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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 school district, shall be responsible for the financial affairs of the district, and shall report to and is subject to the direction of the district board of education. Except as otherwise required by law, no treasurer shall be required to verify the accuracy of nonfinancial information or data of the school district.

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

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

Sec. 3313.66. (A) (1) Except as provided under division (B) (2) 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, or the principal of a public school may suspend a pupil from school for not more than ten school days. The board of education of a city, exempted village, or local school district may adopt a policy granting assistant principals and other administrators the authority to suspend a

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 136
Revised Code, the superintendent of schools of a city, exempted 137
village, or local school district may expel a pupil from school 138
for a period not to exceed the greater of eighty school days or 139
the number of school days remaining in the semester or term in 140
which the incident that gives rise to the expulsion takes place, 141
unless the expulsion is extended pursuant to division (F) of 142
this section. If at the time an expulsion is imposed there are 143
fewer than eighty school days remaining in the school year in 144
which the incident that gives rise to the expulsion takes place, 145
the superintendent may apply any remaining part or all of the 146
period of the expulsion to the following school year. 147

(2) (a) Unless a pupil is permanently excluded pursuant to 148
section 3313.662 of the Revised Code, the superintendent of 149
schools of a city, exempted village, or local school district 150
shall expel a pupil from school for a period of one year for 151
bringing a firearm to a school operated by the board of 152
education of the district or onto any other property owned or 153
controlled by the board, except that the superintendent may 154
reduce this requirement on a case-by-case basis in accordance 155
with the policy adopted by the board under section 3313.661 of 156
the Revised Code. 157

(b) The superintendent of schools of a city, exempted 158
village, or local school district may expel a pupil from school 159
for a period of one year for bringing a firearm to an 160
interscholastic competition, an extracurricular event, or any 161
other school program or activity that is not located in a school 162
or on property that is owned or controlled by the district. The 163

superintendent may reduce this disciplinary action on a case-by- 164
case basis in accordance with the policy adopted by the board 165
under section 3313.661 of the Revised Code. 166

(c) Any expulsion pursuant to division (B)(2) of this 167
section shall extend, as necessary, into the school year 168
following the school year in which the incident that gives rise 169
to the expulsion takes place. As used in this division, 170
"firearm" has the same meaning as provided pursuant to the "Gun- 171
Free Schools Act," 115 Stat. 1762, 20 U.S.C. 7151. 172

(3) The board of education of a city, exempted village, or 173
local school district may adopt a resolution authorizing the 174
superintendent of schools to expel a pupil from school for a 175
period not to exceed one year for bringing a knife capable of 176
causing serious bodily injury to a school operated by the board, 177
onto any other property owned or controlled by the board, or to 178
an interscholastic competition, an extracurricular event, or any 179
other program or activity sponsored by the school district or in 180
which the district is a participant, or for possessing a firearm 181
or knife capable of serious bodily injury, at a school, on any 182
other property owned or controlled by the board, or at an 183
interscholastic competition, an extracurricular event, or any 184
other school program or activity, which firearm or knife was 185
initially brought onto school board property by another person. 186
The resolution may authorize the superintendent to extend such 187
an expulsion, as necessary, into the school year following the 188
school year in which the incident that gives rise to the 189
expulsion takes place. 190

(4) The board of education of a city, exempted village, or 191
local school district may adopt a resolution establishing a 192
policy under section 3313.661 of the Revised Code that 193

authorizes the superintendent of schools to expel a pupil from 194
school for a period not to exceed one year for committing an act 195
that is a criminal offense when committed by an adult and that 196
results in serious physical harm to persons as defined in 197
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 288
this section from a curricular activity or from the school 289
premises, written notice of the hearing and of the reason for 290
the removal shall be given to the pupil as soon as practicable 291
prior to the hearing, which shall be held on the next school day 292
after the initial removal is ordered. The hearing shall be held 293
in accordance with division (A) of this section unless it is 294
probable that the pupil may be subject to expulsion, in which 295
case a hearing in accordance with division (B) of this section 296
shall be held, except that the hearing shall be held on the next 297
school day after the date of the initial removal. The individual 298
who ordered, caused, or requested the removal to be made shall 299
be present at the hearing. 300

(4) If the superintendent or the principal reinstates a 301
pupil in a curricular activity under the teacher's supervision 302
prior to the hearing following a removal under this division, 303
the teacher, upon request, shall be given in writing the reasons 304
for such reinstatement. 305

(D) The superintendent or principal, within one school day 306
after the time of a pupil's expulsion or suspension, shall 307
notify in writing the parent, guardian, or custodian of the 308
pupil of the expulsion or suspension. In the case of an 309
expulsion, the superintendent or principal, within one school 310
day after the time of a pupil's expulsion, also shall notify in 311
writing the treasurer of the board of education. Each notice 312
shall include the reasons for the expulsion or suspension, 313
notification of the right of the pupil or the pupil's parent, 314

guardian, or custodian to appeal the expulsion or suspension to 315
the board of education or to its designee, to be represented in 316
all appeal proceedings, to be granted a hearing before the board 317
or its designee in order to be heard against the suspension or 318
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 instance of drug use, and encouraging a drug-free environment in schools.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(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 725
degree shall not apply to career-technical education teachers 726
licensed under sections 3319.226 and 3319.229 of the Revised 727
Code. 728

