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To amend sections 3313.48, 3313.603, 3314.03, 1 3326.11, and 3328.24 and to enact section 2 3313.6025 of the Revised Code to permit students 3 to use club sports or other athletic activity to 4 fulfill the high school physical education 5 requirement and to require recess time for K-8 6 students. 7

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

Section 1. That sections 3313.48, 3313.603, 3314.03,	8
3326.11, and 3328.24 be amended and section 3313.6025 of the	9
Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:	10
Sec. 3313.48. (A) The board of education of each city,	11
exempted village, local, and joint vocational school district	12
shall provide for the free education of the youth of school age	13
within the district under its jurisdiction, at such places as	14
will be most convenient for the attendance of the largest number	15
thereof. Each school so provided and each chartered nonpublic	16
school shall be open for instruction with pupils in attendance,	17
including scheduled classes, supervised activities, and approved	18
education options but excluding lunch and breakfast periods and	19
extracurricular activities, for not less than four hundred	20
fifty-five hours in the case of pupils in kindergarten unless	21

such pupils are provided all-day kindergarten, as defined in 22 section 3321.05 of the Revised Code, in which case the pupils 23 shall be in attendance for nine hundred ten hours; nine hundred 24 ten hours in the case of pupils in grades one through six; and 25 one thousand one hours in the case of pupils in grades seven 26 through twelve in each school year, which may include all of the 27 following: 28

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

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

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

(B) Not later than thirty days prior to adopting a school 39 calendar, the board of education of each city, exempted village, 40 and local school district shall hold a public hearing on the 41 school calendar, addressing topics that include, but are not 42 limited to, the total number of hours in a school year, length 43 of school day, and beginning and end dates of instruction. The 44 public hearing required under this division need not be a 45 separate, individual hearing and may be part of another public 46 hearing or board meeting. 47

(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
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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.

(D) Prior to making any change in the hours or days in 58 which a high school under its jurisdiction is open for 59 instruction, the board of education of each city, exempted 60 village, and local school district shall consider the 61 compatibility of the proposed change with the scheduling needs 62 of any joint vocational school district in which any of the high 63 school's students are also enrolled. The board shall consider 64 the impact of the proposed change on student access to the 65 instructional programs offered by the joint vocational school 66 district, incentives for students to participate in career-67 technical education, transportation, and the timing of 68 graduation. The board shall provide the joint vocational school 69 district board with advance notice of the proposed change and 70 the two boards shall enter into a written agreement prescribing 71 reasonable accommodations to meet the scheduling needs of the 72 joint vocational school district prior to implementation of the 73 change. 74

(E) Subject to section 3327.016 of the Revised Code, prior
to making any change in the hours or days in which a 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 community school established
under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code to which the district is

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required to transport students under sections 3314.09 and 82 3327.01 of the Revised Code. The board shall consider the impact 83 of the proposed change on student access to the instructional 84 programs offered by the community school, transportation, and 85 the timing of graduation. The board shall provide the sponsor, 86 governing authority, and operator of the community school with 87 advance notice of the proposed change, and the board and the 88 governing authority, or operator if such authority is delegated 89 to the operator, shall enter into a written agreement 90 prescribing reasonable accommodations to meet the scheduling 91 needs of the community school prior to implementation of the 92 change. 93

(F) Subject to section 3327.016 of the Revised Code, prior 94 to making any change in the hours or days in which the schools 95 under its jurisdiction are open for instruction, the board of 96 education of each city, exempted village, and local school 97 district shall consult with the chartered nonpublic schools to 98 which the district is required to transport students under 99 section 3327.01 of the Revised Code and shall consider the 100 effect of the proposed change on the schedule for transportation 101 of those students to their nonpublic schools. The governing 102 authority of a chartered nonpublic school shall consult with 103 each school district board of education that transports students 104 to the chartered nonpublic school under section 3327.01 of the 105 Revised Code prior to making any change in the hours or days in 106 which the nonpublic school is open for instruction. 107

(G) The department of education and workforce shall not
adopt or enforce any rule or standard that imposes on chartered
nonpublic schools the procedural requirements imposed on school
districts by divisions (B), (C), (D), and (E) of this section.

