  
correct problems in the school's overall performance, declare 2515  
the school to be on probationary status pursuant to section 2516  
3314.073 of the Revised Code, suspend the operation of the 2517  
school pursuant to section 3314.072 of the Revised Code, or 2518  
terminate the contract of the school pursuant to section 3314.07 2519  
of the Revised Code as determined necessary by the sponsor; 2520

(6) Have in place a plan of action to be undertaken in the 2521  
event the community school experiences financial difficulties or 2522  
closes prior to the end of a school year. 2523

(E) Upon the expiration of a contract entered into under 2524  
this section, the sponsor of a community school may, with the 2525  
approval of the governing authority of the school, renew that 2526  
contract for a period of time determined by the sponsor, but not 2527  
ending earlier than the end of any school year, if the sponsor 2528  
finds that the school's compliance with applicable laws and 2529  
terms of the contract and the school's progress in meeting the 2530  
academic goals prescribed in the contract have been 2531  
satisfactory. Any contract that is renewed under this division 2532  
remains subject to the provisions of sections 3314.07, 3314.072, 2533  
and 3314.073 of the Revised Code. 2534

(F) If a community school fails to open for operation 2535  
within one year after the contract entered into under this 2536  
section is adopted pursuant to division (D) of section 3314.02 2537  
of the Revised Code or permanently closes prior to the 2538  
expiration of the contract, the contract shall be void and the 2539  
school shall not enter into a contract with any other sponsor. A 2540  
school shall not be considered permanently closed because the 2541  
operations of the school have been suspended pursuant to section 2542  
3314.072 of the Revised Code. 2543



Sec. 3314.031. (A) Beginning March 31, 2016, the 2544  
department shall do the following: 2545

(1) Maintain and annually publish an accurate record of 2546  
the names and identifying information of all entities that have 2547  
entered into a contract with the governing authority of a 2548  
community school to manage or operate that school; 2549

(2) Receive from the governing authority of each community 2550  
school a copy of the contract between a governing authority and 2551  
its operator. A copy of each contract shall be made available on 2552  
the department's web site. 2553

(B) Not later than November 15, 2016, and not later than 2554  
the fifteenth day of November for each year thereafter, the 2555  
department shall develop and publish an annual performance 2556  
report for all operators of community schools in the state based 2557  
on their performance for the previous school year. The report 2558  
shall be made available on the department's web site. 2559

(C) The department shall include the performance report 2560  
obtained pursuant to division (B) of this section in the 2561  
department's annual report required by division (A) (4) of 2562  
section 3314.015 of the Revised Code. 2563

(D) For purposes of this section, "operator" has the same 2564  
meaning as in division (A) (8) of section 3314.02 of the Revised 2565  
Code. 2566

Sec. 3314.032. (A) On and after the effective date of this 2567  
section, any new or renewed contract between the governing 2568  
authority of a community school and an operator shall include at 2569  
least the following: 2570

(1) Criteria to be used for early termination of the 2571  
operator contract; 2572

<u>(2) Required notification procedures and timeline for</u>	2573
<u>early termination or nonrenewal of the operator contract;</u>	2574
<u>(3) A stipulation of which entity owns all community</u>	2575
<u>school facilities and property including, but not limited to,</u>	2576
<u>equipment, furniture, fixtures, instructional materials and</u>	2577
<u>supplies, computers, printers, and other digital devices</u>	2578
<u>purchased by the governing authority or operator. Any</u>	2579
<u>stipulation regarding property ownership shall comply with the</u>	2580
<u>requirements of section 3314.0210 of the Revised Code.</u>	2581
<u>(B) (1) The operator with which the governing authority of</u>	2582
<u>a community school contracts for services shall not lease any</u>	2583
<u>parcel of real property to that community school until an</u>	2584
<u>independent professional in the real estate field verifies via</u>	2585
<u>addendum that at the time the lease was agreed to, the lease was</u>	2586
<u>commercially reasonable.</u>	2587
<u>(2) The independent professional described in division (B)</u>	2588
<u>(1) of this section shall be immune from civil liability for any</u>	2589
<u>decision rendered pursuant to this section.</u>	2590
<u>(C) Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, the</u>	2591
<u>governing authority of a community school, with the assistance</u>	2592
<u>of the school's designated fiscal officer, shall adopt an annual</u>	2593
<u>budget by the thirty-first day of October of each year.</u>	2594
<u>Not later than ninety days after the effective date of</u>	2595
<u>this section, the department of education shall develop a format</u>	2596
<u>for annual budgets of community schools. The format shall</u>	2597
<u>prescribe inclusion of the following information in a school's</u>	2598
<u>budget:</u>	2599
<u>(1) Administrative costs for the community school as a</u>	2600
<u>whole;</u>	2601

(2) Instructional services costs for each category of 2602  
service provided directly to students, compiled and reported in 2603  
terms of average expenditure per pupil receiving the service; 2604

(3) The cost of instructional support services, such as 2605  
services provided by a speech-language pathologist, classroom 2606  
aide, multimedia aide, or librarian, provided directly to 2607  
students; 2608

(4) The cost of administrative support services, such as 2609  
the cost of personnel that develop the curriculum and the cost 2610  
of personnel supervising or coordinating the delivery of the 2611  
instructional services; 2612

(5) The cost of support or extracurricular services costs 2613  
for services directly provided to students; 2614

(6) The cost of services provided directly to students by 2615  
a nonlicensed employee related to support or extracurricular 2616  
services, such as janitorial services, cafeteria services, or 2617  
services of a sports trainer; 2618

(7) The cost of administrative services related to support 2619  
or extracurricular services, such as the cost of any licensed or 2620  
unlicensed employees that develop, supervise, coordinate, or 2621  
otherwise are involved in administrating or aiding the delivery 2622  
of services. 2623

(D) The governing authority of a community school shall be 2624  
the sole entity responsible for the adoption of the school's 2625  
annual budget, but the governing authority shall adopt such 2626  
budget with the assistance of the school's designated fiscal 2627  
officer. 2628

Sec. 3314.034. (A) Subject to division (B) of this 2629  
section, any community school to which either of the following 2630

conditions apply shall be prohibited from entering into a 2631  
contract with a new sponsor: 2632

(1) The community school has received a grade of "D" or 2633  
"F" for the performance index score, under division (C) (1) (b) of 2634  
section 3302.03 of the Revised Code, and an overall grade of "D" 2635  
or "F" for the value-added progress dimension or another measure 2636  
of student academic progress if adopted by the state board of 2637  
education, under division (C) (1) (e) of that section, on the most 2638  
recent report card issued for the school pursuant to that 2639  
section. 2640

(2) The community school is one in which a majority of the 2641  
students are enrolled in a dropout prevention and recovery 2642  
program, and it has received a rating of "does not meet 2643  
standards" for the annual student growth measure and combined 2644  
graduation rates on the most recent report card issued for the 2645  
school under section 3314.017 of the Revised Code. 2646

(B) A community school to which division (A) of this 2647  
section applies may enter into a contract with a new sponsor if 2648  
all of the following conditions are satisfied: 2649

(1) The proposed sponsor received a rating of "effective" 2650  
or higher pursuant to division (B) (6) of section 3314.016 of the 2651  
Revised Code on its most recent evaluation conducted according 2652  
to that section, or the proposed sponsor is the office of Ohio 2653  
school sponsorship established in section 3314.029 of the 2654  
Revised Code. 2655

