

**As Introduced**

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**H. B. No. 643**

**Representatives Hall, Creech**

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**A BILL**

To enact section 3321.043 of the Revised Code to 1  
require school districts to grant students 2  
excused absences from school for participation 3  
in 4-H programs and activities. 4

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

**Section 1.** That section 3321.043 of the Revised Code be 5  
enacted to read as follows: 6

**Sec. 3321.043.** (A) Subject to division (C)(1) of section 7  
3321.191 of the Revised Code, school districts shall grant 8  
students in any of grades kindergarten through twelve excused 9  
absences for participation in scheduled 4-H activities or 10  
programs in the following manner: 11

(1) A 4-H educator shall submit written documentation to a 12  
school principal or attendance officer as proof of student 13  
participation in such an activity or program. 14

(2) The district shall give the student the opportunity to 15  
make up any school work missed during the absence, and class 16  
grades shall not be adversely affected for such an absence. 17

(B) A school principal or a designee of the school 18

<u>principal shall not grant a student an excused absence under</u>	19
<u>this section if the absence occurs during either of the</u>	20
<u>following:</u>	21
<u>(1) A scheduled administration of state assessments;</u>	22
<u>(2) Any period of time for which the student has been</u>	23
<u>disciplined, suspended, or expelled, if the terms of such</u>	24
<u>punishment would preclude the student from otherwise</u>	25
<u>participating in an educational field trip or extracurricular</u>	26
<u>activity.</u>	27