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Sec. 3313.603. (A) As used in this section: 112 (1) "One unit" means a minimum of one hundred twenty hours 113 of course instruction, except that for a laboratory course, "one 114 unit" means a minimum of one hundred fifty hours of course 115 instruction. 116 (2) "One-half unit" means a minimum of sixty hours of 117 course instruction, except that for physical education courses, 118 "one-half unit" means a minimum of one hundred twenty hours of 119 course instruction. 120 (3) "Club sports" includes both of the following: 121 (a) A sport sanctioned by a school, but not regulated by 122 an organization that regulates interscholastic conferences or 123 events and is limited to participants under nineteen years of 124 125 age; (b) A youth sports organization as defined in section 126 3707.51 of the Revised Code. 127 (4) "Other athletic activity" means a sport or physical 128 activity taught by an instructor outside of school. 129 (B) Beginning September 15, 2001, except as required in 130 division (C) of this section and division (C) of section 131 3313.614 of the Revised Code, the requirements for graduation 132 from every high school shall include twenty units earned in 133 grades nine through twelve and shall be distributed as follows: 134 (1) English language arts, four units; 135 (2) Health, one-half unit; 136 (3) Mathematics, three units; 137 (4) Physical education, one-half unit; 138

(5) Science, two units until September 15, 2003, and three	139
units thereafter, which at all times shall include both of the	140
following:	141
(a) Biological sciences, one unit;	142
(b) Physical sciences, one unit.	143
(6) History and government, one unit, which shall comply	144
with division (M) of this section and shall include both of the	145
following:	146
(a) American history, one-half unit;	147
(b) American government, one-half unit.	148
(7) Social studies, two units.	149
Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the	150
first time on or after July 1, 2017, the two units of	151
instruction prescribed by division (B)(7) of this section shall	152
include at least one-half unit of instruction in the study of	153
world history and civilizations.	154
(8) Elective units, seven units until September 15, 2003,	155
and six units thereafter.	156
Each student's electives shall include at least one unit,	157
or two half units, chosen from among the areas of	158
business/technology, fine arts, and/or foreign language.	159
(C) Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the	160
first time on or after July 1, 2010, except as provided in	161
divisions (D) to (F) of this section, the requirements for	162
graduation from every public and chartered nonpublic high school	163
shall include twenty units that are designed to prepare students	164
for the workforce and college. The units shall be distributed as	165

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follows:	166
(1) English language arts, four units;	167
(2) Health, one-half unit, which shall include instruction	168
in nutrition and the benefits of nutritious foods and physical	169
activity for overall health;	170
(3) Mathematics, four units, which shall include one unit	171
of algebra II or the equivalent of algebra II, or one unit of	172
advanced computer science as described in the standards adopted	173
pursuant to division (A)(4) of section 3301.079 of the Revised	174
Code. However, students who enter ninth grade for the first time	175
on or after July 1, 2015, and who are pursuing a career-	176
technical instructional track shall not be required to take	177
algebra II or advanced computer science, and instead may	178
complete a career-based pathway mathematics course approved by	179
the department of education and workforce as an alternative.	180
For students who choose to take advanced computer science	181
in lieu of algebra II under division (C)(3) of this section, the	182
school shall communicate to these students that some	183

school shall communicate to those students that some 183 institutions of higher education may require algebra II for the 184 purpose of college admission. Also, the parent, guardian, or 185 legal custodian of each student who chooses to take advanced 186 computer science in lieu of algebra II shall sign and submit to 187 the school a document containing a statement acknowledging that 188 not taking algebra II may have an adverse effect on college 189 admission decisions. 190