(2) The community school submits a request to enter into a 2656  
new contract with a sponsor. 2657

(3) The community school has not submitted a prior request 2658  
that was granted. 2659

(4) The department grants the school's request pursuant to 2660  
division (C) of this section. 2661

(C) A school shall submit a request to change sponsors 2662  
under this section not later than on the fifteenth day of 2663  
February of the year in which the school wishes to do so. The 2664  
department shall grant or deny the request not later than thirty 2665  
days after the department receives it. If the department denies 2666  
the request, the community school may submit an appeal to the 2667  
state board of education, which shall hold a hearing in 2668  
accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. The community 2669  
school shall file its notice of appeal to the state board not 2670  
later than ten days after receiving the decision from the 2671  
department. The state board shall conduct the hearing not later 2672  
than thirty days after receiving the school's notice of appeal 2673  
and act upon the determination of the hearing officer not later 2674  
than the twenty-fifth day of June of the year in which the 2675  
school wishes to change sponsors. 2676

(D) Factors to be considered during a hearing held 2677  
pursuant to division (C) of this section include, but are not 2678  
limited to, the following: 2679

(1) The school's impact on the students and the community 2680  
or communities it serves; 2681

(2) The quality and quantity of academic and 2682  
administrative support the school receives from its current 2683  
sponsor to help the school to improve; 2684

(3) The sponsor's annual evaluations of the community 2685  
school under division (D) (2) of section 3314.03 of the Revised 2686  
Code for the previous three years; 2687

(4) The academic performance of the school, taking into 2688

<u>account the demographic information of the students enrolled in</u>	2689
<u>the school;</u>	2690
<u>(5) The academic performance of alternative schools that</u>	2691
<u>serve comparable populations of students as those served by the</u>	2692
<u>community school;</u>	2693
<u>(6) The fiscal stability of the school;</u>	2694
<u>(7) The results of any audits of the school by the auditor</u>	2695
<u>of state;</u>	2696
<u>(8) The length of time the school has been under the</u>	2697
<u>oversight of its current sponsor;</u>	2698
<u>(9) The number of times the school has changed sponsors</u>	2699
<u>prior to the current request;</u>	2700
<u>(10) Parent and student satisfaction rates as demonstrated</u>	2701
<u>by surveys, if available.</u>	2702
<b><u>Sec. 3314.035.</u></b> <u>Each community school shall post on the</u>	2703
<u>school's web site the name of each member of the school's</u>	2704
<u>governing authority. Each community school also shall provide,</u>	2705
<u>upon request, the name and address of each member of the</u>	2706
<u>governing authority to the sponsor of the school and the</u>	2707
<u>department of education.</u>	2708
<b><u>Sec. 3314.036.</u></b> <u>The governing authority of a community</u>	2709
<u>school shall employ an attorney, who shall be independent from</u>	2710
<u>the school's sponsor or the operator with which the school has</u>	2711
<u>contracted, for any services related to the negotiation of the</u>	2712
<u>community school's contract with the sponsor or the school's</u>	2713
<u>contract with the operator.</u>	2714
<b><u>Sec. 3314.037.</u></b> <u>The members of the governing authority of a</u>	2715
<u>community school, the designated fiscal officer of the school,</u>	2716

the chief administrative officer and other administrative 2717  
employees of the school, and all individuals performing 2718  
supervisory or administrative services for the school under a 2719  
contract with the operator of the school shall complete training 2720  
on an annual basis on the public records and open meetings laws, 2721  
so that they may comply with those laws as prescribed by 2722  
division (A) (11) (d) of section 3314.03 of the Revised Code. 2723

Sec. 3314.038. Each community school shall annually submit 2724  
to the department of education and auditor of state a report of 2725  
each instance under which a student who is enrolled in that 2726  
community school resides in a children's residential center as 2727  
defined under section 5103.05 of the Revised Code. 2728

Sec. 3314.039. The department of education shall compile 2729  
and publish the following information, for each year since the 2730  
2010-2011 school year, in a simple, easily accessible location 2731  
on its web site: 2732

(A) A single document identifying each community school 2733  
that has closed during each year and the reason for the closure 2734  
of each school; 2735

(B) A single document for each entity that submitted an 2736  
application to sponsor schools that contains the following, 2737  
where applicable: 2738

(1) The entity's application and most recent evaluation; 2739

(2) A designation of whether the entity's application was 2740  
approved or denied; 2741

(3) All documentation used in determining whether to 2742  
approve or deny the entity's application; 2743

(4) A short statement describing the rationale used in 2744

<u>approving or denying the entity's application.</u>	2745
<u>(C) A single document containing the following information:</u>	2746
<u>(1) A list of all sponsor ratings for each school year for which ratings are available;</u>	2747
<u>(2) A list of each sponsor that is prohibited, as of the thirty-first day of December of each school year, from sponsoring new schools;</u>	2748
<u>(3) A list of each sponsor that sponsors or has sponsored a school that is or was subject to closure, and the reason for that closure.</u>	2749
<u>(D) The department shall update the document required pursuant to division (A) of this section on an annual basis.</u>	2750
<b>Sec. 3314.07.</b> (A) The expiration of the contract for a community school between a sponsor and a school shall be the date provided in the contract. A successor contract may be entered into pursuant to division (E) of section 3314.03 of the Revised Code unless the contract is terminated or not renewed pursuant to this section.	2751
(B) (1) A sponsor may choose not to renew a contract at its expiration or may choose to terminate a contract prior to its expiration for any of the following reasons:	2752
(a) Failure to meet student performance requirements stated in the contract;	2753
(b) Failure to meet generally accepted standards of fiscal management;	2754
(c) Violation of any provision of the contract or	2755



applicable state or federal law; 2772

(d) Other good cause. 2773

(2) A sponsor may choose to terminate a contract prior to 2774  
its expiration if the sponsor has suspended the operation of the 2775  
contract under section 3314.072 of the Revised Code. 2776

(3) Not later than the ~~first~~fifteenth day of ~~February~~ 2777  
January in the year in which the sponsor intends to terminate or 2778  
take actions not to renew the community school's contract, the 2779  
sponsor shall notify the school of the proposed action in 2780  
writing. The notice shall include the reasons for the proposed 2781  
action in detail, the effective date of the termination or 2782  
nonrenewal, and a statement that the school may, within fourteen 2783  
days of receiving the notice, request an informal hearing before 2784  
the sponsor. Such request must be in writing. The informal 2785  
hearing shall be held within fourteen days of the receipt of a 2786  
request for the hearing. Not later than fourteen days after the 2787  
informal hearing, the sponsor shall issue a written decision 2788  
either affirming or rescinding the decision to terminate or not 2789  
renew the contract. 2790

(4) ~~A decision by the sponsor to terminate a contract may~~ 2791  
~~be appealed to the state board of education. The notice of~~ 2792  
~~appeal shall be filed with the state board not later than~~ 2793  
~~fourteen days following receipt of the sponsor's written~~ 2794  
~~decision to terminate the contract. Within sixty days of receipt~~ 2795  
~~of the notice of appeal, the state board shall conduct a hearing~~ 2796  
~~and issue a written decision on the appeal. The written decision~~ 2797  
~~of the state board shall include the reasons for affirming or~~ 2798  
~~rescinding the decision of the sponsor. The decision by the~~ 2799  
~~state board pertaining to an appeal under this division is~~ 2800  
~~final. If the sponsor is the state board, its decision to~~ 2801

