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**A BILL**

To amend sections 3313.25, 3313.31, 3313.66, 1  
3313.951, 3319.36, 4757.22, and 4757.23 and to 2  
enact section 3319.2210 of the Revised Code and 3  
to amend Section 733.67 of Am. Sub. H.B. 49 of 4  
the 132nd General Assembly to require the State 5  
Board of Education to issue a substitute license 6  
to specified pupil services personnel, to make 7  
changes regarding the circumstances in which 8  
school treasurers may be held liable for a loss 9  
of public funds, to require school districts to 10  
adopt a policy for assignments completed in 11  
connection with a suspension, to revise school 12  
resource officer training course requirements, 13  
to permit the Counselor, Social Worker, and 14  
Marriage and Family Therapist Board to 15  
temporarily approve certain counselor education 16  
programs, and to extend alternative high school 17  
graduation pathways through the class of 2020. 18

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

**Section 1.** That sections 3313.25, 3313.31, 3313.66, 19  
3313.951, 3319.36, 4757.22, and 4757.23 be amended and section 20  
3319.2210 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 21

**Sec. 3313.25.** (A) Before entering upon the duties of ~~his~~ 22  
office, the treasurer of each board of education shall execute a 23  
bond, in an amount and with surety to be approved by the board, 24  
payable to the state, conditioned for the faithful performance 25  
of all the official duties required of ~~him~~ the treasurer. Such 26  
bond must be deposited with the president of the board, and a 27  
copy thereof, certified by ~~him~~ the president, shall be filed 28  
with the county auditor. 29

(B) (1) A treasurer shall not be held liable for a loss of 30  
public funds when the treasurer has performed all official 31  
duties required of the treasurer with reasonable care, but shall 32  
be liable only when a loss of public funds results from the 33  
treasurer's negligence or other wrongful act. 34

(2) The department of education shall not consider the 35  
loss of public funds not resulting from the treasurer's 36  
negligence or other wrongful act a violation of the treasurer's 37  
professional duties, provided the treasurer has performed all 38  
official duties required of the treasurer with reasonable care. 39

**Sec. 3313.31.** (A) All the duties and obligations of the 40  
county auditor, county treasurer, or other officer or person 41  
relating to the moneys of a school district shall be complied 42  
with by dealing with the treasurer of the board of education 43  
thereof. 44

The treasurer shall be the chief fiscal officer of the 45  
school district, shall be responsible for the financial affairs 46  
of the district, and shall report to and is subject to the 47

direction of the district board of education. Except as 48  
otherwise required by law, no treasurer shall be required to 49  
verify the accuracy of nonfinancial information or data of the 50  
school district. 51

No treasurer shall be liable for a loss of public funds 52  
that results from a treasurer's reliance on the accuracy of 53  
nonfinancial information or data of the school district, 54  
including reports in the education management information system 55  
under section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code, pupil 56  
transportation reports, and licensure or other credentialing 57  
information unless the loss results from the treasurer's 58  
negligence or other wrongful act. 59

(B) Notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code to 60  
the contrary, but subject to section 3319.40 of the Revised 61  
Code, in all school districts and educational service centers, 62  
the treasurer shall direct and assign employees directly engaged 63  
in the day-to-day fiscal operations of the district or service 64  
center, as those employees are so designated by the board of the 65  
district or service center. 66

**Sec. 3313.66.** (A) (1) Except as provided under division (B) 67  
(2) of this section, and subject to section 3313.668 of the 68  
Revised Code, the superintendent of schools of a city, exempted 69  
village, or local school district, or the principal of a public 70  
school may suspend a pupil from school for not more than ten 71  
school days. The board of education of a city, exempted village, 72  
or local school district may adopt a policy granting assistant 73  
principals and other administrators the authority to suspend a 74  
pupil from school for a period of time as specified in the 75  
policy of the board of education, not to exceed ten school days. 76  
If at the time an out-of-school suspension is imposed there are 77

fewer than ten school days remaining in the school year in which 78  
the incident that gives rise to the suspension takes place, the 79  
superintendent shall not apply any remaining part of the period 80  
of the suspension to the following school year. The 81  
superintendent may instead require the pupil to participate in a 82  
community service program or another alternative consequence for 83  
a number of hours equal to the remaining part of the period of 84  
the suspension. The pupil shall be required to begin the pupil's 85  
community service or alternative consequence during the first 86  
full week day of summer break. Each school district, in its 87  
discretion, may develop an appropriate list of alternative 88  
consequences. In the event that a pupil fails to complete 89  
community service or the assigned alternative consequence, the 90  
school district may determine the next course of action, which 91  
shall not include requiring the pupil to serve the remaining 92  
time of the out-of-school suspension at the beginning of the 93  
following school year. 94

No pupil shall be issued an out-of-school suspension 95  
unless prior to the suspension the superintendent or principal 96  
does both of the following: 97

(a) Gives the pupil written notice of the intention to 98  
suspend the pupil and the reasons for the intended suspension 99  
and, if the proposed suspension is based on a violation listed 100  
in division (A) of section 3313.662 of the Revised Code and if 101  
the pupil is sixteen years of age or older, includes in the 102  
notice a statement that the superintendent may seek to 103  
permanently exclude the pupil if the pupil is convicted of or 104  
adjudicated a delinquent child for that violation; 105

(b) Provides the pupil an opportunity to appear at an 106  
informal hearing before the principal, assistant principal, 107

superintendent, or superintendent's designee and challenge the 108  
reason for the intended suspension or otherwise to explain the 109  
pupil's actions. 110

~~If a pupil is suspended pursuant to division (A) of this 111  
section, the school district board shall permit the pupil to 112  
complete any classroom assignments missed because of the 113  
suspension. 114~~

(2) If a pupil is issued an in-school suspension, the 115  
~~school district board shall permit the pupil to complete any 116  
classroom assignments missed because of the suspension. 117~~  
Furthermore, the superintendent or principal shall ensure the 118  
pupil is serving the suspension in a supervised learning 119  
environment. 120

(3) Each school district board shall adopt a policy 121  
establishing parameters for completing and grading assignments 122  
missed because of a pupil's suspension. 123

(a) The policy shall provide the pupil an opportunity to 124  
do both of the following: 125

(i) Complete any classroom assignments missed because of 126  
the suspension; 127

(ii) Receive at least partial credit for a completed 128  
assignment. 129

(b) The policy may permit grade reductions on account of 130  
the pupil's suspension. 131

(c) The policy shall prohibit the receipt of a failing 132  
grade on a completed assignment solely on account of the pupil's 133  
suspension. 134

(B) (1) Except as provided under division (B) (2), (3), or 135

(4) of this section, and subject to section 3313.668 of the Revised Code, the superintendent of schools of a city, exempted village, or local school district may expel a pupil from school for a period not to exceed the greater of eighty school days or the number of school days remaining in the semester or term in which the incident that gives rise to the expulsion takes place, unless the expulsion is extended pursuant to division (F) of this section. If at the time an expulsion is imposed there are fewer than eighty school days remaining in the school year in which the incident that gives rise to the expulsion takes place, the superintendent may apply any remaining part or all of the period of the expulsion to the following school year.

