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**A BILL**

To amend sections 3301.0732 and 3313.48 of the 1  
Revised Code regarding the minimum number of 2  
hours in a school year. 3

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

**Section 1.** That sections 3301.0732 and 3313.48 of the 4  
Revised Code be amended to read as follows: 5

**Sec. 3301.0732.** The minimum education standards prescribed 6  
by the director of education and workforce for nonchartered 7  
nonpublic schools under section 3301.07 of the Revised Code 8  
shall comply with and shall be limited to this section. 9

(A) A nonchartered nonpublic school that is not seeking a 10  
charter from the department of education and workforce because 11  
of truly held religious beliefs shall annually certify in a 12  
report to the parents of its pupils that the school meets 13  
minimum education standards for nonchartered nonpublic schools 14  
as described in this section. A copy of the report shall be 15  
filed with the department of education and workforce on or 16  
before the thirtieth day of September of each year. 17

(B) A nonchartered nonpublic school shall be open for 18  
instruction with pupils in attendance for not less than four 19  
hundred ~~fifty-five~~eighty-two hours in the case of pupils in 20  
kindergarten unless such pupils are provided all-day 21  
kindergarten, in which case the pupils shall be in attendance 22  
for nine hundred ~~ten~~sixty-three hours; nine hundred ~~ten~~sixty- 23  
three hours in the case of pupils in grades one through six; and 24  
one thousand ~~one~~fifty-four hours in the case of pupils in grades 25  
seven through twelve in each school year. 26

(C) The parents of a child enrolled in a nonchartered 27  
nonpublic school shall be responsible for reporting their 28  
child's enrollment or withdrawal from that school to the 29  
treasurer of the board of education of the city, exempted 30  
village, or local school district in which the pupil resides. 31  
Pupil attendance is reported for the purposes of facilitating 32  
the administration of laws relating to compulsory education and 33  
the employment of minors. An individual in charge of the 34  
nonchartered nonpublic school may, as a matter of convenience, 35  
provide the report to the treasurer on behalf of the parents. 36

The attendance report shall include the name, age, and 37  
place of residence of each pupil below eighteen years of age. 38  
The report shall be made within the first two weeks of the 39  
beginning of each school year. In the case of pupil withdrawal 40  
or entrance during the school year, notice shall be given to the 41  
treasurer of the appropriate board of education within the first 42  
week of the next school month. 43

(D) Teachers and administrators at nonchartered nonpublic 44  
schools shall hold at least a bachelor's degree, or the 45  
equivalent, from a recognized college or university. 46

(E) The curriculum of each nonchartered nonpublic school 47

shall include the study of the following subjects:	48
(1) Language arts;	49
(2) Geography, the history of the United States and Ohio, and national, state, and local government;	50 51
(3) Mathematics;	52
(4) Science;	53
(5) Health;	54
(6) Physical education;	55
(7) The fine arts, including music;	56
(8) First aid, safety, and fire prevention;	57
(9) Other subjects as prescribed by the nonchartered nonpublic school.	58 59
(F) Each nonchartered nonpublic school shall follow regular procedures for promotion from grade to grade for pupils who have met the school's educational requirements.	60 61 62
(G) Each nonchartered nonpublic school shall comply with all applicable health, fire, and safety laws.	63 64
(H) Pupils attending a nonchartered nonpublic school shall not be entitled to pupil transportation or auxiliary services. A nonchartered nonpublic school is not entitled to reimbursement for administrative costs.	65 66 67 68
<b>Sec. 3313.48.</b> (A) The board of education of each city, exempted village, local, and joint vocational school district shall provide for the free education of the youth of school age within the district under its jurisdiction, at such places as will be most convenient for the attendance of the largest number	69 70 71 72 73

thereof. Each school so provided and each chartered nonpublic 74  
school shall be open for instruction with pupils in attendance, 75  
including scheduled classes, supervised activities, and approved 76  
education options but excluding lunch and breakfast periods and 77  
extracurricular activities, for not less than four hundred 78  
~~fifty-five~~eighty-two hours in the case of pupils in kindergarten 79  
unless such pupils are provided all-day kindergarten, as defined 80  
in section 3321.05 of the Revised Code, in which case the pupils 81  
shall be in attendance for nine hundred ~~ten~~sixty-three hours; 82  
nine hundred ~~ten~~sixty-three hours in the case of pupils in 83  
grades one through six; and one thousand ~~one~~five-four hours in 84  
the case of pupils in grades seven through twelve in each school 85  
year, which may include all of the following: 86

