

H. B. No. 125  
As Introduced

\_\_\_\_\_ moved to amend as follows:

- In line 1 of the title, delete "3321.043" and insert "3321.044" 1
- In line 2 of the title, delete "excused absences from" and insert "attendance at"; delete "to" 2 3
- In line 3 of the title, delete "participate in 4-H and FFA programs" 4 and insert "during participation in district-approved activities" 5
- In line 4, delete "3321.043" and insert "3321.044" 6
- Delete lines 6 through 26 7
- After line 26, insert: 8
- "Sec. 3321.044. (A) A school district shall consider a 9 student in any of grades kindergarten through twelve present at 10 school during school hours when the student is participating in 11 scheduled school-sponsored or workforce preparation activities 12 approved by the district. Approved activities shall include 4-H 13 and FFA activities or programs, athletic tournaments, field 14 trips, internships, shadowing opportunities, and any other 15 activity approved by the district. 16



A school district may require an educator affiliated with 17  
the activity or the student's parent to submit written 18  
documentation, including the hours of participation, to a school 19  
principal or attendance officer as proof of participation in the 20  
approved activity. 21

The district shall give the student the opportunity to 22  
make up any school work missed during the student's 23  
participation in an approved activity under this section. 24

Class grades for the student and the chronic absenteeism 25  
calculation for the district or school shall not be adversely 26  
affected by the student's participation in an approved activity 27  
under this section. 28

(B) Notwithstanding division (A) of this section, a school 29  
principal or a designee of the school principal shall consider a 30  
student absent under this section if the student's participation 31  
in an activity occurs during either of the following: 32

(1) A scheduled administration of state assessments; 33

(2) Any period of time for which the student has been 34  
disciplined, suspended, or expelled, if the terms of such 35  
punishment would preclude the student from otherwise 36  
participating in an educational field trip or extracurricular 37  
activity." 38

The motion was \_\_\_\_\_ agreed to.

**SYNOPSIS** 39

**Attendance at school during district-approved activities** 40

<b>R.C. 3321.044</b>	41
Requires a school district to count a student who	42
participates in a district-approved, school-sponsored or	43
workforce preparation activity during school hours as being	44
present at school.	45
Requires a district to approve, at minimum, 4-H and FFA	46
activities or programs, athletic tournaments, field trips,	47
internships, and shadowing opportunities.	48
Permits a district to require an educator affiliated with	49
the activity or the student's parent to submit written	50
documentation as proof of student participation in an approved	51
activity.	52
Requires a district to give a student the opportunity to	53
make up any school work missed during participation in an	54
approved activity.	55
Prohibits a student's class grades or the chronic	56
absenteeism calculation for the district or school from being	57
adversely affected by the student participating in an approved	58
activity.	59
Requires a school principal or the principal's designee	60
to consider a student absent if the student's participation in	61
an approved activity occurs during either of the following:	62
- A scheduled administration of state assessments;	63
- Any period of time for which the student has been	64
disciplined, suspended, or expelled, if the terms of such	65
punishment would preclude the student from otherwise	66
participating in an educational field trip or extracurricular	67
activity.	68