(2) (a) Unless a pupil is permanently excluded pursuant to section 3313.662 of the Revised Code, the superintendent of schools of a city, exempted village, or local school district shall expel a pupil from school for a period of one year for bringing a firearm to a school operated by the board of education of the district or onto any other property owned or controlled by the board, except that the superintendent may reduce this requirement on a case-by-case basis in accordance with the policy adopted by the board under section 3313.661 of the Revised Code.

(b) The superintendent of schools of a city, exempted village, or local school district may expel a pupil from school for a period of one year for bringing a firearm to an interscholastic competition, an extracurricular event, or any other school program or activity that is not located in a school or on property that is owned or controlled by the district. The superintendent may reduce this disciplinary action on a case-by-case basis in accordance with the policy adopted by the board under section 3313.661 of the Revised Code.

(c) Any expulsion pursuant to division (B)(2) of this section shall extend, as necessary, into the school year following the school year in which the incident that gives rise to the expulsion takes place. As used in this division, "firearm" has the same meaning as provided pursuant to the "Gun-Free Schools Act," 115 Stat. 1762, 20 U.S.C. 7151.

(3) The board of education of a city, exempted village, or local school district may adopt a resolution authorizing the superintendent of schools to expel a pupil from school for a period not to exceed one year for bringing a knife capable of causing serious bodily injury to a school operated by the board, onto any other property owned or controlled by the board, or to an interscholastic competition, an extracurricular event, or any other program or activity sponsored by the school district or in which the district is a participant, or for possessing a firearm or knife capable of serious bodily injury, at a school, on any other property owned or controlled by the board, or at an interscholastic competition, an extracurricular event, or any other school program or activity, which firearm or knife was initially brought onto school board property by another person. The resolution may authorize the superintendent to extend such an expulsion, as necessary, into the school year following the school year in which the incident that gives rise to the expulsion takes place.

(4) The board of education of a city, exempted village, or local school district may adopt a resolution establishing a policy under section 3313.661 of the Revised Code that authorizes the superintendent of schools to expel a pupil from school for a period not to exceed one year for committing an act that is a criminal offense when committed by an adult and that results in serious physical harm to persons as defined in

division (A) (5) of section 2901.01 of the Revised Code or 198  
serious physical harm to property as defined in division (A) (6) 199  
of section 2901.01 of the Revised Code while the pupil is at 200  
school, on any other property owned or controlled by the board, 201  
or at an interscholastic competition, an extracurricular event, 202  
or any other school program or activity. Any expulsion under 203  
this division shall extend, as necessary, into the school year 204  
following the school year in which the incident that gives rise 205  
to the expulsion takes place. 206

(5) The board of education of any city, exempted village, 207  
or local school district may adopt a resolution establishing a 208  
policy under section 3313.661 of the Revised Code that 209  
authorizes the superintendent of schools to expel a pupil from 210  
school for a period not to exceed one year for making a bomb 211  
threat to a school building or to any premises at which a school 212  
activity is occurring at the time of the threat. Any expulsion 213  
under this division shall extend, as necessary, into the school 214  
year following the school year in which the incident that gives 215  
rise to the expulsion takes place. 216

(6) No pupil shall be expelled under division (B) (1), (2), 217  
(3), (4), or (5) of this section unless, prior to the pupil's 218  
expulsion, the superintendent does both of the following: 219

(a) Gives the pupil and the pupil's parent, guardian, or 220  
custodian written notice of the intention to expel the pupil; 221

(b) Provides the pupil and the pupil's parent, guardian, 222  
custodian, or representative an opportunity to appear in person 223  
before the superintendent or the superintendent's designee to 224  
challenge the reasons for the intended expulsion or otherwise to 225  
explain the pupil's actions. 226

The notice required in this division shall include the 227  
reasons for the intended expulsion, notification of the 228  
opportunity of the pupil and the pupil's parent, guardian, 229  
custodian, or representative to appear before the superintendent 230  
or the superintendent's designee to challenge the reasons for 231  
the intended expulsion or otherwise to explain the pupil's 232  
action, and notification of the time and place to appear. The 233  
time to appear shall not be earlier than three nor later than 234  
five school days after the notice is given, unless the 235  
superintendent grants an extension of time at the request of the 236  
pupil or the pupil's parent, guardian, custodian, or 237  
representative. If an extension is granted after giving the 238  
original notice, the superintendent shall notify the pupil and 239  
the pupil's parent, guardian, custodian, or representative of 240  
the new time and place to appear. If the proposed expulsion is 241  
based on a violation listed in division (A) of section 3313.662 242  
of the Revised Code and if the pupil is sixteen years of age or 243  
older, the notice shall include a statement that the 244  
superintendent may seek to permanently exclude the pupil if the 245  
pupil is convicted of or adjudicated a delinquent child for that 246  
violation. 247

(7) A superintendent of schools of a city, exempted 248  
village, or local school district shall initiate expulsion 249  
proceedings pursuant to this section with respect to any pupil 250  
who has committed an act warranting expulsion under the 251  
district's policy regarding expulsion even if the pupil has 252  
withdrawn from school for any reason after the incident that 253  
gives rise to the hearing but prior to the hearing or decision 254  
to impose the expulsion. If, following the hearing, the pupil 255  
would have been expelled for a period of time had the pupil 256  
still been enrolled in the school, the expulsion shall be 257

imposed for the same length of time as on a pupil who has not 258  
withdrawn from the school. 259

(C) (1) Subject to division (C) (2) of this section, if a 260  
pupil's presence poses a continuing danger to persons or 261  
property or an ongoing threat of disrupting the academic process 262  
taking place either within a classroom or elsewhere on the 263  
school premises, the superintendent or a principal or assistant 264  
principal may remove a pupil from curricular activities or from 265  
the school premises, and a teacher may remove a pupil from 266  
curricular activities under the teacher's supervision, without 267  
the notice and hearing requirements of division (A) or (B) of 268  
this section. As soon as practicable after making such a 269  
removal, the teacher shall submit in writing to the principal 270  
the reasons for such removal. 271

(2) A pupil in any of grades pre-kindergarten through 272  
three may be removed pursuant to division (C) (1) of this section 273  
only for the remainder of the school day and shall be permitted 274  
to return to curricular and extracurricular activities on the 275  
school day following the day in which the student was removed. 276

(a) A school district or school that returns a student in 277  
any of grades pre-kindergarten through three to curricular and 278  
extracurricular activities on the next school day shall not be 279  
required to follow division (C) (3) of this section with regard 280  
to that student. 281

(b) A school district shall not initiate a suspension or 282  
expulsion proceeding against a student in any of grades pre- 283  
kindergarten through three who was removed from a curricular or 284  
extracurricular activity under division (C) of this section 285  
unless the student has committed an act described in division 286  
(B) (1) (a) or (b) of section 3313.668 of the Revised Code. 287

(3) If a pupil is removed under division (C) (1) or (2) of this section from a curricular activity or from the school premises, written notice of the hearing and of the reason for the removal shall be given to the pupil as soon as practicable prior to the hearing, which shall be held on the next school day after the initial removal is ordered. The hearing shall be held in accordance with division (A) of this section unless it is probable that the pupil may be subject to expulsion, in which case a hearing in accordance with division (B) of this section shall be held, except that the hearing shall be held on the next school day after the date of the initial removal. The individual who ordered, caused, or requested the removal to be made shall be present at the hearing.