A student may fulfill one unit of mathematics under191division (C)(3) of this section by completing one-half unit of192financial literacy instruction to satisfy the requirement193prescribed under division (C)(9) of this section and one-half194

unit of a mathematics course. The one-half unit course in 195 mathematics shall not be in algebra II, or its equivalent, or a 196 course for which the department requires an end-of-course 197 examination under section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code. 198 Students who choose to take one unit of advanced computer 199 science in lieu of algebra II, as described in division (C)(3) 200 of this section, shall not be permitted to complete one-half 201 unit of financial literacy instruction to satisfy the 202 mathematics unit requirements of that division. Instead, those 203 students shall be required to complete the one-half unit of 204 financial literacy instruction under division (C)(8) of this 205 section. 206 (4) Physical education, one-half unit; 207 (5) Science, three units with inquiry-based laboratory 208 experience that engages students in asking valid scientific 209 questions and gathering and analyzing information, which shall 210 include the following, or their equivalent: 211 (a) Physical sciences, one unit; 212 (b) Life sciences, one unit; 213 (c) Advanced study in one or more of the following 214 sciences, one unit: 215 (i) Chemistry, physics, or other physical science; 216 (ii) Advanced biology or other life science; 217 (iii) Astronomy, physical geology, or other earth or space 218 science: 219 (iv) Computer science. 220 No student shall substitute a computer science course for 221

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a life sciences or biology course under division (C)(5) of this 222 section. 223 (6) History and government, one unit, which shall comply 224 with division (M) of this section and shall include both of the 225 following: 226 (a) American history, one-half unit; 227 (b) American government, one-half unit. 228 229 (7) Social studies, two units. Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the 230 first time on or after July 1, 2017, the two units of 231 instruction prescribed by division (C)(7) of this section shall 232 include at least one-half unit of instruction in the study of 233 world history and civilizations. 234 (8) Five units consisting of one or any combination of 235 foreign language, fine arts, business, career-technical 236 education, family and consumer sciences, technology which may 237 include computer science, agricultural education, a junior 238 reserve officer training corps (JROTC) program approved by the 239 congress of the United States under title 10 of the United 240 States Code, or English language arts, mathematics, science, or 241 social studies courses not otherwise required under division (C) 242 of this section. 243

One-half unit of instruction under division (C)(8) of this 244 section may be instruction in financial literacy to satisfy the 245 requirement under division (C)(9) of this section. 246

(9) (a) Except as provided in division (C) (9) (b) of this
section, for students who enter ninth grade for the first time
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on or after July 1, 2022, financial literacy, one-half unit.
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Each student shall elect to complete the one-half unit of 250 instruction in financial literacy either in lieu of one-half 251 unit of instruction in mathematics under division (C)(3) of this 252 section or an elective under division (C)(8) of this section. A 253 student may fulfill the financial literacy instruction 2.54 requirement under division (C) (9) of this section through the 255 successful completion of an advanced placement course in 256 microeconomics or macroeconomics. 257

(b) A student attending a nonpublic school accredited 258 259 through the independent schools association of the central states or any other chartered nonpublic school shall not be 260 required to complete the one-half unit of financial literacy 261 instruction prescribed in division (C)(9)(a) of this section, 262 unless that student is attending the school under a state 263 scholarship program as defined in section 3301.0711 of the 264 Revised Code. 265

The study and instruction of financial literacy required 266 under division (C)(9) of this section shall align with the 267 academic content standards for financial literacy and 268 269 entrepreneurship adopted under division (A) (2) of section 3301.079 of the Revised Code. The instruction provided under an 270 advanced placement course in microeconomics or macroeconomics 271 shall be considered to be aligned with those academic content 272 standards. In developing the curriculum for the study and 273 instruction of financial literacy, schools may use available 274 public-private partnerships and resources and materials that 275 exist in business, industry, and through the centers for 276 economics education at institutions of higher education. 277

Ohioans must be prepared to apply increased knowledge and 278 skills in the workplace and to adapt their knowledge and skills 279

quickly to meet the rapidly changing conditions of the twenty-280 first century. National studies indicate that all high school 281 graduates need the same academic foundation, regardless of the 282 opportunities they pursue after graduation. The goal of Ohio's 283 system of elementary and secondary education is to prepare all 284 students for and seamlessly connect all students to success in 285 life beyond high school graduation, regardless of whether the 286 next step is entering the workforce, beginning an 287 apprenticeship, engaging in post-secondary training, serving in 288 289 the military, or pursuing a college degree.