~~terminate a contract under division (B) (3) of this section shall  
be final.~~ 2802  
2803

~~(5)~~The termination of a contract under this section shall 2804  
be effective upon the occurrence of the later of the following 2805  
events: 2806

(a) The date the sponsor notifies the school of its 2807  
decision to terminate the contract as prescribed in division (B) 2808  
(3) of this section; 2809

(b) If an informal hearing is requested under division (B) 2810  
(3) of this section and as a result of that hearing the sponsor 2811  
affirms its decision to terminate the contract, the effective 2812  
date of the termination specified in the notice issued under 2813  
division (B) (3) of this section, ~~or if that decision is appealed~~ 2814  
~~to the state board under division (B) (4) of this section and the~~ 2815  
~~state board affirms that decision, the date established in the~~ 2816  
~~resolution of the state board affirming the sponsor's decision.~~ 2817

~~(6)~~(5) Any community school whose contract is terminated 2818  
or not renewed under division (B) (1) (a) or (b) of this section 2819  
shall close permanently at the end of the current school year or 2820  
on a date specified in the notification of termination or 2821  
nonrenewal under division (B) (3) of this section. Any community 2822  
school whose contract is terminated or not renewed for failure 2823  
to meet student performance requirements stated in the contract, 2824  
or for failure to meet generally accepted standards of fiscal 2825  
management under this division shall not enter into a contract 2826  
with any other sponsor. 2827

(C) A child attending a community school whose contract 2828  
has been terminated, nonrenewed, or suspended or that closes for 2829  
any reason shall be admitted to the schools of the district in 2830

which the child is entitled to attend under section 3313.64 or 2831  
3313.65 of the Revised Code. Any deadlines established for the 2832  
purpose of admitting students under section 3313.97 or 3313.98 2833  
of the Revised Code shall be waived for students to whom this 2834  
division pertains. 2835

(D) If a community school does not intend to renew a 2836  
contract with its sponsor, the community school shall notify its 2837  
sponsor in writing of that fact at least one hundred eighty days 2838  
prior to the expiration of the contract. Such a community school 2839  
may enter into a contract with a new sponsor in accordance with 2840  
section 3314.03 of the Revised Code upon the expiration of the 2841  
previous contract. 2842

(E) A sponsor of a community school and the officers, 2843  
directors, or employees of such a sponsor are immune from civil 2844  
liability for any action authorized under this chapter or the 2845  
contract entered into with the school under section 3314.03 of 2846  
the Revised Code that is taken to fulfill the sponsor's 2847  
responsibility to oversee and monitor the school. The sponsor 2848  
and its officers, directors, or employees are not liable in 2849  
damages in a tort or other civil action for harm allegedly 2850  
arising from ~~either~~any of the following: 2851

(1) A failure of the community school or any of its 2852  
officers, directors, or employees to perform any statutory or 2853  
common law duty or responsibility or any other legal obligation; 2854

(2) An action or omission of the community school or any 2855  
of its officers, directors, or employees that results in harm. 2856

(3) A failure of the community school or any of its 2857  
officers, directors, or employees to meet the obligations of any 2858  
contract or other obligation entered into on behalf of the 2859

<u>community school and another party.</u>	2860
(F) As used in this section:	2861
(1) "Harm" means injury, death, or loss to person or property.	2862 2863
(2) "Tort action" means a civil action for damages for injury, death, or loss to person or property other than a civil action for damages for a breach of contract or another agreement between persons.	2864 2865 2866 2867
<b>Sec. 3314.074.</b> Divisions (A) and (B) of this section apply only to the extent permitted under Chapter 1702. of the Revised Code.	2868 2869 2870
(A) If any community school established under this chapter permanently closes and ceases its operation as a community school, the assets of that school shall be distributed first to the retirement funds of employees of the school, employees of the school, and private creditors who are owed compensation, and then any remaining funds shall be paid to the department of education for redistribution to the school districts in which the students who were enrolled in the school at the time it ceased operation were entitled to attend school under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code. The amount distributed to each school district shall be proportional to the district's share of the total enrollment in the community school.	2871 2872 2873 2874 2875 2876 2877 2878 2879 2880 2881 2882
(B) If a community school closes and ceases to operate as a community school and the school has received computer hardware or software from the former Ohio SchoolNet commission or the former eTech Ohio commission, such hardware or software shall be turned over to the department of education, which shall redistribute the hardware and software, to the extent such	2883 2884 2885 2886 2887 2888

redistribution is possible, to school districts in conformance 2889  
with the provisions of the programs as they were operated and 2890  
administered by the former eTech Ohio commission. 2891

(C) If the assets of the school are insufficient to pay 2892  
all persons or entities to whom compensation is owed, the 2893  
prioritization of the distribution of the assets to individual 2894  
persons or entities within each class of payees may be 2895  
determined by decree of a court in accordance with this section 2896  
and Chapter 1702. of the Revised Code. 2897

(D) A community school that engages in a merger or 2898  
consolidation pursuant to division (B) of section 1702.41 of the 2899  
Revised Code and becomes a single public benefit corporation 2900  
shall not be required to distribute assets pursuant to divisions 2901  
(A), (B), and (C) of this section, provided that the governing 2902  
authority of the community school created by the merger or 2903  
consolidation enters into a contract for sponsorship under 2904  
section 3314.03 of the Revised Code with an entity rated 2905  
"effective" or higher by the department of education pursuant to 2906  
section 3314.016 of the Revised Code. 2907

**Sec. 3314.10.** (A) (1) The governing authority of any 2908  
community school established under this chapter may employ 2909  
teachers and nonteaching employees necessary to carry out its 2910  
mission and fulfill its contract. 2911

(2) Except as provided under division (A) (3) of this 2912  
section, employees hired under this section may organize and 2913  
collectively bargain pursuant to Chapter 4117. of the Revised 2914  
Code. Notwithstanding division (D) (1) of section 4117.06 of the 2915  
Revised Code, a unit containing teaching and nonteaching 2916  
employees employed under this section shall be considered an 2917  
appropriate unit. ~~As applicable~~Except as provided in divisions 2918

(B) (2) (b) and (c) of section 3307.01 of the Revised Code and in 2919  
section 3309.013 of the Revised Code, employment under this 2920  
section is subject to either Chapter 3307. or 3309. of the 2921  
Revised Code. 2922

(3) If a school is created by converting all or part of an 2923  
existing public school rather than by establishment of a new 2924  
start-up school, at the time of conversion, the employees of the 2925  
community school shall remain part of any collective bargaining 2926  
unit in which they were included immediately prior to the 2927  
conversion and shall remain subject to any collective bargaining 2928  
agreement for that unit in effect on the first day of July of 2929  
the year in which the community school initially begins 2930  
operation and shall be subject to any subsequent collective 2931  
bargaining agreement for that unit, unless a petition is 2932  
certified as sufficient under division (A) (6) of this section 2933  
with regard to those employees. Any new employees of the 2934  
community school shall also be included in the unit to which 2935  
they would have been assigned had not the conversion taken place 2936  
and shall be subject to the collective bargaining agreement for 2937  
that unit unless a petition is certified as sufficient under 2938  
division (A) (6) of this section with regard to those employees. 2939