(4) If the superintendent or the principal reinstates a pupil in a curricular activity under the teacher's supervision prior to the hearing following a removal under this division, the teacher, upon request, shall be given in writing the reasons for such reinstatement.

(D) The superintendent or principal, within one school day after the time of a pupil's expulsion or suspension, shall notify in writing the parent, guardian, or custodian of the pupil of the expulsion or suspension. In the case of an expulsion, the superintendent or principal, within one school day after the time of a pupil's expulsion, also shall notify in writing the treasurer of the board of education. Each notice shall include the reasons for the expulsion or suspension, notification of the right of the pupil or the pupil's parent, guardian, or custodian to appeal the expulsion or suspension to the board of education or to its designee, to be represented in all appeal proceedings, to be granted a hearing before the board or its designee in order to be heard against the suspension or

expulsion, and to request that the hearing be held in executive 319  
session, notification that the expulsion may be subject to 320  
extension pursuant to division (F) of this section if the pupil 321  
is sixteen years of age or older, and notification that the 322  
superintendent may seek the pupil's permanent exclusion if the 323  
suspension or expulsion was based on a violation listed in 324  
division (A) of section 3313.662 of the Revised Code that was 325  
committed when the child was sixteen years of age or older and 326  
if the pupil is convicted of or adjudicated a delinquent child 327  
for that violation. 328

In accordance with the policy adopted by the board of 329  
education under section 3313.661 of the Revised Code, the notice 330  
provided under this division shall specify the manner and date 331  
by which the pupil or the pupil's parent, guardian, or custodian 332  
shall notify the board of the pupil's, parent's, guardian's, or 333  
custodian's intent to appeal the expulsion or suspension to the 334  
board or its designee. 335

Any superintendent expelling a pupil under this section 336  
for more than twenty school days or for any period of time if 337  
the expulsion will extend into the following semester or school 338  
year shall, in the notice required under this division, provide 339  
the pupil and the pupil's parent, guardian, or custodian with 340  
information about services or programs offered by public and 341  
private agencies that work toward improving those aspects of the 342  
pupil's attitudes and behavior that contributed to the incident 343  
that gave rise to the pupil's expulsion. The information shall 344  
include the names, addresses, and phone numbers of the 345  
appropriate public and private agencies. 346

(E) A pupil or the pupil's parent, guardian, or custodian 347  
may appeal the pupil's expulsion by a superintendent or 348

suspension by a superintendent, principal, assistant principal, 349  
or other administrator to the board of education or to its 350  
designee. If the pupil or the pupil's parent, guardian, or 351  
custodian intends to appeal the expulsion or suspension to the 352  
board or its designee, the pupil or the pupil's parent, 353  
guardian, or custodian shall notify the board in the manner and 354  
by the date specified in the notice provided under division (D) 355  
of this section. The pupil or the pupil's parent, guardian, or 356  
custodian may be represented in all appeal proceedings and shall 357  
be granted a hearing before the board or its designee in order 358  
to be heard against the suspension or expulsion. At the request 359  
of the pupil or of the pupil's parent, guardian, custodian, or 360  
attorney, the board or its designee may hold the hearing in 361  
executive session but shall act upon the suspension or expulsion 362  
only at a public meeting. The board, by a majority vote of its 363  
full membership or by the action of its designee, may affirm the 364  
order of suspension or expulsion, reinstate the pupil, or 365  
otherwise reverse, vacate, or modify the order of suspension or 366  
expulsion. 367

The board or its designee shall make a verbatim record of 368  
hearings held under this division. The decisions of the board or 369  
its designee may be appealed under Chapter 2506. of the Revised 370  
Code. 371

This section shall not be construed to require notice and 372  
hearing in accordance with division (A), (B), or (C) of this 373  
section in the case of normal disciplinary procedures in which a 374  
pupil is removed from a curricular activity for a period of less 375  
than one school day and is not subject to suspension or 376  
expulsion. 377

(F) (1) If a pupil is expelled pursuant to division (B) of 378

this section for committing any violation listed in division (A) 379  
of section 3313.662 of the Revised Code and the pupil was 380  
sixteen years of age or older at the time of committing the 381  
violation, if a complaint, indictment, or information is filed 382  
alleging that the pupil is a delinquent child based upon the 383  
commission of the violation or the pupil is prosecuted as an 384  
adult for the commission of the violation, and if the resultant 385  
juvenile court or criminal proceeding is pending at the time 386  
that the expulsion terminates, the superintendent of schools 387  
that expelled the pupil may file a motion with the court in 388  
which the proceeding is pending requesting an order extending 389  
the expulsion for the lesser of an additional eighty days or the 390  
number of school days remaining in the school year. Upon the 391  
filing of the motion, the court immediately shall schedule a 392  
hearing and give written notice of the time, date, and location 393  
of the hearing to the superintendent and to the pupil and the 394  
pupil's parent, guardian, or custodian. At the hearing, the 395  
court shall determine whether there is reasonable cause to 396  
believe that the pupil committed the alleged violation that is 397  
the basis of the expulsion and, upon determining that reasonable 398  
cause to believe the pupil committed the violation does exist, 399  
shall grant the requested extension. 400

(2) If a pupil has been convicted of or adjudicated a 401  
delinquent child for a violation listed in division (A) of 402  
section 3313.662 of the Revised Code for an act that was 403  
committed when the child was sixteen years of age or older, if 404  
the pupil has been expelled pursuant to division (B) of this 405  
section for that violation, and if the board of education of the 406  
school district of the school from which the pupil was expelled 407  
has adopted a resolution seeking the pupil's permanent 408  
exclusion, the superintendent may file a motion with the court 409

that convicted the pupil or adjudicated the pupil a delinquent 410  
child requesting an order to extend the expulsion until an 411  
adjudication order or other determination regarding permanent 412  
exclusion is issued by the superintendent of public instruction 413  
pursuant to section 3301.121 and division (D) of section 414  
3313.662 of the Revised Code. Upon the filing of the motion, the 415  
court immediately shall schedule a hearing and give written 416  
notice of the time, date, and location of the hearing to the 417  
superintendent of the school district, the pupil, and the 418  
pupil's parent, guardian, or custodian. At the hearing, the 419  
court shall determine whether there is reasonable cause to 420  
believe the pupil's continued attendance in the public school 421  
system may endanger the health and safety of other pupils or 422  
school employees and, upon making that determination, shall 423  
grant the requested extension. 424

(G) The failure of the superintendent or the board of 425  
education to provide the information regarding the possibility 426  
of permanent exclusion in the notice required by divisions (A), 427  
(B), and (D) of this section is not jurisdictional, and the 428  
failure shall not affect the validity of any suspension or 429  
expulsion procedure that is conducted in accordance with this 430  
section or the validity of a permanent exclusion procedure that 431  
is conducted in accordance with sections 3301.121 and 3313.662 432  
of the Revised Code. 433

