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A BILL

To amend sections 3319.075, 3319.111, and 3319.112	1
and to repeal sections 3319.114 and 3319.58 of	2
the Revised Code with regard to teacher	3
evaluations.	4

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

Section 1. That sections 3319.075, 3319.111, and 3319.112	5
of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows:	6
Sec. 3319.075. Once the state board of education adopts	7
professional development standards pursuant to section 3319.61	8
of the Revised Code, the board of education of each school	9
district shall use the standards for the following purposes:	10
(A) To guide the design of teacher education programs	11
serving both teacher candidates and experienced teachers;	12
(B) To guide school-based professional development that is	13
aligned with student achievement;	14

(C) To determine what types of professional development	15
the school district and the schools within the district should	16
provide;	17
(D) To guide how state and federal funding for	18
professional development should be spent;	19
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(E) To develop criteria for decision making by the local	20
professional development committees established under section	21
3319.22 of the Revised Code;	22
(F) To guide the school district in the hiring of third-	23
party providers of instructional services who use or meet the	24
professional development standards;	25
(G) To guide all licensed school personnel in developing	26
their own plans for professional growth <u>;</u>	27
(H) To quide the development of professional growth plans	28
and improvement plans resulting from the teacher evaluations	29
conducted under section 3319.111 of the Revised Code.	30
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Sec. 3319.111. Notwithstanding section 3319.09 of the	31
Revised Code, this section applies to any person who is employed	32
under a teacher license issued under this chapter, or under a	33
professional or permanent teacher's certificate issued under	34
former section 3319.222 of the Revised Code, and who spends at	35
least fifty per cent of the time employed providing student	36
instruction. However, this section does not apply to any person	37
who is employed as a substitute teacher or as an instructor of	38
adult education.	39
(A) Not later than July 1, 2013 2019, the board of	40
education of each school district, in consultation with teachers	41
employed by the board, shall adopt a update its standards-based	42
teacher evaluation policy that conforms to conform with the	43

framework for evaluation of teachers <u>developed adopted under</u> 44 section 3319.112 of the Revised Code. The policy shall become 45 operative at the expiration of any collective bargaining 46 agreement covering teachers employed by the board that is in 47 effect on <u>September 29, 2011</u> the effective date of this 48 <u>amendment</u>, and shall be included in any renewal or extension of 49 such an agreement. 50

(B) When using measures of student academic growth as a 51 component of performance as evidence in a teacher's evaluation, 52 those measures shall include the value-added progress dimension 53 54 prescribed by section 3302.021 of the Revised Code or an alternative student academic progress measure if adopted under-55 division (C)(1)(e) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code. For 56 teachers of grade levels and subjects for which the value-added 57 progress dimension or alternative student academic progress 58 59 measure is not applicable, the board shall administerassessments on the list developed under division (B)(2) of-60 section 3319.112 of the Revised Code be high-quality student 61 data. The board of education of each school district may use 62 data from the assessments on the list developed under division 63 (B) (2) of section 3319.112 of the Revised Code as high-quality 64 student data. 65

(C)(1) The board shall conduct an evaluation of each teacher employed by the board at least once each school year, except as provided in division (C)(2) of this section. The evaluation shall be completed by the first day of May and the teacher shall receive a written report of the results of the evaluation by the tenth day of May.

(2) (a) The board may evaluate each teacher who received arating of accomplished on the teacher's most recent evaluation73

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conducted under this section once every three school years, so	74
long as the teacher's student academic growth measure, for the	75
most recent school year for which data is available, is average-	76
or higher, as determined by the department of education teacher	77
submits a self-directed professional growth plan to the	78
evaluator that focuses on specific areas identified in the	79
observations and evaluation and the evaluator determines that	80
the teacher is making progress on that plan.	81
(b) The board may evaluate each teacher who received a	82
rating of skilled on the teacher's most recent evaluation	83
conducted under this section once every two years, so long as	84
the teacher's student academic growth measure, for the most	85
recent school year for which data is available, is average or-	86
higher, as determined by the department of education teacher and	87
evaluator jointly develop a professional growth plan for the	88
teacher that focuses on specific areas identified in the	89
observations and evaluation and the evaluator determines that	90
the teacher is making progress on that plan.	91
(c) For each teacher who is evaluated pursuant to division	92
(C)(2) of this section, the evaluation shall be completed by the	93
first day of May of the applicable school year, and the teacher	94
shall receive a written report of the results of the evaluation	95
by the tenth day of May of that school year.	96
(d) Beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, the The	97
board may elect not to conduct an evaluation of a teacher who	98
meets one of the following requirements:	99
(i) The teacher was on leave from the school district for	100
fifty per cent or more of the school year, as calculated by the	101
board.	102

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(ii) The teacher has submitted notice of retirement and
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that notice has been accepted by the board not later than the
first day of December of the school year in which the evaluation
is otherwise scheduled to be conducted.

