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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

(B) A school principal or a designee of the school 17
principal shall not grant a student an excused absence under 18
this section if the absence occurs during either of the 19
following: 20

(1) A scheduled administration of state assessments; 21

(2) Any period of time for which the student has been 22
disciplined, suspended, or expelled, if the terms of such 23
punishment would preclude the student from otherwise 24
participating in an educational field trip or extracurricular 25
activity. 26