(H) With regard to suspensions and expulsions pursuant to 434  
divisions (A) and (B) of this section by the board of education 435  
of any city, exempted village, or local school district, this 436  
section shall apply to any student, whether or not the student 437  
is enrolled in the district, attending or otherwise 438  
participating in any curricular program provided in a school 439  
operated by the board or provided on any other property owned or 440

controlled by the board. 441

(I) Whenever a student is expelled under this section, the 442  
expulsion shall result in removal of the student from the 443  
student's regular school setting. However, during the period of 444  
the expulsion, the board of education of the school district 445  
that expelled the student or any board of education admitting 446  
the student during that expulsion period may provide educational 447  
services to the student in an alternative setting. 448

(J) (1) Notwithstanding sections 3109.51 to 3109.80, 449  
3313.64, and 3313.65 of the Revised Code, any school district, 450  
after offering an opportunity for a hearing, may temporarily 451  
deny admittance to any pupil if one of the following applies: 452

(a) The pupil has been suspended from the schools of 453  
another district under division (A) of this section and the 454  
period of suspension, as established under that division, has 455  
not expired; 456

(b) The pupil has been expelled from the schools of 457  
another district under division (B) of this section and the 458  
period of the expulsion, as established under that division or 459  
as extended under division (F) of this section, has not expired. 460

If a pupil is temporarily denied admission under this 461  
division, the pupil shall be admitted to school in accordance 462  
with sections 3109.51 to 3109.80, 3313.64, or 3313.65 of the 463  
Revised Code no later than upon expiration of the suspension or 464  
expulsion period, as applicable. 465

(2) Notwithstanding sections 3109.51 to 3109.80, 3313.64, 466  
and 3313.65 of the Revised Code, any school district, after 467  
offering an opportunity for a hearing, may temporarily deny 468  
admittance to any pupil if the pupil has been expelled or 469

otherwise removed for disciplinary purposes from a public school 470  
in another state and the period of expulsion or removal has not 471  
expired. If a pupil is temporarily denied admission under this 472  
division, the pupil shall be admitted to school in accordance 473  
with sections 3109.51 to 3109.80, 3313.64, or 3313.65 of the 474  
Revised Code no later than the earlier of the following: 475

(a) Upon expiration of the expulsion or removal period 476  
imposed by the out-of-state school; 477

(b) Upon expiration of a period established by the 478  
district, beginning with the date of expulsion or removal from 479  
the out-of-state school, that is no greater than the period of 480  
expulsion that the pupil would have received under the policy 481  
adopted by the district under section 3313.661 of the Revised 482  
Code had the offense that gave rise to the expulsion or removal 483  
by the out-of-state school been committed while the pupil was 484  
enrolled in the district. 485

(K) As used in this section: 486

(1) "Permanently exclude" and "permanent exclusion" have 487  
the same meanings as in section 3313.662 of the Revised Code. 488

(2) "In-school suspension" means the pupil will serve all 489  
of the suspension in a supervised learning environment within a 490  
school setting. 491

**Sec. 3313.951.** (A) As used in this section: 492

(1) "Law enforcement agency" has the same meaning as in 493  
section 149.435 of the Revised Code. 494

(2) "Peace officer" has the same meaning as in division 495  
(A)(1) of section 109.71 of the Revised Code. 496

(3) "School resource officer" means a peace officer who is 497

appointed through a memorandum of understanding between a law 498  
enforcement agency and a school district to provide services to 499  
a school district or school as described in this section. 500

(B) (1) A school resource officer who provides services to 501  
a school district or school on or after ~~the effective date of~~ 502  
~~this section~~ November 2, 2018, shall, except as described in 503  
division (B) (2) of this section, satisfy both of the following 504  
conditions: 505

(a) Complete a basic training program approved by the Ohio 506  
peace officer training commission, as described in division (B) 507  
(1) of section 109.77 of the Revised Code; 508

(b) Complete at least forty hours of school resource 509  
officer training within one year after appointment to provide 510  
those services through one of the following entities, as 511  
approved by the Ohio peace officer training commission: 512

(i) The national association of school resource officers; 513

(ii) The Ohio school resource officer association; 514

(iii) ~~A~~ The Ohio peace officer ~~certified to conduct a~~ 515  
~~course that satisfies the conditions set forth in division (B)~~ 516  
~~(3) of this section~~ training academy. 517

(2) A school resource officer who is appointed to provide 518  
services to a school district or school prior to ~~the effective~~ 519  
~~date of this section~~ November 2, 2018, shall be exempt from 520  
compliance with the training requirements prescribed in division 521  
(B) (1) (b) of this section. 522

(3) A certified training program provided by an entity 523  
described in division (B) (1) (b) ~~(i) or (ii)~~ of this section shall 524  
include instruction regarding skills, tactics, and strategies 525

necessary to address the specific nature of all of the	526
following:	527
(a) School campuses;	528
(b) School building security needs and characteristics;	529
(c) The nuances of law enforcement functions conducted	530
inside a school environment, including:	531
(i) Understanding the psychological and physiological	532
characteristics consistent with the ages of the students in the	533
assigned building or buildings;	534
(ii) Understanding the appropriate role of school resource	535
officers regarding discipline and reducing the number of	536
referrals to juvenile court; and	537
(iii) Understanding the use of developmentally appropriate	538
interview, interrogation, de-escalation, and behavior management	539
strategies.	540
(d) The mechanics of being a positive role model for	541
youth, including appropriate communication techniques which	542
enhance interactions between the school resource officer and	543
students;	544
(e) Providing assistance on topics such as classroom	545
management tools to provide law-related education to students	546
and methods for managing the behaviors sometimes associated with	547
educating children with special needs;	548
(f) The mechanics of the laws regarding compulsory	549
attendance, as set forth in Chapter 3321. of the Revised Code;	550
(g) Identifying the trends in drug use, eliminating the	551
instance of drug use, and encouraging a drug-free environment in	552

schools. 553

(4) The Ohio peace officer training commission shall ~~do~~ 554  
~~both of the following:~~ 555

~~(a) Develop and conduct a basic school resource officer-~~ 556  
~~training course that satisfies the conditions set forth in-~~ 557  
~~division (B) (3) of this section, and establish criteria for what-~~ 558  
~~constitutes successful completion of that course;~~ 559

~~(b) Adopt~~adopt rules, in accordance with Chapter 119. of 560  
the Revised Code, for the approval of school resource officer 561  
training provided by an entity described in division (B) (1) (b) 562  
~~(i) or (ii) of this section that provides certified school-~~ 563  
~~resource officer training.~~ 564

(C) (1) If a school district decides to utilize school 565  
resource officer services, the school district and the 566  
appropriate law enforcement agency shall first enter into a 567  
memorandum of understanding that clarifies the purpose of the 568  
school resource officer program and roles and expectations 569  
between the participating entities. If a school district is 570  
already utilizing school resource officer services on ~~the~~ 571  
~~effective date of this section~~ November 2, 2018, the school 572  
district and the law enforcement agency shall enter into a 573  
memorandum of understanding within one year after ~~the effective-~~ 574  
~~date of this section~~ November 2, 2018. 575

(2) Each memorandum of understanding shall address the 576  
following items: 577

