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A BILL

То	amend section 3314.08 and to enact section	1
	3314.272 of the Revised Code to condition	2
	payment from the Department of Education to an	3
	Internet- or computer-based community school on	4
	the school's use of automatically verifiable	5
	software that tracks attendance, class size, and	6
	participation.	7

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

Section 1. That section 3314.08 be amended and section	8
3314.272 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:	9
Sec. 3314.08. (A) As used in this section:	10
(1)(a) "Category one career-technical education student"	11
means a student who is receiving the career-technical education	12
services described in division (A) of section 3317.014 of the	13
Revised Code.	14
(b) "Category two career-technical student" means a	15
student who is receiving the career-technical education services	16
described in division (B) of section 3317.014 of the Revised	17
Code.	18

(c) "Category three career-technical student" means a	19
student who is receiving the career-technical education services	20
described in division (C) of section 3317.014 of the Revised	21
Code.	22
(d) "Category four career-technical student" means a	23
student who is receiving the career-technical education services	24
described in division (D) of section 3317.014 of the Revised	25
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(e) "Category five career-technical education student"	27
means a student who is receiving the career-technical education	28
services described in division (E) of section 3317.014 of the	29
Revised Code.	30
(2)(a) "Category one limited English proficient student"	31
means a limited English proficient student described in division	32
(A) of section 3317.016 of the Revised Code.	33
(b) "Category two limited English proficient student"	34
means a limited English proficient student described in division	35
(B) of section 3317.016 of the Revised Code.	36
(c) "Category three limited English proficient student"	37
means a limited English proficient student described in division	38
(C) of section 3317.016 of the Revised Code.	39
(3)(a) "Category one special education student" means a	40
student who is receiving special education services for a	41
disability specified in division (A) of section 3317.013 of the	42
Revised Code.	43
(b) "Category two special education student" means a	44
student who is receiving special education services for a	45
disability specified in division (B) of section 3317.013 of the	46
Revised Code.	47

(c) "Category three special education student" means a	48
student who is receiving special education services for a	49
disability specified in division (C) of section 3317.013 of the	50
Revised Code.	51
(d) "Category four special education student" means a	52
student who is receiving special education services for a	53
disability specified in division (D) of section 3317.013 of the	54
Revised Code.	55
(e) "Category five special education student" means a	56
student who is receiving special education services for a	57
disability specified in division (E) of section 3317.013 of the	58
Revised Code.	59
(f) "Category six special education student" means a	60
student who is receiving special education services for a	61
disability specified in division (F) of section 3317.013 of the	62
Revised Code.	63
(4) "Formula amount" has the same meaning as in section	64
3317.02 of the Revised Code.	65
(5) "IEP" has the same meaning as in section 3323.01 of	66
the Revised Code.	67
(6) "Resident district" means the school district in which	68
a student is entitled to attend school under section 3313.64 or	69
3313.65 of the Revised Code.	70
(7) "State education aid" has the same meaning as in	71
section 5751.20 of the Revised Code.	72
(B) The state board of education shall adopt rules	73
requiring both of the following:	74
(1) The board of education of each city, exempted village,	75

and local school district to annually report the number of	76
students entitled to attend school in the district who are	77
enrolled in each grade kindergarten through twelve in a	78
community school established under this chapter, and for each	79
child, the community school in which the child is enrolled.	80
(2) The governing authority of each community school	81
established under this chapter to annually report all of the	82
following:	83
(a) The number of students enrolled in grades one through	84
twelve and the full-time equivalent number of students enrolled	85
in kindergarten in the school who are not receiving special	86
education and related services pursuant to an IEP;	87
(b) The number of enrolled students in grades one through	88
twelve and the full-time equivalent number of enrolled students	89
in kindergarten, who are receiving special education and related	90
services pursuant to an IEP;	91
(c) The number of students reported under division (B)(2)	92
(b) of this section receiving special education and related	93
services pursuant to an IEP for a disability described in each	94
of divisions (A) to (F) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;	95
(d) The full-time equivalent number of students reported	96
under divisions (B)(2)(a) and (b) of this section who are	97
enrolled in career-technical education programs or classes	98
described in each of divisions (A) to (E) of section 3317.014 of	99
the Revised Code that are provided by the community school;	100
(e) The number of students reported under divisions (B)(2)	101
(a) and (b) of this section who are not reported under division	102
(B)(2)(d) of this section but who are enrolled in career-	103
technical education programs or classes described in each of	104