Notwithstanding division (B) of section 4117.01 of the 2940  
Revised Code, the board of education of a school district and 2941  
not the governing authority of a community school shall be 2942  
regarded, for purposes of Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code, as 2943  
the "public employer" of the employees of a conversion community 2944  
school subject to a collective bargaining agreement pursuant to 2945  
division (A) (3) of this section unless a petition is certified 2946  
under division (A) (6) of this section with regard to those 2947  
employees. Only on and after the effective date of a petition 2948  
certified as sufficient under division (A) (6) of this section 2949

shall division (A) (2) of this section apply to those employees 2950  
of that community school and only on and after the effective 2951  
date of that petition shall Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code 2952  
apply to the governing authority of that community school with 2953  
regard to those employees. 2954

(4) Notwithstanding sections 4117.03 to 4117.18 of the 2955  
Revised Code and Section 4 of Amended Substitute Senate Bill No. 2956  
133 of the 115th general assembly, the employees of a conversion 2957  
community school who are subject to a collective bargaining 2958  
agreement pursuant to division (A) (3) of this section shall 2959  
cease to be subject to that agreement and all subsequent 2960  
agreements pursuant to that division and shall cease to be part 2961  
of the collective bargaining unit that is subject to that and 2962  
all subsequent agreements, if a majority of the employees of 2963  
that community school who are subject to that collective 2964  
bargaining agreement sign and submit to the state employment 2965  
relations board a petition requesting all of the following: 2966

(a) That all the employees of the community school who are 2967  
subject to that agreement be removed from the bargaining unit 2968  
that is subject to that agreement and be designated by the state 2969  
employment relations board as a new and separate bargaining unit 2970  
for purposes of Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code; 2971

(b) That the employee organization certified as the 2972  
exclusive representative of the employees of the bargaining unit 2973  
from which the employees are to be removed be certified as the 2974  
exclusive representative of the new and separate bargaining unit 2975  
for purposes of Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code; 2976

(c) That the governing authority of the community school 2977  
be regarded as the "public employer" of these employees for 2978  
purposes of Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code. 2979

(5) Notwithstanding sections 4117.03 to 4117.18 of the Revised Code and Section 4 of Amended Substitute Senate Bill No. 133 of the 115th general assembly, the employees of a conversion community school who are subject to a collective bargaining agreement pursuant to division (A)(3) of this section shall cease to be subject to that agreement and all subsequent agreements pursuant to that division, shall cease to be part of the collective bargaining unit that is subject to that and all subsequent agreements, and shall cease to be represented by any exclusive representative of that collective bargaining unit, if a majority of the employees of the community school who are subject to that collective bargaining agreement sign and submit to the state employment relations board a petition requesting all of the following:

(a) That all the employees of the community school who are subject to that agreement be removed from the bargaining unit that is subject to that agreement;

(b) That any employee organization certified as the exclusive representative of the employees of that bargaining unit be decertified as the exclusive representative of the employees of the community school who are subject to that agreement;

(c) That the governing authority of the community school be regarded as the "public employer" of these employees for purposes of Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code.

(6) Upon receipt of a petition under division (A)(4) or (5) of this section, the state employment relations board shall check the sufficiency of the signatures on the petition. If the signatures are found sufficient, the board shall certify the sufficiency of the petition and so notify the parties involved,



including the board of education, the governing authority of the 3010  
community school, and any exclusive representative of the 3011  
bargaining unit. The changes requested in a certified petition 3012  
shall take effect on the first day of the month immediately 3013  
following the date on which the sufficiency of the petition is 3014  
certified under division (A)(6) of this section. 3015

(B)(1) The board of education of each city, local, and 3016  
exempted village school district sponsoring a community school 3017  
and the governing board of each educational service center in 3018  
which a community school is located shall adopt a policy that 3019  
provides a leave of absence of at least three years to each 3020  
teacher or nonteaching employee of the district or service 3021  
center who is employed by a conversion or new start-up community 3022  
school sponsored by the district or located in the district or 3023  
center for the period during which the teacher or employee is 3024  
continuously employed by the community school. The policy shall 3025  
also provide that any teacher or nonteaching employee may return 3026  
to employment by the district or service center if the teacher 3027  
or employee leaves or is discharged from employment with the 3028  
community school for any reason, unless, in the case of a 3029  
teacher, the board of the district or service center determines 3030  
that the teacher was discharged for a reason for which the board 3031  
would have sought to discharge the teacher under section 3311.82 3032  
or 3319.16 of the Revised Code, in which case the board may 3033  
proceed to discharge the teacher utilizing the procedures of 3034  
that section. Upon termination of such a leave of absence, any 3035  
seniority that is applicable to the person shall be calculated 3036  
to include all of the following: all employment by the district 3037  
or service center prior to the leave of absence; all employment 3038  
by the community school during the leave of absence; and all 3039  
employment by the district or service center after the leave of 3040

absence. The policy shall also provide that if any teacher 3041  
holding valid certification returns to employment by the 3042  
district or service center upon termination of such a leave of 3043  
absence, the teacher shall be restored to the previous position 3044  
and salary or to a position and salary similar thereto. If, as a 3045  
result of teachers returning to employment upon termination of 3046  
such leaves of absence, a school district or educational service 3047  
center reduces the number of teachers it employs, it shall make 3048  
such reductions in accordance with section 3319.171 of the 3049  
Revised Code. 3050

Unless a collective bargaining agreement providing 3051  
otherwise is in effect for an employee of a conversion community 3052  
school pursuant to division (A)(3) of this section, an employee 3053  
on a leave of absence pursuant to this division shall remain 3054  
eligible for any benefits that are in addition to benefits under 3055  
Chapter 3307. or 3309. of the Revised Code provided by the 3056  
district or service center to its employees provided the 3057  
employee pays the entire cost associated with such benefits, 3058  
except that personal leave and vacation leave cannot be accrued 3059  
for use as an employee of a school district or service center 3060  
while in the employ of a community school unless the district or 3061  
service center board adopts a policy expressly permitting this 3062  
accrual. 3063

(2) While on a leave of absence pursuant to division (B) 3064  
(1) of this section, a conversion community school shall permit 3065  
a teacher to use sick leave accrued while in the employ of the 3066  
school district from which the leave of absence was taken and 3067  
prior to commencing such leave. If a teacher who is on such a 3068  
leave of absence uses sick leave so accrued, the cost of any 3069  
salary paid by the community school to the teacher for that time 3070  
shall be reported to the department of education. The cost of 3071

employing a substitute teacher for that time shall be paid by 3072  
the community school. The department of education shall add 3073  
amounts to the payments made to a community school under this 3074  
chapter as necessary to cover the cost of salary reported by a 3075  
community school as paid to a teacher using sick leave so 3076  
accrued pursuant to this section. The department shall subtract 3077  
the amounts of any payments made to community schools under this 3078  
division from payments made to such sponsoring school district 3079  
under Chapter 3317. of the Revised Code. 3080

A school district providing a leave of absence and 3081  
employee benefits to a person pursuant to this division is not 3082  
liable for any action of that person while the person is on such 3083  
leave and employed by a community school. 3084