(a) Clearly defined set of goals for the school resource 578  
officer program; 579

(b) Background requirements or suggested expertise for 580  
employing law enforcement in the school setting, including an 581

understanding of child and adolescent development;	582
(c) Professional development, including training	583
requirements that focus on age-appropriate practices for	584
conflict resolution and developmentally informed de-escalation	585
and crisis intervention methods;	586
(d) Clearly defined roles, responsibilities, and	587
expectations of the parties involved, including school resource	588
officers, law enforcement, school administrators, staff, and	589
teachers;	590
(e) A protocol for how suspected criminal activity versus	591
school discipline is to be handled;	592
(f) The requirement for coordinated crisis planning and	593
updating of school crisis plans;	594
(g) Any other discretionary items determined by the	595
parties to foster a school resource officer program that builds	596
positive relationships between law enforcement, school staff,	597
and the students, promotes a safe and positive learning	598
environment, and decreases the number of youth formally referred	599
to the juvenile justice system.	600
(3) A school district, through its school administration,	601
may give students an opportunity to provide input during the	602
drafting process of any memorandum of understanding being	603
entered into pursuant to division (C) of this section.	604
(D) (1) In accordance with the requirements prescribed in	605
this section, a school resource officer may work in one or more	606
school districts or schools providing the following services:	607
(a) Assistance with adoption, implementation, and	608
amendment of the comprehensive emergency management plan	609

required under section 3313.536 of the Revised Code; 610

(b) Carrying out any additional responsibilities assigned 611  
to the school resource officer under the employment engagement, 612  
contract, or memorandum of understanding, including but not 613  
limited to: 614

(i) Providing a safe learning environment; 615

(ii) Providing valuable resources to school staff members; 616

(iii) Fostering positive relationships with students and 617  
staff; 618

(iv) Developing strategies to resolve problems affecting 619  
youth and protecting all students. 620

(2) A school resource officer shall consult with local law 621  
enforcement officials and first responders when assisting a 622  
school district's administrator in the development of a 623  
comprehensive emergency management plan. 624

(E) The school district or school administrator shall have 625  
final decision-making authority regarding all matters of school 626  
discipline. 627

**Sec. 3319.2210.** (A) The state board of education, upon 628  
submission of the documentation specified in division (C) of 629  
this section, shall issue a license to any of the following 630  
persons to be employed to work in a substitute capacity by a 631  
school district or school: 632

(1) A speech-language pathologist who holds a currently 633  
valid license issued under Chapter 4753. of the Revised Code and 634  
wishes to be employed as a substitute speech-language 635  
pathologist; 636

(2) An audiologist who holds a currently valid license 637  
issued under Chapter 4753. of the Revised Code and wishes to be 638  
employed as a substitute audiologist; 639

(3) A registered nurse who holds a bachelor's degree in 640  
nursing and a currently valid license issued under Chapter 4723. 641  
of the Revised Code and wishes to be employed as a substitute 642  
nurse; 643

(4) A physical therapist who holds a currently valid 644  
license issued under Chapter 4755. of the Revised Code and 645  
wishes to be employed as a substitute physical therapist; 646

(5) An occupational therapist who holds a currently valid 647  
license issued under Chapter 4755. of the Revised Code and 648  
wishes to be employed as a substitute occupational therapist; 649

(6) A physical therapy assistant who holds a currently 650  
valid license issued under Chapter 4755. of the Revised Code and 651  
wishes to be employed as a substitute physical therapy 652  
assistant; 653

(7) An occupational therapy assistant who holds a 654  
currently valid license issued under Chapter 4755. of the 655  
Revised Code and wishes to be employed as a substitute 656  
occupational therapy assistant; 657

(8) A social worker who holds a currently valid license 658  
issued under Chapter 4757. of the Revised Code and wishes to be 659  
employed as a substitute social worker. 660

(B) A license may be issued upon the request and 661  
recommendation of the superintendent of a school district, the 662  
superintendent of an educational service center, the governing 663  
authority of a community school established under Chapter 3314. 664  
of the Revised Code, the governing body of a science, 665

technology, engineering, and mathematics school established 666  
under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code, the board of trustees 667  
of a college-preparatory boarding school established under 668  
Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code, or the governing body of a 669  
chartered nonpublic school. The term of the license shall be in 670  
accordance with section 3319.226 of the Revised Code. 671

(C) A person who wishes to be employed to work in a 672  
substitute capacity under this section shall submit both of the 673  
following to the state board: 674

(1) A copy of the currently valid occupational license the 675  
person holds; 676

(2) All materials required to complete a criminal records 677  
check in accordance with section 3319.291 of the Revised Code, 678  
including, if necessary, all materials required to enroll the 679  
person in the retained applicant fingerprint database pursuant 680  
to division (G) of that section. 681

(D) The state board shall not adopt a rule establishing 682  
any additional qualifications for a license issued under this 683  
section. 684

(E) A person that is employed to work in a substitute 685  
capacity by a school district or school under this section shall 686  
not be employed by a district or school in a non-substitute 687  
capacity without satisfying any licensure or permit requirements 688  
established in rules adopted by the state board that are 689  
applicable to the person's prospective position of employment. 690

**Sec. 3319.36.** (A) No treasurer of a board of education or 691  
educational service center shall draw a check for the payment of 692  
a teacher for services until ~~the teacher files with the~~ 693  
~~treasurer~~ both of the following conditions are satisfied: 694

(1) ~~Such~~ The treasurer receives a written statement from 695  
the district or service center superintendent, or 696  
superintendent's designee, that the teacher has filed with the 697  
superintendent or designee such reports as are required by the 698  
state board of education, the school district board of 699  
education, or the district or service center superintendent ~~of~~ 700  
~~schools;~~ 701

(2) Except ~~for~~ in the case of a teacher who is engaged 702  
pursuant to section 3319.301 of the Revised Code, the treasurer 703  
receives a written statement from the ~~city, exempted village, or~~ 704  
~~local school district or service center~~ superintendent or the 705  
~~educational service center superintendent~~ superintendent's 706  
designee that the teacher has filed with the ~~treasurer~~ 707  
superintendent or designee a legal educator license, or true 708  
copy of it, to teach the subjects or grades taught, with the 709  
dates of its validity. The state board of education shall 710  
prescribe the record and administration for such filing of 711  
educator licenses in educational service centers. 712

Prior to filing the written statements prescribed by 713  
divisions (A) (1) and (2) of this section, each teacher shall 714  
file the required reports and license with the district or 715  
service center superintendent or superintendent's designee. 716

(B) Notwithstanding division (A) of this section, the 717  
treasurer may pay any of the following: 718

(1) Any teacher for services rendered during the first two 719  
months of the teacher's initial employment with the school 720  
district or educational service center, provided such teacher is 721  
the holder of a bachelor's degree or higher and has filed with 722  
the state board of education an application for the issuance of 723  
an educator license described in division (A) (1) of section 724

3319.22 of the Revised Code. The requirement for a bachelor's degree shall not apply to career-technical education teachers licensed under sections 3319.226 and 3319.229 of the Revised Code.

(2) Any substitute teacher for services rendered while conditionally employed under section 3319.101 of the Revised Code.