(1) Up to the equivalent of two school days per year 87  
during which pupils would otherwise be in attendance but are not 88  
required to attend for the purpose of individualized parent- 89  
teacher conferences and reporting periods; 90

(2) Up to the equivalent of two school days per year 91  
during which pupils would otherwise be in attendance but are not 92  
required to attend for professional meetings of teachers; 93

(3) Morning and afternoon recess periods of not more than 94  
fifteen minutes duration per period for pupils in grades 95  
kindergarten through six. 96

(B) Not later than thirty days prior to adopting a school 97  
calendar, the board of education of each city, exempted village, 98  
and local school district shall hold a public hearing on the 99  
school calendar, addressing topics that include, but are not 100  
limited to, the total number of hours in a school year, length 101  
of school day, and beginning and end dates of instruction. The 102  
public hearing required under this division need not be a 103

separate, individual hearing and may be part of another public hearing or board meeting. 104  
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(C) No school operated by a city, exempted village, local, or joint vocational school district shall reduce the number of hours in each school year that the school is scheduled to be open for instruction from the number of hours per year the school was open for instruction during the previous school year unless the reduction is approved by a resolution adopted by the district board of education. Any reduction so approved shall not result in fewer hours of instruction per school year than the applicable number of hours required under division (A) of this section. 106  
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(D) Prior to making any change in the hours or days in which a high school under its jurisdiction is open for instruction, the board of education of each city, exempted village, and local school district shall consider the compatibility of the proposed change with the scheduling needs of any joint vocational school district in which any of the high school's students are also enrolled. The board shall consider the impact of the proposed change on student access to the instructional programs offered by the joint vocational school district, incentives for students to participate in career-technical education, transportation, and the timing of graduation. The board shall provide the joint vocational school district board with advance notice of the proposed change and the two boards shall enter into a written agreement prescribing reasonable accommodations to meet the scheduling needs of the joint vocational school district prior to implementation of the change. 116  
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(E) Subject to section 3327.016 of the Revised Code, prior 133

to making any change in the hours or days in which a school 134  
under its jurisdiction is open for instruction, the board of 135  
education of each city, exempted village, and local school 136  
district shall consider the compatibility of the proposed change 137  
with the scheduling needs of any community school established 138  
under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code to which the district is 139  
required to transport students under sections 3314.09 and 140  
3327.01 of the Revised Code. The board shall consider the impact 141  
of the proposed change on student access to the instructional 142  
programs offered by the community school, transportation, and 143  
the timing of graduation. The board shall provide the sponsor, 144  
governing authority, and operator of the community school with 145  
advance notice of the proposed change, and the board and the 146  
governing authority, or operator if such authority is delegated 147  
to the operator, shall enter into a written agreement 148  
prescribing reasonable accommodations to meet the scheduling 149  
needs of the community school prior to implementation of the 150  
change. 151

(F) Subject to section 3327.016 of the Revised Code, prior 152  
to making any change in the hours or days in which the schools 153  
under its jurisdiction are open for instruction, the board of 154  
education of each city, exempted village, and local school 155  
district shall consult with the chartered nonpublic schools to 156  
which the district is required to transport students under 157  
section 3327.01 of the Revised Code and shall consider the 158  
effect of the proposed change on the schedule for transportation 159  
of those students to their nonpublic schools. The governing 160  
authority of a chartered nonpublic school shall consult with 161  
each school district board of education that transports students 162  
to the chartered nonpublic school under section 3327.01 of the 163  
Revised Code prior to making any change in the hours or days in 164

which the nonpublic school is open for instruction. 165

(G) The department of education and workforce shall not 166

adopt or enforce any rule or standard that imposes on chartered 167

nonpublic schools the procedural requirements imposed on school 168

districts by divisions (B), (C), (D), and (E) of this section. 169

**Section 2.** That existing sections 3301.0732 and 3313.48 of 170

the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 171