**Sec. 3314.19.** The sponsor of each community school 3085  
annually shall provide the following assurances in writing to 3086  
the department of education not later than ten business days 3087  
prior to the opening of the school: 3088

(A) That a current copy of the contract between the 3089  
sponsor and the governing authority of the school entered into 3090  
under section 3314.03 of the Revised Code has been filed with 3091  
the department and that any subsequent modifications to that 3092  
contract will be filed with the department; 3093

(B) That the school has submitted to the sponsor a plan 3094  
for providing special education and related services to students 3095  
with disabilities and has demonstrated the capacity to provide 3096  
those services in accordance with Chapter 3323. of the Revised 3097  
Code and federal law; 3098

(C) That the school has a plan and procedures for 3099  
administering the achievement and diagnostic assessments 3100

prescribed by sections 3301.0710, 3301.0712, and 3301.0715 of 3101  
the Revised Code; 3102

(D) That school personnel have the necessary training, 3103  
knowledge, and resources to properly use and submit information 3104  
to all databases maintained by the department for the collection 3105  
of education data, including the education management 3106  
information system established under section 3301.0714 of the 3107  
Revised Code in accordance with methods and timelines 3108  
established under section 3314.17 of the Revised Code; 3109

(E) That all required information about the school has 3110  
been submitted to the Ohio education directory system or any 3111  
successor system; 3112

(F) That the school will enroll at least the minimum 3113  
number of students required by division (A) (11) (a) of section 3114  
3314.03 of the Revised Code in the school year for which the 3115  
assurances are provided; 3116

(G) That all classroom teachers are licensed in accordance 3117  
with sections 3319.22 to 3319.31 of the Revised Code, except for 3118  
noncertificated persons engaged to teach up to twelve hours per 3119  
week pursuant to section 3319.301 of the Revised Code; 3120

(H) That the school's fiscal officer is in compliance with 3121  
section 3314.011 of the Revised Code; 3122

(I) That the school has complied with sections 3319.39 and 3123  
3319.391 of the Revised Code with respect to all employees and 3124  
that the school has conducted a criminal records check of each 3125  
of its governing authority members; 3126

(J) That the school holds all of the following: 3127

(1) Proof of property ownership or a lease for the 3128

facilities used by the school;	3129
(2) A certificate of occupancy;	3130
(3) Liability insurance for the school, as required by division (A) (11) (b) of section 3314.03 of the Revised Code, that the sponsor considers sufficient to indemnify the school's facilities, staff, and governing authority against risk;	3131 3132 3133 3134
(4) A satisfactory health and safety inspection;	3135
(5) A satisfactory fire inspection;	3136
(6) A valid food permit, if applicable.	3137
(K) That the sponsor has conducted a pre-opening site visit to the school for the school year for which the assurances are provided;	3138 3139 3140
(L) That the school has designated a date it will open for the school year for which the assurances are provided that is in compliance with division (A) (25) of section 3314.03 of the Revised Code;	3141 3142 3143 3144
(M) That the school has met all of the sponsor's requirements for opening and any other requirements of the sponsor.	3145 3146 3147
<u>(N) That, for any school that operates using the blended learning model, as defined in section 3301.079 of the Revised Code, the sponsor has reviewed the following information, submitted by the school:</u>	3148 3149 3150 3151
<u>(1) An indication of what blended learning model or models will be used;</u>	3152 3153
<u>(2) A description of how student instructional needs will be determined and documented;</u>	3154 3155

<u>(3) The method to be used for determining competency,</u>	3156
<u>granting credit, and promoting students to a higher grade level;</u>	3157
<u>(4) The school's attendance requirements, including how</u>	3158
<u>the school will document participation in learning</u>	3159
<u>opportunities;</u>	3160
<u>(5) A statement describing how student progress will be</u>	3161
<u>monitored;</u>	3162
<u>(6) A statement describing how private student data will</u>	3163
<u>be protected;</u>	3164
<u>(7) A description of the professional development</u>	3165
<u>activities that will be offered to teachers.</u>	3166
<b>Sec. 3314.23.</b> (A) Subject to division (B) of this section,	3167
each internet- or computer-based community school shall <del>do the</del>	3168
<del>applicable one of the following:</del>	3169
<del>(1) If the general assembly has enacted standards for the</del>	3170
<del>operation of internet- or computer-based community schools by</del>	3171
<del>January 1, 2013, comply with the standards so enacted;</del>	3172
<del>(2) If the general assembly has not enacted such standards</del>	3173
<del>by that date, comply with the standards developed by the</del>	3174
international association for K-12 online learning.	3175
(B) Each internet- or computer-based community school that	3176
initially opens for operation on or after January 1, 2013, shall	3177
comply with the standards required by division (A) of this	3178
section at the time it opens. Each internet- or computer-based	3179
community school that initially opened for operation prior to	3180
January 1, 2013, shall comply with the standards required by	3181
division (A) of this section not later than July 1, 2013.	3182
<u>(C) The sponsor of each internet- or computer-based</u>	3183

community school shall be responsible for monitoring, ensuring, 3184  
and reporting compliance with the online learning standards 3185  
described in divisions (A) and (B) of this section. 3186

Sec. 3314.251. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the 3187  
contrary, each internet- or computer-based community school may 3188  
provide its students with a location within a fifty-mile radius 3189  
of the student's residence at which the student may receive 3190  
counseling, instructional coaching, and testing assistance. 3191

Sec. 3314.27. No student enrolled in an internet- or 3192  
computer-based community school may participate in more than ten 3193  
hours of learning opportunities in any period of twenty-four 3194  
consecutive hours. Any time such a student participates in 3195  
learning opportunities beyond the limit prescribed in this 3196  
section shall not count toward the annual minimum number of 3197  
hours required to be provided to that student as prescribed in 3198  
division (A) (11) (a) of section 3314.03 of the Revised Code. If 3199  
any internet- or computer-based community school requires its 3200  
students to participate in learning opportunities on the basis 3201  
of days rather than hours, one day shall consist of a minimum of 3202  
five hours of such participation. 3203

Each internet- or computer-based community school shall 3204  
keep an accurate record of each individual student's 3205  
participation in learning opportunities each day. The record 3206  
shall be kept in such a manner that the information contained 3207  
within it easily can be submitted to the department of 3208  
education, upon request by the department or the auditor of 3209  
state. 3210

Sec. 3314.271. (A) Each internet- or computer-based 3211  
community school shall offer a student orientation course and 3212  
shall notify each student who enrolls in that school of that 3213

student's opportunity to participate in the student orientation 3214  
course. 3215

(B) The department of education shall provide guidance to 3216  
internet- or computer-based community schools for developing and 3217  
delivering the orientation course. 3218

(C) Each internet- or computer-based community school may, 3219  
at the time of a particular student's enrollment in that school, 3220  
ask the student's parent or guardian to estimate the length of 3221  
time the student will attend the school. Any information 3222  
collected pursuant to this division shall be included in an 3223  
aggregated format in the school's annual report required by 3224  
division (A) (11) (g) of section 3314.03 of the Revised Code. 3225