(3) Any employee for services rendered under division (F) of section 3319.088 of the Revised Code.

(C) Upon notice to the treasurer given by the state board of education or any superintendent having jurisdiction that reports required of a teacher have not been made, the treasurer shall withhold the salary of the teacher until the required reports are completed and furnished.

(D) No treasurer of a board of education or educational service center shall be liable for a loss of public funds for any payments to a teacher that are made by the treasurer in compliance with this section, unless the loss results from the treasurer's negligence or other wrongful act.

(E) No superintendent of a school district or educational service center or the superintendent's designee shall be liable for a loss of public funds for any payments to a teacher that are made by the district or service center treasurer in compliance with this section, unless the loss results from the superintendent's negligence or other wrongful act.

**Sec. 4757.22.** (A) The counselors professional standards committee of the counselor, social worker, and marriage and family therapist board shall issue a license to practice as a licensed professional clinical counselor to each applicant who

submits a properly completed application, pays the fee 754  
established under section 4757.31 of the Revised Code, and meets 755  
the requirements specified in division (B) of this section. 756

(B) (1) To be eligible for a licensed professional clinical 757  
counselor license, an individual must meet the following 758  
requirements: 759

(a) The individual must be of good moral character. 760

(b) The individual must hold ~~from an accredited~~ 761  
~~educational institution~~ a graduate degree in counseling as 762  
described in division (B) (2) of this section. 763

(c) The individual must complete a minimum of ninety 764  
quarter hours or sixty semester hours of graduate credit in 765  
counselor training acceptable to the committee, including 766  
instruction in the following areas: 767

(i) Clinical psychopathology, personality, and abnormal 768  
behavior; 769

(ii) Evaluation of mental and emotional disorders; 770

(iii) Diagnosis of mental and emotional disorders; 771

(iv) Methods of prevention, intervention, and treatment of 772  
mental and emotional disorders. 773

(d) The individual must complete, in either a private or 774  
clinical counseling setting, supervised experience in counseling 775  
that is of a type approved by the committee, is supervised by a 776  
licensed professional clinical counselor or other qualified 777  
professional approved by the committee, and is in the following 778  
amounts: 779

(i) In the case of an individual holding only a master's 780

degree, not less than two years of experience, which must be 781  
completed after the award of the master's degree; 782

(ii) In the case of an individual holding a doctorate, not 783  
less than one year of experience, which must be completed after 784  
the award of the doctorate. 785

(e) The individual must pass a field evaluation that meets 786  
the following requirements: 787

(i) Has been completed by the applicant's instructors, 788  
employers, supervisors, or other persons determined by the 789  
committee to be competent to evaluate an individual's 790  
professional competence; 791

(ii) Includes documented evidence of the quality, scope, 792  
and nature of the applicant's experience and competence in 793  
diagnosing and treating mental and emotional disorders. 794

(f) The individual must pass an examination administered 795  
by the board for the purpose of determining ability to practice 796  
as a licensed professional clinical counselor. 797

(2) To meet the requirement of division (B)(1)(b) of this 798  
section, a graduate degree in counseling obtained from a mental 799  
health counseling program in this state after January 1, 2018, 800  
must be from a one of the following: 801

(a) A clinical mental health counseling program, a 802  
clinical rehabilitation counseling program, or an addiction 803  
counseling program accredited by the council for accreditation 804  
of counseling and related educational programs; 805

(b) A counseling education program approved by the board 806  
in accordance with rules adopted by the board under division (G) 807  
of this section. 808

(3) All of the following meet the educational requirements	809
of division (B) (1) (c) of this section:	810
(a) A clinical mental health counseling program accredited	811
by the council for accreditation of counseling and related	812
educational programs;	813
(b) Until January 1, 2018, a mental health counseling	814
program accredited by the council for accreditation of	815
counseling and related educational programs;	816
(c) A graduate degree in counseling issued by another	817
state from a clinical mental health counseling program, a	818
clinical rehabilitation counseling program, or an addiction	819
counseling program that is accredited by the council for	820
accreditation of counseling and related educational programs;	821
(d) <del>Any other accredited</del> <u>A counseling programs accepted</u>	822
<u>education program approved</u> by the board in accordance with rules	823
adopted under division <del>(F) (3)</del> <u>(G)</u> of this section.	824
(C) To be accepted by the committee for purposes of	825
division (B) of this section, counselor training must include at	826
least the following:	827
(1) Instruction in human growth and development;	828
counseling theory; counseling techniques; group dynamics,	829
processing, and counseling; appraisal of individuals; research	830
and evaluation; professional, legal, and ethical	831
responsibilities; social and cultural foundations; and lifestyle	832
and career development;	833
(2) Participation in a supervised practicum and internship	834
in counseling.	835
(D) The committee may issue a temporary license to an	836

applicant who meets all of the requirements to be licensed under 837  
this section, pending the receipt of transcripts or action by 838  
the committee to issue a license to practice as a licensed 839  
professional clinical counselor. 840

(E) An individual may not sit for the licensing 841  
examination unless the individual meets the educational 842  
requirements to be licensed under this section. An individual 843  
who is denied admission to the licensing examination may appeal 844  
the denial in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. 845

(F) The board shall adopt any rules necessary for the 846  
committee to implement this section. The rules shall do ~~all~~both 847  
of the following: 848

(1) Establish criteria for the committee to use in 849  
determining whether an applicant's training should be accepted 850  
and supervised experience approved; 851

(2) Establish course content requirements for qualifying 852  
counseling degrees issued by institutions in other states from 853  
clinical mental health counseling programs, clinical 854  
rehabilitation counseling programs, and addiction counseling 855  
programs that are not accredited by the council for 856  
accreditation of counseling and related educational programs ~~and~~ 857  
~~for graduate degrees from other accredited counseling programs~~ 858  
~~approved by the board in accordance with rules adopted under~~ 859  
~~division (F) (3) of this section;~~ 860

~~(3) For purposes of divisions (B) (2) (b) and (3) of this~~ 861  
~~section, establish requirements for acceptance by the committee~~ 862  
~~of accredited counseling programs.~~ 863

Rules adopted under this division shall be adopted in 864  
accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. 865

(G) (1) The board may adopt rules to temporarily approve a 866  
counseling education program created after January 1, 2018, that 867  
has not been accredited by the council for accreditation of 868  
counseling and related educational programs. If the board adopts 869  
rules under this division, the board shall do all of the 870  
following in the rules: 871

(a) Create an application process under which a program 872  
administrator may apply to the board for approval of the 873  
program; 874

(b) Identify the educational requirements that an 875  
individual must satisfy to receive a graduate degree in 876  
counseling from the approved program; 877

(c) Establish a time period during which an individual may 878  
use an unaccredited degree granted under the program to satisfy 879  
the requirements of divisions (B) (1) (b) and (c) of this section; 880

(d) Specify that, if the program is denied accreditation, 881  
a student enrolled in the program before the accreditation is 882  
denied may apply for licensure before completing the program 883  
and, on receiving a degree from the program, is considered to 884  
satisfy divisions (B) (1) (b) and (c) of this section. 885