(2) Any substitute teacher for services rendered while 729
conditionally employed under section 3319.101 of the Revised 730
Code. 731

(3) Any employee for services rendered under division (F) 732
of section 3319.088 of the Revised Code. 733

(C) Upon notice to the treasurer given by the state board 734
of education or any superintendent having jurisdiction that 735
reports required of a teacher have not been made, the treasurer 736
shall withhold the salary of the teacher until the required 737
reports are completed and furnished. 738

(D) No treasurer of a board of education or educational 739
service center shall be liable for a loss of public funds for 740
any payments to a teacher that are made by the treasurer in 741
compliance with this section, unless the loss results from the 742
treasurer's negligence or other wrongful act. 743

(E) No superintendent of a school district or educational 744
service center or the superintendent's designee shall be liable 745
for a loss of public funds for any payments to a teacher that 746
are made by the district or service center treasurer in 747
compliance with this section, unless the loss results from the 748
superintendent's negligence or other wrongful act. 749

Sec. 4757.22. (A) The counselors professional standards 750

committee of the counselor, social worker, and marriage and 751
family therapist board shall issue a license to practice as a 752
licensed professional clinical counselor to each applicant who 753
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 degree, not less than two years of experience, which must be completed after the award of the master's degree;	780 781 782
(ii) In the case of an individual holding a doctorate, not less than one year of experience, which must be completed after the award of the doctorate.	783 784 785
(e) The individual must pass a field evaluation that meets the following requirements:	786 787
(i) Has been completed by the applicant's instructors, employers, supervisors, or other persons determined by the committee to be competent to evaluate an individual's professional competence;	788 789 790 791
(ii) Includes documented evidence of the quality, scope, and nature of the applicant's experience and competence in diagnosing and treating mental and emotional disorders.	792 793 794
(f) The individual must pass an examination administered by the board for the purpose of determining ability to practice as a licensed professional clinical counselor.	795 796 797
(2) To meet the requirement of division (B)(1)(b) of this section, a graduate degree in counseling obtained from a mental health counseling program in this state after January 1, 2018, must be from <u>a one of the following:</u>	798 799 800 801
<u>(a) A clinical mental health counseling program, a clinical rehabilitation counseling program, or an addiction counseling program accredited by the council for accreditation of counseling and related educational programs;</u>	802 803 804 805
<u>(b) A counseling education program approved by the board</u>	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) ~~Any other accredited~~ A counseling programs accepted 822
education program approved by the board in accordance with rules 823
adopted under division ~~(F) (3)~~ (G) 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 section, a graduate degree in counseling obtained from a mental health counseling program in this state after January 1, 2018, must be from ~~a~~ one of the following:

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

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

(3) All of the following meet the educational requirements of division (B) (1) (c) of this section:

(a) A clinical mental health counseling program accredited by the council for accreditation of counseling and related educational programs;

(b) Until January 1, 2018, a mental health counseling program accredited by the council for accreditation of counseling and related educational programs;

(c) A graduate degree in counseling issued by an institution in another state from a clinical mental health counseling program, a clinical rehabilitation counseling program, or an addiction counseling program that is accredited by the council for accreditation of counseling and related educational programs;

~~(d) Any other accredited A counseling programs accepted~~ education program approved by the board in accordance with rules adopted under division ~~(F) (3)~~ (G) of this section.

(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 administrator may apply to the board for approval of the program; 1006
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(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 1030
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July 1, ~~2015~~ 2017. This section does not apply to any student 1035
who entered ninth grade for the first time prior to July 1, 1036
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 school.	1093 1094
(f) The student passed an Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate course, and received a score of three or higher on the corresponding Advanced Placement examination or a score of four or higher on the corresponding International Baccalaureate examination, at any time during high school.	1095 1096 1097 1098 1099 1100
(g) The student earned at least a level three score on each of the "reading for information," "applied mathematics," and "locating information" components of the job skills assessment selected by the State Board of Education under division (G) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code, or a comparable score on similar components of an a successor version of that assessment.	1101 1102 1103 1104 1105 1106 1107
(h) The student obtained an industry-recognized credential, as described under division (B) (2) (d) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code, or a group of credentials equal to at least three total points.	1108 1109 1110 1111
(i) The student satisfies the conditions required to receive an OhioMeansJobs-readiness seal under section 3313.6112 of the Revised Code.	1112 1113 1114
(B) In lieu of qualifying for high school graduation under section 3313.61 of the Revised Code, a student shall be eligible to receive a high school diploma if:	1115 1116 1117
(1) The student takes all of the end-of-course examinations prescribed under division (B) (2) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code required for the student or takes the assessment prescribed under section 3313.619 of the Revised	1118 1119 1120 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
<u>(D) The Department shall develop and issue the guidance</u>	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