(D) Each internet- or computer-based community school, on 3226  
a periodic basis throughout each school year, shall communicate 3227  
with each student's parent, guardian, or custodian regarding the 3228  
performance and progress of that student. Each internet- or 3229  
computer-based community school also shall provide opportunities 3230  
for parent-teacher conferences, shall document the school's 3231  
requests for such conferences, and may permit students to 3232  
participate in the conferences. Parent-teacher conferences may 3233  
be conducted through electronic means. 3234

**Sec. 3314.35.** (A) (1) Except as provided in division (A) (4) 3235  
of this section, this section applies to any community school 3236  
that meets one of the following criteria after July 1, 2009, but 3237  
before July 1, 2011: 3238

(a) The school does not offer a grade level higher than 3239  
three and has been declared to be in a state of academic 3240  
emergency under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code for three of 3241  
the four most recent school years. 3242



(b) The school satisfies all of the following conditions:	3243
(i) The school offers any of grade levels four to eight	3244
but does not offer a grade level higher than nine.	3245
(ii) The school has been declared to be in a state of	3246
academic emergency under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code for	3247
two of the three most recent school years.	3248
(iii) In at least two of the three most recent school	3249
years, the school showed less than one standard year of academic	3250
growth in either reading or mathematics, as determined by the	3251
department of education in accordance with rules adopted under	3252
division (A) of section 3302.021 of the Revised Code.	3253
(c) The school offers any of grade levels ten to twelve	3254
and has been declared to be in a state of academic emergency	3255
under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code for three of the four	3256
most recent school years.	3257
(2) Except as provided in division (A) (4) of this section,	3258
this section applies to any community school that meets one of	3259
the following criteria after July 1, 2011, but before July 1,	3260
2013:	3261
(a) The school does not offer a grade level higher than	3262
three and has been declared to be in a state of academic	3263
emergency under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code for two of	3264
the three most recent school years.	3265
(b) The school satisfies all of the following conditions:	3266
(i) The school offers any of grade levels four to eight	3267
but does not offer a grade level higher than nine.	3268
(ii) The school has been declared to be in a state of	3269
academic emergency under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code for	3270

two of the three most recent school years. 3271

(iii) In at least two of the three most recent school 3272  
years, the school showed less than one standard year of academic 3273  
growth in either reading or mathematics, as determined by the 3274  
department in accordance with rules adopted under division (A) 3275  
of section 3302.021 of the Revised Code. 3276

(c) The school offers any of grade levels ten to twelve 3277  
and has been declared to be in a state of academic emergency 3278  
under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code for two of the three 3279  
most recent school years. 3280

(3) Except as provided in division (A) (4) of this section, 3281  
this section applies to any community school that meets one of 3282  
the following criteria on or after July 1, 2013: 3283

(a) The school does not offer a grade level higher than 3284  
three and, for two of the three most recent school years, 3285  
satisfies any of the following criteria: 3286

(i) The school has been declared to be in a state of 3287  
academic emergency under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code, as 3288  
it existed prior to March 22, 2013; 3289

(ii) The school has received a grade of "F" in improving 3290  
literacy in grades kindergarten through three under division (B) 3291  
(1) (g) or (C) (1) (g) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code; 3292

(iii) The school has received an overall grade of "F" 3293  
under division (C) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code. 3294

(b) The school offers any of grade levels four to eight 3295  
but does not offer a grade level higher than nine and, for two 3296  
of the three most recent school years, satisfies any of the 3297  
following criteria: 3298

(i) The school has been declared to be in a state of 3299  
academic emergency under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code, as 3300  
it existed prior to March 22, 2013, and the school showed less 3301  
than one standard year of academic growth in either reading or 3302  
mathematics, as determined by the department in accordance with 3303  
rules adopted under division (A) of section 3302.021 of the 3304  
Revised Code; 3305

(ii) The school has received a grade of "F" for the 3306  
performance index score under division (A) (1) (b), (B) (1) (b), or 3307  
(C) (1) (b) and a grade of "F" for the value-added progress 3308  
dimension under division (A) (1) (e), (B) (1) (e), or (C) (1) (e) of 3309  
section 3302.03 of the Revised Code; 3310

(iii) The school has received an overall grade of "F" 3311  
under division (C) and a grade of "F" for the value-added 3312  
progress dimension under division (C) (1) (e) of section 3302.03 3313  
of the Revised Code. 3314

(c) The school offers any of grade levels ten to twelve 3315  
and, for two of the three most recent school years, satisfies 3316  
any of the following criteria: 3317

(i) The school has been declared to be in a state of 3318  
academic emergency under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code, as 3319  
it existed prior to March 22, 2013; 3320

(ii) The school has received a grade of "F" for the 3321  
performance index score under division (A) (1) (b), (B) (1) (b), or 3322  
(C) (1) (b) and has not met annual measurable objectives under 3323  
division (A) (1) (a), (B) (1) (a), or (C) (1) (a) of section 3302.03 3324  
of the Revised Code; 3325

(iii) The school has received an overall grade of "F" 3326  
under division (C) and a grade of "F" for the value-added 3327

progress dimension under division (C) (1) (e) of section 3302.03 3328  
of the Revised Code. 3329

For purposes of division (A) (3) of this section only, the 3330  
department of education shall calculate the value-added progress 3331  
dimension for a community school using assessment scores for 3332  
only those students to whom the school has administered the 3333  
achievement assessments prescribed by section 3301.0710 of the 3334  
Revised Code for at least the two most recent school years but 3335  
using value-added data from only the most recent school year. 3336

(4) This section does not apply to either of the 3337  
following: 3338

(a) Any community school in which a majority of the 3339  
students are enrolled in a dropout prevention and recovery 3340  
program that is operated by the school. Rather, such schools 3341  
shall be subject to closure only as provided in section 3314.351 3342  
of the Revised Code. However, prior to July 1, 2014, a community 3343  
school in which a majority of the students are enrolled in a 3344  
dropout prevention and recovery program shall be exempt from 3345  
this section only if it has been granted a waiver under section 3346  
3314.36 of the Revised Code. 3347

(b) Any community school in which a majority of the 3348  
enrolled students are children with disabilities receiving 3349  
special education and related services in accordance with 3350  
Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code. 3351

(B) Any community school to which this section applies 3352  
shall permanently close at the conclusion of the school year in 3353  
which the school first becomes subject to this section. The 3354  
sponsor and governing authority of the school shall comply with 3355  
all procedures for closing a community school adopted by the 3356

department under division (E) of section 3314.015 of the Revised Code. The governing authority of the school shall not enter into a contract with any other sponsor under section 3314.03 of the Revised Code after the school closes.

(C) In accordance with division (B) of section 3314.012 of the Revised Code, the department shall not consider the performance ratings assigned to a community school for its first two years of operation when determining whether the school meets the criteria prescribed by division (A) (1) or (2) of this section.

(D) Nothing in this section or in any other provision of the Revised Code prohibits the sponsor of a community school from exercising its option not to renew a contract for any reason or from terminating a contract prior to its expiration for any of the reasons set forth in section 3314.07 of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 3314.351.** (A) This section applies to any community school in which a majority of the students are enrolled in a dropout prevention and recovery program. Beginning on or after July 1, 2014, any such community school that has received a designation of "does not meet standards," as described in division (D) (1) of section 3314.017 of the Revised Code on the report card issued under that section, for at least two of the three most recent school years shall be subject to closure in accordance with this section.

