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**Representatives Hall, T., Creech**

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Klopfenstein, Kishman, Workman**

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**A BILL**

To enact section 3321.043 of the Revised Code 1  
regarding excused absences from school to 2  
participate in 4-H and FFA programs. 3

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

**Section 1.** That section 3321.043 of the Revised Code be 4  
enacted to read as follows: 5

**Sec. 3321.043.** (A) Subject to division (C)(1) of section 6  
3321.191 of the Revised Code, school districts shall grant 7  
students in any of grades kindergarten through twelve excused 8  
absences for participation in scheduled 4-H and FFA activities 9  
or programs in the following manner: 10

(1) A 4-H or FFA educator shall submit written 11  
documentation to a school principal or attendance officer as 12  
proof of student participation in such an activity or program. 13

(2) The district shall give the student the opportunity to 14  
make up any school work missed during the absence, and class 15  
grades shall not be adversely affected for such an absence. 16

<u>(B) A school principal or a designee of the school</u>	17
<u>principal shall not grant a student an excused absence under</u>	18
<u>this section if the absence occurs during either of the</u>	19
<u>following:</u>	20
<u>(1) A scheduled administration of state assessments;</u>	21
<u>(2) Any period of time for which the student has been</u>	22
<u>disciplined, suspended, or expelled, if the terms of such</u>	23
<u>punishment would preclude the student from otherwise</u>	24
<u>participating in an educational field trip or extracurricular</u>	25
<u>activity.</u>	26