divisions (A) to (E) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code at	105
a joint vocational school district or another district in the	106
career-technical planning district to which the school is	107
assigned;	108
(f) The number of students reported under divisions (B)(2)	109
(a) and (b) of this section who are category one to three	110
limited English proficient students described in each of	111
divisions (A) to (C) of section 3317.016 of the Revised Code;	112
(g) The number of students reported under divisions (B)(2)	113
(a) and (b) of this section who are economically disadvantaged,	114
as defined by the department. A student shall not be	115
categorically excluded from the number reported under division	116
(B)(2)(g) of this section based on anything other than family	117
income.	118
(h) For each student, the city, exempted village, or local	119
school district in which the student is entitled to attend	120
school under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code.	121
(i) The number of students enrolled in a preschool program	122
operated by the school that is licensed by the department of	123
education under sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code	124
who are not receiving special education and related services	125
pursuant to an IEP.	126
A school district board and a community school governing	127
authority shall include in their respective reports under	128
division (B) of this section any child admitted in accordance	129
with division (A)(2) of section 3321.01 of the Revised Code.	130
A governing authority of a community school shall not	131
include in its report under divisions (B)(2)(a) to (h) of this	132
section any student for whom tuition is charged under division	133

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(F) of this section.	134
(C)(1) Except as provided in division (C)(2) of this	135
section, and subject to section 3314.272 of the Revised Code and	136
divisions (C)(3), (4) , (5) , (6) , and (7) of this section, on a	137
full-time equivalency basis, for each student enrolled in a	138
community school established under this chapter, the department	139
of education annually shall deduct from the state education aid	140
of a student's resident district and, if necessary, from the	141
payment made to the district under sections 321.24 and 323.156	142
of the Revised Code and pay to the community school the sum of	143
the following:	144
(a) An opportunity grant in an amount equal to the formula	145
amount;	146
(b) The per pupil amount of targeted assistance funds	147
calculated under division (A) of section 3317.0217 of the	148
Revised Code for the student's resident district, as determined	149
by the department, X 0.25;	150
(c) Additional state aid for special education and related	151
services provided under Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code as	152
follows:	153
(i) If the student is a category one special education	154
student, the amount specified in division (A) of section	155
3317.013 of the Revised Code;	156
(ii) If the student is a category two special education	157
student, the amount specified in division (B) of section	158
3317.013 of the Revised Code;	159
(iii) If the student is a category three special education	160
student, the amount specified in division (C) of section	161
3317.013 of the Revised Code;	162

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(i) If the student is a category one career-technical	190
education student, the amount specified in division (A) of	191
section 3317.014 of the Revised Code;	192
(ii) If the student is a category two career-technical	193
education student, the amount specified in division (B) of	194
section 3317.014 of the Revised Code;	195
(iii) If the student is a category three career-technical	196
education student, the amount specified in division (C) of	197
section 3317.014 of the Revised Code;	198
(iv) If the student is a category four career-technical	199
education student, the amount specified in division (D) of	200
section 3317.014 of the Revised Code;	201
(v) If the student is a category five career-technical	202
education student, the amount specified in division (E) of	203
section 3317.014 of the Revised Code.	204
Deduction and payment of funds under division (C)(1)(g) of	205
this section is subject to approval by the lead district of a	206
career-technical planning district or the department of	207
education under section 3317.161 of the Revised Code.	208
(2) When deducting from the state education aid of a	209
student's resident district for students enrolled in an	210
internet- or computer-based community school and making payments	211
to such school under this section, the department shall make the	212
deductions and payments described in only divisions (C)(1)(a),	213
(c), and (g) of this section.	214
No deductions or payments shall be made for a student	215
enrolled in such school under division (C)(1)(b), (d), (e), or	216
(f) of this section.	217