The requirements for graduation prescribed in division (C) 290 of this section are the standard expectation for all students 291 entering ninth grade for the first time at a public or chartered 292 nonpublic high school on or after July 1, 2010. A student may 293 satisfy this expectation through a variety of methods, 294 including, but not limited to, integrated, applied, career-295 technical, and traditional coursework. 296

Stronger coordination between high schools and 297 institutions of higher education is necessary to prepare 298 students for more challenging academic endeavors and to lessen 299 the need for academic remediation in college, thereby reducing 300 the costs of higher education for Ohio's students, families, and 301 the state. The department and the chancellor of higher education 302 shall develop policies to ensure that only in rare instances 303 304 will students who complete the requirements for graduation prescribed in division (C) of this section require academic 305 remediation after high school. 306

School districts, community schools, and chartered307nonpublic schools shall integrate technology into learning308experiences across the curriculum in order to maximize309

efficiency, enhance learning, and prepare students for success 310 in the technology-driven twenty-first century. Districts and 311 schools shall use distance and web-based course delivery as a 312 method of providing or augmenting all instruction required under 313 this division, including laboratory experience in science. 314 Districts and schools shall utilize technology access and 315 electronic learning opportunities provided by the broadcast 316 educational media commission, chancellor, the Ohio learning 317 network, education technology centers, public television 318 stations, and other public and private providers. 319

(D) Except as provided in division (E) of this section, a 320
student who enters ninth grade on or after July 1, 2010, and 321
before July 1, 2016, may qualify for graduation from a public or 322
chartered nonpublic high school even though the student has not 323
completed the requirements for graduation prescribed in division 324
(C) of this section if all of the following conditions are 325
satisfied: 326

(1) During the student's third year of attending high 327 school, as determined by the school, the student and the 328 student's parent, guardian, or custodian sign and file with the 329 school a written statement asserting the parent's, guardian's, 330 or custodian's consent to the student's graduating without 331 completing the requirements for graduation prescribed in 332 division (C) of this section and acknowledging that one 333 consequence of not completing those requirements is 334 ineligibility to enroll in most state universities in Ohio 335 without further coursework. 336

(2) The student and parent, guardian, or custodian fulfill
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 any procedural requirements the school stipulates to ensure the
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consent and to facilitate orderly filing of statements under340division (D)(1) of this section. Annually, each district or341school shall notify the department of the number of students who342choose to qualify for graduation under division (D) of this343section and the number of students who complete the student's344success plan and graduate from high school.345

(3) The student and the student's parent, guardian, or
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jointly develop a student success plan for the student in the
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manner described in division (C) (1) of section 3313.6020 of the
Revised Code that specifies the student matriculating to a two350
year degree program, acquiring a business and industry351
recognized credential, or entering an apprenticeship.

(4) The student's high school provides counseling and
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support for the student related to the plan developed under
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division (D) (3) of this section during the remainder of the
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student's high school experience.

(5) (a) Except as provided in division (D) (5) (b) of this
section, the student successfully completes, at a minimum, the
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curriculum prescribed in division (B) of this section.