(2) A degree from a counseling education program approved 886  
by the board pursuant to the rules adopted under division (G) (1) 887  
of this section satisfies the requirements of divisions (B) (1) 888  
(b) and (c) of this section for the time period approved by the 889  
board. 890

**Sec. 4757.23.** (A) The counselors professional standards 891  
committee of the counselor, social worker, and marriage and 892  
family therapist board shall issue a license as a licensed 893  
professional counselor to each applicant who submits a properly 894

completed application, pays the fee established under section 895  
4757.31 of the Revised Code, and meets the requirements 896  
established under division (B) of this section. 897

(B)(1) To be eligible for a license as a licensed 898  
professional counselor, an individual must meet the following 899  
requirements: 900

(a) The individual must be of good moral character. 901

(b) The individual must hold ~~from an accredited~~ 902  
~~educational institution~~ a graduate degree in counseling as 903  
described in division (B)(2) of this section. 904

(c) The individual must complete a minimum of ninety 905  
quarter hours or sixty semester hours of graduate credit in 906  
counselor training acceptable to the committee, which the 907  
individual may complete while working toward receiving a 908  
graduate degree in counseling, or subsequent to receiving the 909  
degree, and which shall include training in the following areas: 910

(i) Clinical psychopathology, personality, and abnormal 911  
behavior; 912

(ii) Evaluation of mental and emotional disorders; 913

(iii) Diagnosis of mental and emotional disorders; 914

(iv) Methods of prevention, intervention, and treatment of 915  
mental and emotional disorders. 916

(d) The individual must pass an examination administered 917  
by the board for the purpose of determining ability to practice 918  
as a licensed professional counselor. 919

(2) To meet the requirement of division (B)(1)(b) of this 920  
section, a graduate degree in counseling obtained from a mental 921

health counseling program in this state after January 1, 2018,	922
must be from <del>a</del> <u>one of the following:</u>	923
<u>(a) A clinical mental health counseling program, clinical</u>	924
rehabilitation counseling program, or addiction counseling	925
program accredited by the council for accreditation of	926
counseling and related educational programs;	927
<u>(b) A counseling education program approved by the board</u>	928
<u>in accordance with rules adopted by the board under division (G)</u>	929
<u>of this section.</u>	930
(3) All of the following meet the educational requirements	931
of division (B) (1) (c) of this section:	932
(a) A clinical mental health counseling program accredited	933
by the council for accreditation of counseling and related	934
educational programs;	935
(b) Until January 1, 2018, a mental health counseling	936
program accredited by the council for accreditation of	937
counseling and related educational programs;	938
(c) A graduate degree in counseling issued by an	939
institution in another state from a clinical mental health	940
counseling program, a clinical rehabilitation counseling	941
program, or an addiction counseling program that is accredited	942
by the council for accreditation of counseling and related	943
educational programs;	944
(d) <del>Any other accredited</del> <u>A counseling programs accepted</u>	945
<u>education program approved by the board in accordance with rules</u>	946
adopted under division <del>(F) (3)</del> <u>(G)</u> of this section.	947
(C) To be accepted by the committee for purposes of	948
division (B) of this section, counselor training must include at	949

least the following:	950
(1) Instruction in human growth and development;	951
counseling theory; counseling techniques; group dynamics,	952
processing, and counseling; appraisal of individuals; research	953
and evaluation; professional, legal, and ethical	954
responsibilities; social and cultural foundations; and lifestyle	955
and career development;	956
(2) Participation in a supervised practicum and internship	957
in counseling.	958
(D) The committee may issue a temporary license to	959
practice as a licensed professional counselor to an applicant	960
who meets all of the requirements to be licensed under this	961
section as follows:	962
(1) Pending the receipt of transcripts or action by the	963
committee to issue a license as a licensed professional	964
counselor;	965
(2) For a period not to exceed ninety days, to an	966
applicant who provides the board with a statement from the	967
applicant's academic institution indicating that the applicant	968
has met the academic requirements for the applicant's degree and	969
the projected date the applicant will receive the applicant's	970
transcript showing a conferred degree.	971
On application to the committee, a temporary license	972
issued under division (D) (2) of this section may be renewed for	973
good cause shown.	974
(E) An individual may not sit for the licensing	975
examination unless the individual meets the educational	976
requirements to be licensed under this section. An individual	977
who is denied admission to the licensing examination may appeal	978

the denial in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. 979

(F) The board shall adopt any rules necessary for the 980  
committee to implement this section. The rules shall do ~~all~~both 981  
of the following: 982

(1) Establish criteria for the committee to use in 983  
determining whether an applicant's training should be accepted 984  
and supervised experience approved; 985

(2) Establish course content requirements for qualifying 986  
counseling degrees issued by institutions in other states from 987  
clinical mental health counseling programs, clinical 988  
rehabilitation counseling programs, and addiction counseling 989  
programs that are not accredited by the council for 990  
accreditation of counseling and related educational programs~~and~~ 991  
~~for graduate degrees from other accredited counseling programs~~ 992  
~~accepted by the board in accordance with rules adopted under~~ 993  
~~division (F) (3) of this section;~~ 994

~~(3) For purposes of divisions (B) (2) (b) and (3) of this~~ 995  
~~section, establish requirements for acceptance by the committee~~ 996  
~~of accredited counseling programs.~~ 997

Rules adopted under this division shall be adopted in 998  
accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. 999

(G) (1) The board may adopt rules to temporarily approve a 1000  
counseling education program created after January 1, 2018, that 1001  
has not been accredited by the council for accreditation of 1002  
counseling and related educational programs. If the board adopts 1003  
rules under this division, the board shall do all of the 1004  
following in the rules: 1005

(a) Create an application process under which a program 1006  
administrator may apply to the board for approval of the 1007

program; 1008

(b) Identify the educational requirements that an individual must satisfy to receive a graduate degree in counseling from the approved program; 1009  
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(c) Establish a time period during which an individual may use an unaccredited degree granted under the program to satisfy the requirements of divisions (B) (1) (b) and (c) of this section; 1012  
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(d) Specify that, if the program is denied accreditation, a student enrolled in the program before the accreditation is denied may apply for licensure before completing the program and, on receiving a degree from the program, is considered to satisfy divisions (B) (1) (b) and (c) of this section. 1015  
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(2) A degree from a counseling education program approved by the board pursuant to the rules adopted under division (G) (1) of this section satisfies the requirements of divisions (B) (1) (b) and (c) of this section for the time period approved by the board. 1020  
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**Section 2.** That existing sections 3313.25, 3313.31, 3313.66, 3313.951, 3319.36, 4757.22, and 4757.23 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 1025  
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**Section 3.** That Section 733.67 of Am. Sub. H.B. 49 of the 132nd General Assembly be amended to read as follows: 1028  
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**Sec. 733.67.** Notwithstanding anything in the Revised Code to the contrary, this section shall apply only to students who are enrolled in a school district, community school, STEM school, or chartered nonpublic school and who entered ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2014, but prior to July 1, ~~2015~~ 2017. This section does not apply to any student who entered ninth grade for the first time prior to July 1, 1030  
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2014, or to any student who entered ninth grade for the first 1037  
time on or after July 1, ~~2015~~ 2017. 1038