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(3)(a) If a community school's costs for a fiscal year for	218
a student receiving special education and related services	219
pursuant to an IEP for a disability described in divisions (B)	220
to (F) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code exceed the	221
threshold catastrophic cost for serving the student as specified	222
in division (B) of section 3317.0214 of the Revised Code, the	223
school may submit to the superintendent of public instruction	224
documentation, as prescribed by the superintendent, of all its	225
costs for that student. Upon submission of documentation for a	226
student of the type and in the manner prescribed, the department	227
shall pay to the community school an amount equal to the	228
school's costs for the student in excess of the threshold	229
catastrophic costs.	230

- (b) The community school shall report under division (C)

 (3) (a) of this section, and the department shall pay for, only

 the costs of educational expenses and the related services

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 provided to the student in accordance with the student's

 individualized education program. Any legal fees, court costs,

 or other costs associated with any cause of action relating to

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 the student may not be included in the amount.
- (4) In any fiscal year, a community school receiving funds 238 under division (C)(1)(g) of this section shall spend those funds 239 only for the purposes that the department designates as approved 240 for career-technical education expenses. Career-technical 241 education expenses approved by the department shall include only 242 expenses connected to the delivery of career-technical 243 programming to career-technical students. The department shall 244 require the school to report data annually so that the 245 department may monitor the school's compliance with the 246 requirements regarding the manner in which funding received 247 under division (C)(1)(g) of this section may be spent. 248

(5) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section	249
3313.90 of the Revised Code, except as provided in division (C)	250
(9) of this section, all funds received under division (C) (1) (g)	251
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of this section shall be spent in the following manner:	252
(a) At least seventy-five per cent of the funds shall be	253
spent on curriculum development, purchase, and implementation;	254
instructional resources and supplies; industry-based program	255
certification; student assessment, credentialing, and placement;	256
curriculum specific equipment purchases and leases; career-	257
technical student organization fees and expenses; home and	258
agency linkages; work-based learning experiences; professional	259
development; and other costs directly associated with career-	260
technical education programs including development of new	261
programs.	262
(b) Not more than twenty-five per cent of the funds shall	263
be used for personnel expenditures.	264
(6) A community school shall spend the funds it receives	265
under division (C)(1)(e) of this section in accordance with	266
section 3317.25 of the Revised Code.	267
(7) If the sum of the payments computed under divisions	268
(C)(1) and (8)(a) of this section for the students entitled to	269
attend school in a particular school district under sections	270
3313.64 and 3313.65 of the Revised Code exceeds the sum of that	271
district's state education aid and its payment under sections	272
321.24 and 323.156 of the Revised Code, the department shall	273
calculate and apply a proration factor to the payments to all	274
community schools under that division for the students entitled	275
to attend school in that district.	276
(8)(a) Subject to division (C)(7) of this section, the	277

department annually shall pay to each community school,	278
including each internet- or computer-based community school, an	279
amount equal to the following:	280
(The number of students reported by the community school	281
under division (B)(2)(e) of this section X the formula amount	282
X .20)	283
(b) For each payment made to a community school under	284
division (C)(8)(a) of this section, the department shall deduct	285
from the state education aid of each city, local, and exempted	286
village school district and, if necessary, from the payment made	287
to the district under sections 321.24 and 323.156 of the Revised	288
Code an amount equal to the following:	289
(The number of the district's students reported by the	290
community school under division (B)(2)(e) of this section X the	291
formula amount X .20)	292
(9) The department may waive the requirement in division	293
(C)(5) of this section for any community school that exclusively	294
provides one or more career-technical workforce development	295
programs in arts and communications that are not equipment-	296
intensive, as determined by the department.	297
(D) A board of education sponsoring a community school may	298
utilize local funds to make enhancement grants to the school or	299
may agree, either as part of the contract or separately, to	300
provide any specific services to the community school at no cost	301
to the school.	302
(E) A community school may not levy taxes or issue bonds	303
secured by tax revenues.	304
(F) No community school shall charge tuition for the	305
enrollment of any student who is a resident of this state. A	306