(e) Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, the The 107
board may elect not to conduct an evaluation of a teacher who is 108
participating in the teacher residency program established under 109
section 3319.223 of the Revised Code for the year during which 110
that teacher takes, for the first time, at least half of the 111
performance-based assessment prescribed by the state board of 112
education for resident educators. 113

(3) In any year that a teacher is not formally evaluated 114 pursuant to division (C) of this section as a result of 115 receiving a rating of accomplished or skilled on the teacher's 116 most recent evaluation, an individual qualified to evaluate a 117 teacher under division (D) of this section shall conduct at 118 least one observation of the teacher and hold at least one 119 conference with the teacher. The conference shall include a 120 discussion of progress on the teacher's professional growth 121 122 plan.

(D) Each evaluation conducted pursuant to this section
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shall be conducted by one or more of the following persons who
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hold a credential established by the department of education for
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being an evaluator:

(1) A person who is under contract with the board pursuant
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to section 3319.01 or 3319.02 of the Revised Code and holds a
license designated for being a superintendent, assistant
superintendent, or principal issued under section 3319.22 of the
Revised Code;

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(2) A person who is under contract with the board pursuant
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to section 3319.02 of the Revised Code and holds a license
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designated for being a vocational director, administrative
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specialist, or supervisor in any educational area issued under
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section 3319.22 of the Revised Code;

(3) A person designated to conduct evaluations under an
agreement entered into by the board, including an agreement
providing for peer review entered into by the board and
representatives of teachers employed by the board;

(4) A person who is employed by an entity contracted by
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the board to conduct evaluations and who holds a license
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designated for being a superintendent, assistant superintendent,
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principal, vocational director, administrative specialist, or
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supervisor in any educational area issued under section 3319.22
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of the Revised Code or is qualified to conduct evaluations.

(E) Notwithstanding division (A)(3) of section 3319.112 of 147 the Revised Code: 148

(1) The , the board shall require at least three formal149observations of each teacher who is under consideration for150nonrenewal and with whom the board has entered into a limited151contract or an extended limited contract under section 3319.11152of the Revised Code.153

(2) The board may elect, by adoption of a resolution, to154require only one formal observation of a teacher who received a155rating of accomplished on the teacher's most recent evaluation156conducted under this section, provided the teacher completes a157project that has been approved by the board to demonstrate the158teacher's continued growth and practice at the accomplished159level.160

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(F) The board shall include in its evaluation policy
procedures for using the evaluation results for retention and
promotion decisions and for removal of poorly performing
teachers. Seniority shall not be the basis for a decision to
retain a teacher, except when making a decision between teachers
who have comparable evaluations.

(G) For purposes of section 3333.0411 of the Revised Code, 167 the board annually shall report to the department of education 168 the number of teachers for whom an evaluation was conducted 169 under this section and the number of teachers assigned each 170 rating prescribed under division (B)(1) of section 3319.112 of 171 the Revised Code, aggregated by the teacher preparation programs 172 from which and the years in which the teachers graduated. The 173 department shall establish guidelines for reporting the 174 information required by this division. The guidelines shall not 175 permit or require that the name of, or any other personally 176 identifiable information about, any teacher be reported under 177 this division. 178