(A) In lieu of qualifying for high school graduation under 1039  
section 3313.61 of the Revised Code, a student shall be eligible 1040  
to receive a high school diploma if: 1041

(1) The student takes all of the end-of-course 1042  
examinations prescribed under division (B)(2) of section 1043  
3301.0712 of the Revised Code required for the student or takes 1044  
the assessment prescribed under section 3313.619 of the Revised 1045  
Code, as applicable; 1046

(2) Retakes, at least once, any end-of-course examination 1047  
in the area of English language arts or mathematics for which a 1048  
student received an equivalent score of lower than "3"; 1049

(3) Completes the required units of instruction prescribed 1050  
by the school district or school; 1051

(4) Meets at least two of the following conditions: 1052

(a) ~~The~~ For a student who entered ninth grade for the 1053  
first time on or after July 1, 2014, but prior to July 1, 2016, 1054  
the student has an attendance rate of at least ninety-three per 1055  
cent during the twelfth grade year. 1056

(b) The student takes at least four full-year or 1057  
equivalent courses during the twelfth grade year and has at 1058  
least ~~a~~ the following grade point average ~~of~~ : 1059

(i) For a student who entered ninth grade for the first 1060  
time on or after July 1, 2014, but prior to July 1, 2016, a 2.5 1061  
on a 4.0 scale for the courses completed during the twelfth 1062  
grade year; 1063

(ii) For a student who entered ninth grade for the first 1064

time on or after July 1, 2016, but prior to July 1, 2017, a 1065  
cumulative 2.5 on a 4.0 scale for the courses completed during 1066  
the eleventh and twelfth grade years. 1067

(c) During the twelfth grade, the student completed a 1068  
capstone project as defined by the district or school. However, 1069  
in the case of a student who entered ninth grade for the first 1070  
time on or after July 1, 2016, but prior to July 1, 2017, the 1071  
capstone project shall comply with guidance developed by the 1072  
Department of Education describing the components of a 1073  
successful capstone project and the process for evaluating each 1074  
component. The guidance shall ensure that each capstone project 1075  
is designed as a culmination of the student's high school 1076  
experience. 1077

(d) During the twelfth grade, the student completed one 1078  
hundred twenty hours of work in a community service role or in a 1079  
position of employment, including internships, work study, co- 1080  
ops, and apprenticeships as defined by the district or school. 1081  
However, in the case of a student who entered ninth grade for 1082  
the first time on or after July 1, 2016, but prior to July 1, 1083  
2017, the student's completion of such work shall comply with 1084  
guidance developed by the Department, in consultation with the 1085  
Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation, describing the 1086  
requirements for district or school approval and verification of 1087  
the work. The guidance shall indicate that it is preferable that 1088  
students complete the work with a business or nonprofit 1089  
organization registered in this state. 1090

(e) The student earned three or more transcribed credit 1091  
hours under the College Credit Plus program, established under 1092  
Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code, at any time during high 1093  
school. 1094

(f) The student passed an Advanced Placement or 1095  
International Baccalaureate course, and received a score of 1096  
three or higher on the corresponding Advanced Placement 1097  
examination or a score of four or higher on the corresponding 1098  
International Baccalaureate examination, at any time during high 1099  
school. 1100

(g) The student earned at least a level three score on 1101  
each of the "reading for information," "applied mathematics," 1102  
and "locating information" components of the job skills 1103  
assessment selected by the State Board of Education under 1104  
division (G) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code, or a 1105  
comparable score on similar components of ~~an~~a successor version 1106  
of that assessment. 1107

(h) The student obtained an industry-recognized 1108  
credential, as described under division (B) (2) (d) of section 1109  
3302.03 of the Revised Code, or a group of credentials equal to 1110  
at least three total points. 1111

(i) The student satisfies the conditions required to 1112  
receive an OhioMeansJobs-readiness seal under section 3313.6112 1113  
of the Revised Code. 1114

(B) In lieu of qualifying for high school graduation under 1115  
section 3313.61 of the Revised Code, a student shall be eligible 1116  
to receive a high school diploma if: 1117

(1) The student takes all of the end-of-course 1118  
examinations prescribed under division (B) (2) of section 1119  
3301.0712 of the Revised Code required for the student or takes 1120  
the assessment prescribed under section 3313.619 of the Revised 1121  
Code, as applicable; 1122

(2) Completes the required units of instruction prescribed 1123

by the school district or school; 1124

(3) Completes a career-technical training program approved 1125  
by the Department ~~of Education~~ that includes at least four 1126  
career-technical courses; 1127

(4) Meets one of the following conditions: 1128

(a) Attains a cumulative score of at least proficient on 1129  
career-technical education assessments, or test modules, that 1130  
are required for a career-technical education program; 1131

(b) Obtains an industry-recognized credential, as 1132  
described under division (B) (2) (d) of section 3302.03 of the 1133  
Revised Code, or a group of credentials equal to at least twelve 1134  
points; 1135

(c) Demonstrates successful workplace participation, as 1136  
evidenced by documented completion of two hundred fifty hours of 1137  
workplace experience and evidence of regular, written, positive 1138  
evaluations from the workplace employer or supervisor and a 1139  
representative of the school district or school. The workplace 1140  
participation shall be based on a written agreement signed by 1141  
the student, a representative of the district or school, and an 1142  
employer or supervisor. 1143

(C) As used in this section, "community school" means any 1144  
community school established under Chapter 3314. and "STEM 1145  
school" means any science, technology, engineering, and 1146  
mathematics school established under Chapter 3326. of the 1147  
Revised Code. 1148

(D) The Department shall develop and issue the guidance 1149  
required by divisions (A) (4) (c) and (d) of this section not 1150  
later than May 31, 2019. 1151

**Section 4.** That existing Section 733.67 of Am. Sub. H.B. 1152  
49 of the 132nd General Assembly is hereby repealed. 1153

**Section 5.** It is the intent of the General Assembly to 1154  
engage in ongoing discussions to modify high school graduation 1155  
requirements for students in the classes of 2020 and later. For 1156  
this purpose, the Department of Education, in consultation with 1157  
the business community, shall make recommendations, as confirmed 1158  
by resolution of the State Board of Education, to the General 1159  
Assembly for revisions to the requirements for a diploma from a 1160  
public or chartered nonpublic high school under section 3313.618 1161  
of the Revised Code. The recommendations shall include a long- 1162  
term proposal for diploma requirements that reduces reliance on 1163  
state testing, encourages local innovation, and supports student 1164  
readiness for a career, college, and life. The recommendations 1165  
also shall include a transition plan to allow time for 1166  
implementation of the new requirements. The Department shall 1167  
present the recommendations to the education committees of the 1168  
House of Representatives and Senate not later than April 1, 1169  
2019, for consideration for inclusion in the budget 1170  
appropriations act for the 2020 and 2021 fiscal years. 1171

**Section 6.** The amendments by this act of sections 3313.25, 1172  
3313.31, and 3319.36 of the Revised Code are remedial in nature 1173  
and apply to any proceeding, investigation, or citation 1174  
involving a school treasurer that, as of the effective date of 1175  
this act, have not reached final adjudication, including all 1176  
available appeals. 1177