community school may charge tuition for the enrollment of any	307
student who is not a resident of this state.	308
(G)(1)(a) A community school may borrow money to pay any	309
necessary and actual expenses of the school in anticipation of	310
the receipt of any portion of the payments to be received by the	311
school pursuant to division (C) of this section. The school may	312
issue notes to evidence such borrowing. The proceeds of the	313
notes shall be used only for the purposes for which the	314
anticipated receipts may be lawfully expended by the school.	315
(b) A school may also borrow money for a term not to	316
exceed fifteen years for the purpose of acquiring facilities.	317
(2) Except for any amount guaranteed under section 3318.50	318
of the Revised Code, the state is not liable for debt incurred	319
by the governing authority of a community school.	320
(H) The department of education shall adjust the amounts	321
subtracted and paid under division (C) of this section to	322
reflect any enrollment of students in community schools for less	323
than the equivalent of a full school year. The state board of	324
education within ninety days after April 8, 2003, shall adopt in	325
accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code rules governing	326
the payments to community schools under this section including	327
initial payments in a school year and adjustments and reductions	328
made in subsequent periodic payments to community schools and	329
corresponding deductions from school district accounts as	330
provided under division (C) of this section. For purposes of	331
this section:	332
(1) A student shall be considered enrolled in the	333
community school for any portion of the school year the student	334

is participating at a college under Chapter 3365. of the Revised

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- (2) A student shall be considered to be enrolled in a 337 community school for the period of time beginning on the later 338 of the date on which the school both has received documentation 339 of the student's enrollment from a parent and the student has 340 341 commenced participation in learning opportunities as defined in the contract with the sponsor, or thirty days prior to the date 342 on which the student is entered into the education management 343 information system established under section 3301.0714 of the 344 345 Revised Code. For purposes of applying this division and divisions (H)(3) and (4) of this section to a community school 346 student, "learning opportunities" shall be defined in the 347 contract, which shall describe both classroom-based and non-348 classroom-based learning opportunities and shall be in 349 compliance with criteria and documentation requirements for 350 student participation which shall be established by the 351 department, and if applicable, with the requirements of section 352 3314.272 of the Revised Code. Any student's instruction time in 353 non-classroom-based learning opportunities shall be certified by 354 an employee of the community school. A student's enrollment 355 shall be considered to cease on the date on which any of the 356 following occur: 357
- (a) The community school receives documentation from a parent terminating enrollment of the student.
- (b) The community school is provided documentation of a 360 student's enrollment in another public or private school. 361

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(c) The community school ceases to offer learning 362 opportunities to the student pursuant to the terms of the 363 contract with the sponsor or the operation of any provision of 364 this chapter. 365

Except as otherwise specified in this paragraph, beginning	366
in the 2011-2012 school year, any student who completed the	367
prior school year in an internet- or computer-based community	368
school shall be considered to be enrolled in the same school in	369
the subsequent school year until the student's enrollment has	370
ceased as specified in division (H)(2) of this section. The	371
department shall continue subtracting and paying amounts for the	372
student under division (C) of this section without interruption	373
at the start of the subsequent school year. However, if the	374
student without a legitimate excuse fails to participate in the	375
first one hundred five consecutive hours of learning	376
opportunities offered to the student in that subsequent school	377
year, the student shall be considered not to have re-enrolled in	378
the school for that school year and the department shall	379
recalculate the payments to the school for that school year to	380
account for the fact that the student is not enrolled.	381