(H) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in
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Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code, the requirements of this
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section prevail over any conflicting provisions of a collective
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bargaining agreement entered into on or after September 24, 2012
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the effective date of this amendment.
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Sec. 3319.112. (A) Not later than December 31, 2011, The184department of education shall revise the state board of185education shall develop a education's standards-based state186framework for the evaluation of teachers, based on the187recommendations of the educator standards board established188under section 3319.60 of the Revised Code, and shall submit a189summary of the revisions to the state board for review. Not190

later than May 1, 2019, the state board shall adopt the revised	191
framework. The state board may update the framework periodically	192
by adoption of a resolution. The framework shall establish an	193
evaluation system that does the following:	194
(1) Provides for multiple evaluation factors. One factor	195
shall be student academic growth which shall account for fifty	196
per cent of each evaluation, except as otherwise prescribed by	197
the alternative framework under section 3319.114 of the Revised	198
Code. When applicable to the grade level or subject area taught	199
by a teacher, the value-added progress dimension established	200
under section 3302.021 of the Revised Code or an alternative	201
student academic progress measure if adopted under division (C)	202
(1) (e) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code shall be used in-	203
the student academic growth portion of an evaluation in	204
proportion to the part of a teacher's schedule of courses or	205
subjects for which the value added progress dimension is	206
applicable.	207
If a teacher's schedule is comprised only of courses or-	208
subjects for which the value-added progress dimension is	209
applicable, one of the following applies:	210
(a) Beginning with March 22, 2013, until June 30, 2014,	211
the majority of the student academic growth factor of the	212
evaluation shall be based on the value-added progress dimension.	213
(b) On or after July 1, 2014, the entire student academic	214
growth factor of the evaluation shall be based on the value-	215
added progress dimension. In calculating student academic growth	216
for an evaluation, a student shall not be included if the	217
student has forty-five or more excused or unexcused absences	218
during the full academic year.;	219

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(2) Is aligned with the standards for teachers adopted 220 under section 3319.61 of the Revised Code; 221 (3) Requires observation of the teacher being evaluated, 222 including at least two formal observations by the evaluator of 223 at least thirty minutes each and classroom walkthroughs walk-224 225 throughs; (4) Assigns a rating on each evaluation in accordance with 226 227 division (B) of this section or section 3319.114 of the Revised Code, whichever is applicable; 228 (5) Requires each teacher to be provided with a written 229 230 report of the results of the teacher's evaluation; (6) Identifies measures of student academic growth for-231 grade levels and subjects for which the value-added progress 232 dimension prescribed by section 3302.021 of the Revised Code or 233 an alternative student academic progress measure if adopted 234 under division (C)(1)(e) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code 235 236 does not apply; (7) Implements a classroom-level, value-added program-237 developed by a nonprofit organization described in division (B) 238 of section 3302.021 of the Revised Code or an alternative-239 student academic progress measure if adopted under division (C) 240 (1) (e) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code; 241 242 (8) Uses at least two measures of high quality student data to provide evidence of student learning attributable to the 243 teacher being evaluated. The department shall define "high 244 quality student data" for this purpose. When applicable to the 245 grade level or subject area taught by a teacher, high quality 246 student data shall include the value-added progress dimension 247

established under section 3302.021 of the Revised Code, but the

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teacher or evaluator shall use at least one other measure of	249
high quality student data to demonstrate student learning. In	250
accordance with the guidance described in division (D)(3) of	251
this section, high quality student data may be used as evidence	252
in any component of the evaluation related to the following:	253
(a) Knowledge of the students to whom the teacher provides	254
instruction;	255
(b) The teacher's use of differentiated instructional	256
practices based on the needs or abilities of individual	257
students;	258
(c) Assessment of student learning;	259
(d) The teacher's use of assessment data;	260
(e) Professional responsibility and growth.	261
(7) Prohibits the shared attribution of student	262
performance data among all teachers in a district, building,	263
grade, content area, or other group;	264
(8) Includes development of a professional growth plan or	265
improvement plan for the teacher that is based on the results of	266
the evaluation and is aligned to any school district or building	267
improvement plan required for the teacher's district or building	268
under the "Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965," as	269
amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015, Pub. L. No.	270
<u>114-95, 20 U.S.C. 6301 et seg.;</u>	271
(9) Provides for professional development to accelerate	272
and continue teacher growth and provide support to poorly	273
performing teachers;	274
(9) <u>(10)</u> Provides for the allocation of financial	275
resources to support professional development <u>;</u>	276

