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Powell, Riedel, Zeltwanger**

A BILL

To enact section 3313.5318 of the Revised Code to 1
require school districts to permit family member 2
spectators at athletic activities and to declare 3
an emergency. 4

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

Section 1. That section 3313.5318 of the Revised Code be 5
enacted to read as follows: 6

Sec. 3313.5318. (A) For purposes of this section: 7

(1) "Athlete" means any student who participates, takes 8
part, or has a role in an athletic activity, including but not 9
limited to players, band members, and cheerleaders. 10

(2) "Athletic activity" means interscholastic athletics or 11
an athletic contest or competition that is sponsored by or 12
associated with a school district that is subject to this 13
section, including cheerleading, club-sponsored sports 14
activities, marching band activities, and sports activities 15
sponsored by school-affiliated organizations. 16

(3) "Immediate family member" means an athlete's spouse, 17
child, parent, stepparent, grandparent, brother, or sister. 18

(B)(1) Any school district that holds an athletic activity 19
on its property shall permit the immediate family members of 20
each participating athlete to attend that athletic activity in 21
person as a spectator. 22

(2) The board of education of each school district shall 23
adopt a policy and establish its own requirements and procedures 24
for safe and effective implementation of this section. 25

(3) A spectator who is permitted to attend in accordance 26
with division (B)(1) of this section is not exempt from any fees 27
the school district routinely charges for spectator admission to 28
the activity. 29

Section 2. This act is hereby declared to be an emergency 30
measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public 31
peace, health, and safety. The reason for such necessity is to 32
allow school districts to adjust their school athletics policies 33
and procedures for the 2020-2021 school year in a timely manner. 34
Therefore, this act shall go into immediate effect. 35