- (3) The department shall determine each community school 382 student's percentage of full-time equivalency based on the 383 percentage of learning opportunities offered by the community 384 school to that student, reported either as number of hours or 385 number of days, is of the total learning opportunities offered 386 by the community school to a student who attends for the 387 school's entire school year. However, no internet- or computer-388 based community school shall be credited for any time a student 389 spends participating in learning opportunities beyond ten hours 390 within any period of twenty-four consecutive hours. Whether it 391 reports hours or days of learning opportunities, each community 392 school shall offer not less than nine hundred twenty hours of 393 learning opportunities during the school year. 394
- (4) With respect to the calculation of full-time 395 equivalency under division (H)(3) of this section, the 396

department shall waive the number of hours or days of learning	397
opportunities not offered to a student because the community	398
school was closed during the school year due to disease	399
epidemic, hazardous weather conditions, law enforcement	400
emergencies, inoperability of school buses or other equipment	401
necessary to the school's operation, damage to a school	402
building, or other temporary circumstances due to utility	403
failure rendering the school building unfit for school use, so	404
long as the school was actually open for instruction with	405
students in attendance during that school year for not less than	406
the minimum number of hours required by this chapter. The	407
department shall treat the school as if it were open for	408
instruction with students in attendance during the hours or days	409
waived under this division.	410
(I) The department of education shall reduce the amounts	411
paid under this section to reflect payments made to colleges	412
under section 3365.07 of the Revised Code.	413
(J)(1) No student shall be considered enrolled in any	414
internet- or computer-based community school or, if applicable	415
to the student, in any community school that is required to	416
provide the student with a computer pursuant to division (C) of	417
section 3314.22 of the Revised Code, unless both of the	418
following conditions are satisfied:	419
(a) The student possesses or has been provided with all	420
required hardware and software materials and all such materials	421
are operational so that the student is capable of fully	422
participating in the learning opportunities specified in the	423
contract between the school and the school's sponsor as required	424
by division (A)(23) of section 3314.03 of the Revised Code;	425

(b) The school is in compliance with division (A) of

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section 3314.22 of the Revised Code, relative to such student.	427
(2) In accordance with policies adopted jointly by the	428
superintendent of public instruction and the auditor of state,	429
the department shall reduce the amounts otherwise payable under	430
division (C) of this section to any community school that	431
includes in its program the provision of computer hardware and	432
software materials to any student, if such hardware and software	433
materials have not been delivered, installed, and activated for	434
each such student in a timely manner or other educational	435
materials or services have not been provided according to the	436
contract between the individual community school and its	437
sponsor.	438
The superintendent of public instruction and the auditor	439
of state shall jointly establish a method for auditing any	440
community school to which this division pertains to ensure	441
compliance with this section.	442
The superintendent, auditor of state, and the governor	443
shall jointly make recommendations to the general assembly for	444
legislative changes that may be required to assure fiscal and	445
academic accountability for such schools.	446
(3) No student shall be considered enrolled in any	447
internet- or computer-based community school unless the school	448
is in compliance with section 3314.272 of the Revised Code.	449
(K)(1) If the department determines that a review of a	450
community school's enrollment is necessary, such review shall be	451
completed and written notice of the findings shall be provided	452
to the governing authority of the community school and its	453
sponsor within ninety days of the end of the community school's	454
fiscal year, unless extended for a period not to exceed thirty	4.5.5

additional days for one of the following reasons:	456
(a) The department and the community school mutually agree	457
to the extension.	458
(b) Delays in data submission caused by either a community	459
school or its sponsor.	460
(2) If the review results in a finding that additional	461
funding is owed to the school, such payment shall be made within	462
thirty days of the written notice. If the review results in a	463
finding that the community school owes moneys to the state, the	464
following procedure shall apply:	465
(a) Within ten business days of the receipt of the notice	466
of findings, the community school may appeal the department's	467
determination to the state board of education or its designee.	468
(b) The board or its designee shall conduct an informal	469
hearing on the matter within thirty days of receipt of such an	470
appeal and shall issue a decision within fifteen days of the	471
conclusion of the hearing.	472
(c) If the board has enlisted a designee to conduct the	473
hearing, the designee shall certify its decision to the board.	474
The board may accept the decision of the designee or may reject	475
the decision of the designee and issue its own decision on the	476
matter.	477
(d) Any decision made by the board under this division is	478
final.	479
(3) If it is decided that the community school owes moneys	480
to the state, the department shall deduct such amount from the	481
school's future payments in accordance with guidelines issued by	482
the superintendent of public instruction.	483