(B) Not later than the first day of September in each school year, the department of education shall notify each school subject to closure under this section that the school must close not later than the thirtieth day of the following June.

A school so notified shall close as required. 3387

(C) A school that opens on or after July 1, 2014, shall 3388  
not be subject to closure under this section for its first two 3389  
years of operation. A school that is in operation prior to July 3390  
1, 2014, shall not be subject to closure under this section 3391  
until after August 31, 2016. 3392

(D) The sponsor and governing authority of the school 3393  
shall comply with all procedures for closing a community school 3394  
adopted by the department under division (E) of section 3314.015 3395  
of the Revised Code. The governing authority of the school shall 3396  
not enter into a contract with any other sponsor under section 3397  
3314.03 of the Revised Code after the school closes. 3398

(E) Nothing in this section or in any other provision of 3399  
the Revised Code prohibits the sponsor of a community school 3400  
from exercising its option not to renew a contract for any 3401  
reason or from terminating a contract prior to its expiration 3402  
for any of the reasons set forth in section 3314.07 of the 3403  
Revised Code. 3404

Sec. 3314.46. As used in this section, "sponsor" includes 3405  
any officer, director, employee of the sponsor of a community 3406  
school, and any person with decision-making authority regarding 3407  
the operations of a sponsor of a community school. 3408

(A) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, no 3409  
sponsor of a community school shall sell any goods or services 3410  
to any community school it sponsors. 3411

(B) (1) If the sponsor of a community school entered into a 3412  
contract prior to the effective date of this section that 3413  
involves the sale of goods or services to a community school it 3414  
sponsors, the sponsor shall not be required to comply with 3415

division (A) of this section with respect to that school until 3416  
the expiration of the contract. 3417

(2) If the sponsor of a community school is also the 3418  
school district in which that community school is located, the 3419  
sponsor may sell goods or services to that community school at 3420  
no profit to the sponsor. 3421

(3) If the sponsor of a community school is a state 3422  
university, as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code, 3423  
the sponsor may sell services to that community school at no 3424  
profit to the sponsor. 3425

**Sec. 3314.50.** No community school shall initiate 3426  
operation, on or after the effective date of this ~~section~~ 3427  
~~amendment, open for operation in any school year~~ unless the 3428  
governing authority of the school has posted a ~~surety~~ bond in 3429  
the amount of fifty thousand dollars with the auditor of state. 3430  
~~In lieu of a surety bond, a community school governing authority~~ 3431  
~~may deposit with the auditor of state cash in the amount of~~ 3432  
~~fifty thousand dollars as a guarantee of payment.~~ The bond ~~or~~ 3433  
~~cash guarantee~~ shall be used, in the event the school closes, to 3434  
pay the auditor of state any moneys owed or that become owed by 3435  
the school for the costs of audits conducted by the auditor of 3436  
state or a public accountant under Chapter 117. of the Revised 3437  
Code. 3438

~~Immediately upon~~ The department of education shall notify 3439  
the auditor of state of the proposed initiation of operations of 3440  
any community school and shall provide the auditor of state with 3441  
the certification of the sponsor of the community school of the 3442  
compliance by the community school with all legal preconditions 3443  
to the initiation of its operations, including compliance with 3444  
this section. 3445

In lieu of the bond, the governing authority of the 3446  
school, the school's sponsor, or an operator that has a contract 3447  
with the school may deposit with the auditor of state cash in 3448  
the amount of fifty thousand dollars as guarantee of payment 3449  
under the provisions of this section. In lieu of a bond or a 3450  
cash deposit, the school's sponsor or an operator that has a 3451  
contract with the school may provide a written guarantee of 3452  
payment, which shall obligate the school's sponsor or the 3453  
operator that provides the written guarantee to pay the cost of 3454  
audits of the school under this section up to the amount of 3455  
fifty thousand dollars. Any such written guarantee shall be 3456  
binding upon any successor entity that enters into a contract to 3457  
sponsor or to operate the school, and any such entity, as a 3458  
condition of its undertaking shall acknowledge and accept such 3459  
obligation. 3460

In the event that a sponsor or operator has provided a 3461  
written guarantee under this section, and, subsequent to the 3462  
provision of the guarantee, the governing authority of the 3463  
school posts a bond under this section, or the governing 3464  
authority of the school, a sponsor, or an operator provides a 3465  
cash deposit of fifty thousand dollars as required, the written 3466  
guarantee shall cease to be of further effect. 3467

As soon as it is practicable to do so after the filing of 3468  
a ~~surety~~ bond or the deposit of cash, the auditor of state shall 3469  
deliver the bond or cash to the treasurer of state, who shall 3470  
hold it in trust for the purposes prescribed in this section. 3471  
The treasurer of state shall be responsible for the safekeeping 3472  
of all ~~surety~~ bonds filed or cash deposited under this section. 3473  
The auditor of state shall notify the department of education 3474  
when the school's governing authority has filed the bond ~~or,~~ 3475  
deposited the cash guarantee, or submitted a written guarantee 3476



of payment. 3477

When the auditor of state ~~finds that a community school~~ 3478  
~~has closed and cannot pay for the costs of audits,~~ conducts an 3479  
audit of a community school that has closed and is subject to 3480  
the requirements of this section, the auditor of state ~~shall~~ 3481  
~~declare the surety bond or cash deposit forfeited. The auditor~~ 3482  
~~of state~~ shall certify the amount of forfeiture to the treasurer 3483  
of state, who shall assess the bond for the costs of the audit 3484  
or shall pay money from the named ~~surety insurer~~ or from the 3485  
school's cash deposit ~~as needed~~ for the costs of the audit to 3486  
reimburse the auditor of state or public accountant for costs 3487  
incurred in conducting audits of the school. 3488

To the extent that the amount of the bond or the cash 3489  
deposit is not needed to cover audit costs, the bond shall be of 3490  
no further effect, and any cash balance shall be refunded by the 3491  
treasurer of state to the entity which provided the bond. When 3492  
the auditor of state conducts an audit of a community school 3493  
that has closed and is subject to the requirements of this 3494  
section, and, as to which, a written guarantee has been given 3495  
under this section, the entity that provided the guarantee shall 3496  
be solely and fully liable for any such audit costs, and shall 3497  
promptly pay the costs of the audit up to fifty thousand 3498  
dollars. 3499

No community school that is subject to the provisions of 3500  
this section shall maintain or continue its operations absent 3501  
the ongoing provision of a bond, a cash deposit, or a written 3502  
guarantee as required by this section. 3503

**Sec. 3317.034.** For purposes of section 3317.03 of the 3504  
Revised Code: 3505

(A) A student shall be considered to be enrolled in the 3506  
district for any portion of the school year the student is 3507  
participating at a college under Chapter 3365. of the Revised 3508  
Code. 3509

(B) A student shall be considered to be enrolled in the 3510  
district for the period of time beginning on the date on which 3511  
the school has both received the documentation of the student's 3512  
enrollment from a parent and the student has commenced 3513  
participation in learning opportunities offered by the district. 3514  
For purposes of applying divisions (B) and (C) of this section, 3515  
"learning opportunities" means both classroom-based and 3516  
nonclassroom-based learning opportunities overseen by licensed 3517  
educational employees of the district that is in compliance with 3518  
criteria and documentation requirements for student 3519  
participation, which shall be established by the department. Any 3520  
student's instruction time in nonclassroom-based learning 3521  
opportunities shall be certified by an employee of the district. 3522

