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**A BILL**

To amend section 3313.60 of the Revised Code to 1  
require instruction in cursive handwriting. 2

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

**Section 1.** That section 3313.60 of the Revised Code be 3  
amended to read as follows: 4

**Sec. 3313.60.** Notwithstanding division (D) of section 5  
3311.52 of the Revised Code, divisions (A) to (E) of this 6  
section do not apply to any cooperative education school 7  
district established pursuant to divisions (A) to (C) of section 8  
3311.52 of the Revised Code. 9

(A) The board of education of each city, exempted village, 10  
and local school district and the board of each cooperative 11  
education school district established, pursuant to section 12  
3311.521 of the Revised Code, shall prescribe a curriculum for 13  
all schools under its control. Except as provided in division 14  
(E) of this section, in any such curriculum there shall be 15  
included the study of the following subjects: 16

(1) The language arts, including reading, writing,	17
spelling, oral and written English, and literature;	18
(2) Geography, the history of the United States and of	19
Ohio, and national, state, and local government in the United	20
States, including a balanced presentation of the relevant	21
contributions to society of men and women of African, Mexican,	22
Puerto Rican, and American Indian descent as well as other	23
ethnic and racial groups in Ohio and the United States;	24
(3) Mathematics;	25
(4) Natural science, including instruction in the	26
conservation of natural resources;	27
(5) Health education, which shall include instruction in:	28
(a) The nutritive value of foods, including natural and	29
organically produced foods, the relation of nutrition to health,	30
and the use and effects of food additives;	31
(b) The harmful effects of and legal restrictions against	32
the use of drugs of abuse, alcoholic beverages, and tobacco;	33
(c) Venereal disease education, except that upon written	34
request of the student's parent or guardian, a student shall be	35
excused from taking instruction in venereal disease education;	36
(d) In grades kindergarten through six, instruction in	37
personal safety and assault prevention, except that upon written	38
request of the student's parent or guardian, a student shall be	39
excused from taking instruction in personal safety and assault	40
prevention;	41
(e) In grades seven through twelve, age-appropriate	42
instruction in dating violence prevention education, which shall	43
include instruction in recognizing dating violence warning signs	44

and characteristics of healthy relationships. 45

In order to assist school districts in developing a dating 46  
violence prevention education curriculum, the department of 47  
education shall provide on its web site links to free curricula 48  
addressing dating violence prevention. 49

If the parent or legal guardian of a student less than 50  
eighteen years of age submits to the principal of the student's 51  
school a written request to examine the dating violence 52  
prevention instruction materials used at that school, the 53  
principal, within a reasonable period of time after the request 54  
is made, shall allow the parent or guardian to examine those 55  
materials at that school. 56

(f) Prescription opioid abuse prevention, with an emphasis 57  
on the prescription drug epidemic and the connection between 58  
prescription opioid abuse and addiction to other drugs, such as 59  
heroin; 60

(g) The process of making an anatomical gift under Chapter 61  
2108. of the Revised Code, with an emphasis on the life-saving 62  
and life-enhancing effects of organ and tissue donation. 63

(6) Physical education; 64

(7) The fine arts, including music; 65

(8) First aid, including a training program in 66  
cardiopulmonary resuscitation, which shall comply with section 67  
3313.6021 of the Revised Code when offered in any of grades nine 68  
through twelve, safety, and fire prevention. However, upon 69  
written request of the student's parent or guardian, a student 70  
shall be excused from taking instruction in cardiopulmonary 71  
resuscitation. 72

(9) Handwriting instruction in kindergarten through fifth 73  
grade to ensure that students develop the ability to print 74  
letters and words legibly by third grade and to create readable 75  
documents using legible cursive handwriting by the end of fifth 76  
grade. 77

(B) Except as provided in division (E) of this section, 78  
every school or school district shall include in the 79  
requirements for promotion from the eighth grade to the ninth 80  
grade one year's course of study of American history. A board 81  
may waive this requirement for academically accelerated students 82  
who, in accordance with procedures adopted by the board, are 83  
able to demonstrate mastery of essential concepts and skills of 84  
the eighth grade American history course of study. 85

(C) As specified in divisions (B) (6) and (C) (6) of section 86  
3313.603 of the Revised Code, except as provided in division (E) 87  
of this section, every high school shall include in the 88  
requirements for graduation from any curriculum one-half unit 89  
each of American history and government. 90

(D) Except as provided in division (E) of this section, 91  
basic instruction or demonstrated mastery in geography, United 92  
States history, the government of the United States, the 93  
government of the state of Ohio, local government in Ohio, the 94  
Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, and 95  
the Constitution of the state of Ohio shall be required before 96  
pupils may participate in courses involving the study of social 97  
problems, economics, foreign affairs, United Nations, world 98  
government, socialism, and communism. 99

(E) For each cooperative education school district 100  
established pursuant to section 3311.521 of the Revised Code and 101  
each city, exempted village, and local school district that has 102

territory within such a cooperative district, the curriculum 103  
adopted pursuant to divisions (A) to (D) of this section shall 104  
only include the study of the subjects that apply to the grades 105  
operated by each such school district. The curriculums for such 106  
schools, when combined, shall provide to each student of these 107  
districts all of the subjects required under divisions (A) to 108  
(D) of this section. 109

(F) The board of education of any cooperative education 110  
school district established pursuant to divisions (A) to (C) of 111  
section 3311.52 of the Revised Code shall prescribe a curriculum 112  
for the subject areas and grade levels offered in any school 113  
under its control. 114

(G) Upon the request of any parent or legal guardian of a 115  
student, the board of education of any school district shall 116  
permit the parent or guardian to promptly examine, with respect 117  
to the parent's or guardian's own child: 118

(1) Any survey or questionnaire, prior to its 119  
administration to the child; 120

(2) Any textbook, workbook, software, video, or other 121  
instructional materials being used by the district in connection 122  
with the instruction of the child; 123

(3) Any completed and graded test taken or survey or 124  
questionnaire filled out by the child; 125

(4) Copies of the statewide academic standards and each 126  
model curriculum developed pursuant to section 3301.079 of the 127  
Revised Code, which copies shall be available at all times 128  
during school hours in each district school building. 129

**Section 2.** That existing section 3313.60 of the Revised 130  
Code is hereby repealed. 131

**Section 3.** The Department of Education shall assist school 132  
districts in identifying the most appropriate means for 133  
integrating the requirements of division (A)(9) of section 134  
3313.60, as amended by this act, into the existing curriculum 135  
and in identifying instructional materials to meet those 136  
requirements. 137