(11) Prohibits the use of student learning objectives. 277 (B) For purposes of the framework developed adopted under 278 this section, the state board also department shall do the 279 280 following: (1) Develop Revise, as necessary, specific standards and 281 criteria that distinguish between the following levels of 282 performance for teachers and principals for the purpose of 283 assigning ratings on the evaluations conducted under sections 284 3311.80, 3311.84, 3319.02, and 3319.111 of the Revised Code: 285 (a) Accomplished; 286 (b) Skilled; 287 (c) Developing; 288 (d) Ineffective. 289 290 (2) For grade levels and subjects for which the assessments prescribed under sections 3301.0710 and 3301.0712 of 291 the Revised Code and the value-added progress dimension-292 prescribed by section 3302.021 of the Revised Code, or-293 294 alternative student academic progress measure, do not apply, develop <u>Develop</u> a list of student assessments that measure 295 mastery of the course content for the appropriate grade level, 296 which may include nationally normed standardized assessments, 297 industry certification examinations, or end-of-course 298 examinations. The data from these assessments may be considered 299 high-guality student data. 300 (C) The state board department shall consult with experts, 301 teachers and principals employed in public schools, the educator 302 standards board, and representatives of stakeholder groups in 303

developing-revising the standards and criteria required by

division (B)(1) of this section.

(D) To assist school districts in developing evaluation 306
policies under sections 3311.80, 3311.84, 3319.02, and 3319.111 307
of the Revised Code, the department shall do both all of the 308
following: 309

(1) Serve as a clearinghouse of promising evaluationprocedures and evaluation models that districts may use;311

(2) Provide technical assistance to districts in creating812813813

(3) Provide guidance to districts on how high quality314student data may be used as evidence of student learning315attributable to a particular teacher, including examples of316appropriate use of that data within the framework adopted under317this section;318

(4) Provide guidance to districts on how information from student surveys, student portfolios, peer review evaluations, teacher self-evaluations, and other components determined appropriate by the district may be used as part of the evaluation process.

(E) Not later than June 30, 2013 July 1, 2019, the state 324 board department, in consultation with other state agencies that 325 employ teachers, shall develop a update its standards-based 326 framework for the evaluation of teachers employed by those 327 agencies. Each state agency that employs teachers shall adopt a 328 standards-based teacher evaluation policy that conforms to 329 conform with the framework developed under this division. The 330 policy shall become operative at the expiration of any 331 collective bargaining agreement covering teachers employed by 332 the agency that is in effect on <u>September 24, 2012 the effective</u> 333

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date of this amendment, and shall be included in any renewal or334extension of such an agreement. However, this division does not335apply to any person who is employed as a substitute teacher or336as an instructor of adult education.337

Section 2. That existing sections 3319.075, 3319.111, and 3319.112 and sections 3319.114 and 3319.58 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.

341 Section 3. (A) For the 2018-2019 school year, the Department of Education shall establish a pilot program to guide 342 implementation of the framework for the evaluation of teachers 343 revised under section 3319.112 of the Revised Code, as amended 344 by this act. The Department shall issue a request for school 345 districts to volunteer to participate in the pilot program. 346 However, the Department may designate districts to participate 347 as necessary to ensure a participant pool of adequate size and 348 diversity. 349

(B) The Department shall provide professional development 350 and technical assistance to teachers and evaluators in 351 participating school districts prior to their use of the revised 352 teacher evaluation framework. The Department shall collect 353 feedback from participating districts, teachers, and evaluators 354 on the implementation of the framework, and shall use such 355 356 feedback to make adjustments to the framework and to improve professional development on the framework. 357

(C) The Department shall work with stakeholder groups in358conducting the pilot program.359

Section 4. Notwithstanding the amendment or repeal of 360 sections 3319.111, 3319.112, and 3319.114 of the Revised Code by 361 this act, for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years, the 362

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following shall apply:

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(A) Each school district, other than a district	364
participating in the pilot program established under Section 3	365
of this act, shall conduct teacher evaluations in accordance	366
with those sections as they existed prior to the effective date	367
of this section.	368
(B) Each state agency that employs teachers shall conduct	369
teacher evaluations in accordance with its teacher evaluation	370
policy developed under former division (E) of section 3319.112	371
of the Revised Code, as it existed prior to the effective date	372
of this section.	373
(C) Any reference in law to evaluations conducted under	374
section 3319.111 of the Revised Code shall be construed to	375
include evaluations conducted as required by this section.	376
(D) References to "evaluation procedures" in section	377
3319.11 of the Revised Code shall be construed to include the	378
evaluation procedures required by this section.	379