(C) A student's enrollment shall be considered to cease on 3523  
the date on which any of the following occur: 3524

(1) The district receives documentation from a parent 3525  
terminating enrollment of the student. 3526

(2) The district is provided documentation of a student's 3527  
enrollment in another public or nonpublic school. 3528

(3) The student ceases to participate in learning 3529  
opportunities provided by the school. 3530

(D) No public school may enroll or withdraw a student from 3531  
the education management information system established under 3532  
section 3310.0714 of the Revised Code later than thirty days 3533  
after the student's actual enrollment or withdrawal from the 3534

school. 3535

(E) A student in any of grades nine through twelve ~~shall~~ 3536  
may be considered a full-time equivalent student if the student 3537  
is enrolled in at least five units of instruction, as defined in 3538  
section 3313.603 of the Revised Code, per school year. 3539

**Section 2.** That existing sections 3302.03, 3307.01, 3540  
3309.011, 3313.12, 3314.011, 3314.015, 3314.016, 3314.02, 3541  
3314.021, 3314.023, 3314.024, 3314.027, 3314.029, 3314.03, 3542  
3314.07, 3314.074, 3314.10, 3314.19, 3314.23, 3314.27, 3314.35, 3543  
3314.351, 3314.50, and 3317.034 and section 3314.026 of the 3544  
Revised Code are hereby repealed. 3545

**Section 3.** That Section 263.660 of Am. Sub. H.B. 64 of the 3546  
131st General Assembly is hereby repealed. 3547

**Section 4.** Not later than June 30, 2016, the State Board 3548  
of Education shall make recommendations to the General Assembly, 3549  
in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code, and the 3550  
Governor regarding the following: 3551

(A) Performance standards for community schools in which a 3552  
majority of the enrolled students are children with disabilities 3553  
receiving special education and related services in accordance 3554  
with Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code; 3555

(B) The feasibility of removal of the exemption from 3556  
permanent closure, prescribed by division (A) (4) (b) of section 3557  
3314.35 of the Revised Code, for schools described in division 3558  
(A) of this section. 3559

**Section 5.** (A) There is hereby created a committee to make 3560  
recommendations to the General Assembly regarding the definition 3561  
of "quality" for community schools that primarily enroll 3562  
students between sixteen and twenty-two years of age who dropped 3563

out of high school or are at risk of dropping out of high school 3564  
due to poor attendance, disciplinary problems, or suspensions. 3565  
The committee shall also study the efficacy of a completion or 3566  
competency-based funding structure for these schools. The 3567  
committee shall consist of the following members: 3568

(1) A business leader appointed by the Governor or the 3569  
Governor's designee; 3570

(2) The president of a community college or the 3571  
president's designee, appointed by the Governor or the 3572  
Governor's designee; 3573

(3) The superintendent of a community school that received 3574  
a rating of "meets standards" or "exceeds standards" on its most 3575  
recent report card issued under section 3314.017 of the Revised 3576  
Code and primarily enrolls students between sixteen and twenty- 3577  
two years of age who dropped out of high school or are at risk 3578  
of dropping out of high school due to poor attendance, 3579  
disciplinary problems, or suspensions, appointed by the Governor 3580  
or the Governor's designee; 3581

(4) The superintendent of a career-technical school, 3582  
appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; 3583

(5) An individual representing the House of 3584  
Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of 3585  
Representatives; 3586

(6) An individual representing the Senate, appointed by 3587  
the President of the Senate; 3588

(7) The president of a four-year university, or the 3589  
president's designee, appointed by the President of the Senate; 3590

(8) A representative of the Ohio Board of Regents, 3591

appointed by the Chancellor of the Board of Regents; 3592

(9) A representative of the Department of Education, 3593  
appointed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction; 3594

(10) The superintendent of a big eight school district, as 3595  
defined in section 3314.02 of the Revised Code, as selected by 3596  
the Ohio 8 Coalition. 3597

(B) The committee shall serve under the guidance of the 3598  
Department of Education. 3599

(C) Not later than six months after the effective date of 3600  
this section, the committee shall prepare a report of its 3601  
recommendations and submit the report to the chairpersons of the 3602  
standing committees of the House of Representatives and the 3603  
Senate that are principally responsible for education policy. 3604

**Section 6.** Notwithstanding any provision of law, rule, or 3605  
guideline to the contrary, for the 2014-2015 school year only: 3606

(A) The Department of Education's report, pursuant to 3607  
division (A)(4) of section 3314.015 of the Revised Code, 3608  
regarding the effectiveness of academic programs, operations, 3609  
and legal compliance and the financial condition of all 3610  
community schools and on the performance of community school 3611  
sponsors shall be submitted not later than March 31, 2016. 3612

(B) Each community school sponsor's report, pursuant to 3613  
divisions (D)(2) and (3) of section 3314.03 of the Revised Code, 3614  
submitting the results of the evaluation of the academic and 3615  
fiscal performance and the organization and operation of each 3616  
community school it sponsors to the Department and to the 3617  
parents of students enrolled in that community school shall be 3618  
submitted not later than March 1, 2016. 3619

(C) Each community school governing authority's report, 3620  
pursuant to division (A) (11) (g) of section 3314.03 of the 3621  
Revised Code, describing its activities and progress in meeting 3622  
the academic goals and performance standards and its financial 3623  
status to the sponsor and the parents of all students enrolled 3624  
in the school shall be submitted not later than January 31, 3625  
2016. 3626

**Section 7.** (A) Notwithstanding anything in the Revised 3627  
Code to the contrary, for ratings based on the 2015-2016 school 3628  
year only, the Department of Education may choose not to assign 3629  
an overall rating under section 3314.016 of the Revised Code to 3630  
an entity that sponsors community schools, if the entity meets 3631  
all of the following conditions: 3632

(1) The entity is a school district. 3633

(2) At least one of the community schools sponsored by the 3634  
entity is a conversion community school that primarily serves 3635  
students enrolled in a dropout prevention and recovery program 3636  
as described in division (A) (4) (a) of section 3314.35 of the 3637  
Revised Code. 3638

(3) At least one of the community schools sponsored by the 3639  
entity, for the 2013-2014 school year, received on its report 3640  
card issued under section 3314.017 of the Revised Code a rating 3641  
of either "meets standards" or "exceeds standards" for the four- 3642  
and five-year cohort graduation rate. 3643

(B) If the Department chooses not to assign an overall 3644  
rating to a sponsor under division (A) of this section, the 3645  
Department shall instead evaluate the sponsor using only the 3646  
components specified under divisions (B) (1) (a) and (c) of 3647  
section 3314.016 of the Revised Code, but it shall not assign an 3648

overall rating based on those components. 3649

**Section 8.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the 3650  
contrary, the Department of Education may renew or extend an 3651  
agreement between a sponsor and the Department pursuant to 3652  
division (B) of section 3314.015 of the Revised Code that 3653  
expires in June of 2016, one time only, for a period of up to 3654  
two years, in the event that the Department has not yet issued a 3655  
rating for the sponsor under section 3314.016 of the Revised 3656  
Code, as that section exists on and after January 1, 2015. 3657