(L) The department shall not subtract from a school	484
district's state aid account and shall not pay to a community	485
school under division (C) of this section any amount for any of	486
the following:	487
(1) Any student who has graduated from the twelfth grade	488
of a public or nonpublic high school;	489
(2) Any student who is not a resident of the state;	490
(3) Any student who was enrolled in the community school	491
during the previous school year when assessments were	492
administered under section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code but did	493
not take one or more of the assessments required by that section	494
and was not excused pursuant to division (C)(1) or (3) of that	495
section, unless the superintendent of public instruction grants	496
the student a waiver from the requirement to take the assessment	497
and a parent is not paying tuition for the student pursuant to	498
section 3314.26 of the Revised Code. The superintendent may	499
grant a waiver only for good cause in accordance with rules	500
adopted by the state board of education.	501
(4) Any student who has attained the age of twenty-two	502
years, except for veterans of the armed services whose	503
attendance was interrupted before completing the recognized	504
twelve-year course of the public schools by reason of induction	505
or enlistment in the armed forces and who apply for enrollment	506
in a community school not later than four years after	507
termination of war or their honorable discharge. If, however,	508
any such veteran elects to enroll in special courses organized	509
for veterans for whom tuition is paid under federal law, or	510
otherwise, the department shall not subtract from a school	511
district's state aid account and shall not pay to a community	512

school under division (C) of this section any amount for that

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veteran.	514
Sec. 3314.272. (A) Each internet- or computer-based	515
community school shall monitor and track student attendance,	516
class size, and participation through the use of software that	517
automatically verifies student attendance, class size, and	518
participation. The software used by a school shall do all of	519
<pre>following:</pre>	520
(1) Collect and maintain data only in a manner that is	521
permissible under the "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act	522
of 1974," 20 U.S.C. 1232g, as amended, and section 3319.321 of	523
the Revised Code;	524
(2) Automatically gather verification data of state-funded	525
activity and track total keystroke and mouse event frequency at	526
an interval set by the department of education not to exceed	527
five minutes, and make that data visible to the department and	528
the auditor of state in real time and upon request;	529
(3) Provide the department and the auditor of state with	530
real-time access to all of the data and information collected or	531
<pre>provided by the software;</pre>	532
(4) Permit the department to provide feedback to the	533
internet- or computer-based community school regarding the	534
school's student attendance, class size, and participation	535
statistics.	536
(B) Each internet- or computer-based community school	537
shall securely store or contract with an outside entity to	538
securely store all data collected by the software for a period	539
of seven school years after the department has remitted payment	540
to the school in accordance with section 3314.08 of the Revised	541
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If any time during the period of seven school years after	543
receipt of payment the department or the auditor of state	544
requests that the internet- or computer-based community school	545
retrieve data from the software, the school shall comply with	546
that request and provide the data to the requesting party in the	547
format requested. A school shall provide the data required under	548
this division at no cost.	549
(C) (1) Within fifteen days after the effective date of	550
this section, the department shall publish a process for	551
certifying software that satisfies the conditions set forth in	552
this section.	553
(2) Within forty-five days after the effective date of	554
this section, the department shall publish a list of all	555
entities that offer software that satisfies the conditions set	556
forth in this section. The list shall, at all times, be	557
available to the public in a conspicuous location on the	558
department's web site.	559
Section 2. That existing section 3314.08 of the Revised	560
Code is hereby repealed.	561