(b) Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the
first time on or after July 1, 2014, a student shall be required
to complete successfully, at the minimum, the curriculum
grescribed in division (B) of this section, except as follows:

(i) Mathematics, four units, one unit which shall be one 364of the following: 365

(I) Probability and statistics; 366(II) Computer science; 367

(III) Applied mathematics or quantitative reasoning;	368
(IV) Any other course approved by the department using	369
standards established by the superintendent not later than	370
October 1, 2014.	371
(ii) Elective units, five units;	372
(iii) Science, three units as prescribed by division (B)	373
of this section which shall include inquiry-based laboratory	374
experience that engages students in asking valid scientific	375
questions and gathering and analyzing information.	376
(E) Each school district and chartered nonpublic school	377
retains the authority to require an even more challenging	378
minimum curriculum for high school graduation than specified in	379
division (B) or (C) of this section. A school district board of	380
education, through the adoption of a resolution, or the	381
governing authority of a chartered nonpublic school may	382
stipulate any of the following:	383
(1) A minimum high school curriculum that requires more	384
than twenty units of academic credit to graduate;	385
(2) An exception to the district's or school's minimum	386
high school curriculum that is comparable to the exception	387
provided in division (D) of this section but with additional	388
requirements, which may include a requirement that the student	389
successfully complete more than the minimum curriculum	390
prescribed in division (B) of this section;	391
(3) That no exception comparable to that provided in	392
division (D) of this section is available.	393
If a school district or chartered nonpublic school	394

requires a foreign language as an additional graduation

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requirement under division (E) of this section, a student may 396 apply one unit of instruction in computer coding to satisfy one 397 unit of foreign language. If a student applies more than one 398 computer coding course to satisfy the foreign language 399 requirement, the courses shall be sequential and progressively 400 more difficult. 401

(F) A student enrolled in a dropout prevention and 402 recovery program, which program has received a waiver from the 403 department, may qualify for graduation from high school by 404 405 successfully completing a competency-based instructional program administered by the dropout prevention and recovery program in 406 lieu of completing the requirements for graduation prescribed in 407 division (C) of this section. The department shall grant a 408 waiver to a dropout prevention and recovery program, within 409 sixty days after the program applies for the waiver, if the 410 program meets all of the following conditions: 411

(1) The program serves only students not younger thansixteen years of age and not older than twenty-one years of age.413

(2) The program enrolls students who, at the time of their
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initial enrollment, either, or both, are at least one grade
level behind their cohort age groups or experience crises that
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significantly interfere with their academic progress such that
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they are prevented from continuing their traditional programs.

(3) The program requires students to attain at least the
applicable score designated for each of the assessments
prescribed under division (B) (1) of section 3301.0710 of the
Revised Code or, to the extent prescribed by rule of the
department under division (D) (5) of section 3301.0712 of the
Revised Code, division (B) (2) of that section.

(4) The program develops a student success plan for the
student in the manner described in division (C) (1) of section
3313.6020 of the Revised Code that specifies the student's
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matriculating to a two-year degree program, acquiring a business
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and industry-recognized credential, or entering an
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apprenticeship.

(5) The program provides counseling and support for the
student related to the plan developed under division (F) (4) of
this section during the remainder of the student's high school
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experience.

(6) The program requires the student and the student's 435 parent, guardian, or custodian to sign and file, in accordance 436 with procedural requirements stipulated by the program, a 437 written statement asserting the parent's, guardian's, or 438 custodian's consent to the student's graduating without 439 completing the requirements for graduation prescribed in 440 division (C) of this section and acknowledging that one 441 442 consequence of not completing those requirements is ineligibility to enroll in most state universities in Ohio 443 without further coursework. 444

(7) Prior to receiving the waiver, the program has
submitted to the department an instructional plan that
demonstrates how the academic content standards adopted by the
department under section 3301.079 of the Revised Code will be
taught and assessed.

(8) Prior to receiving the waiver, the program has
submitted to the department a policy on career advising that
satisfies the requirements of section 3313.6020 of the Revised
Code, with an emphasis on how every student will receive career
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advising.

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(9) Prior to receiving the waiver, the program has
submitted to the department a written agreement outlining the
future cooperation between the program and any combination of
local job training, postsecondary education, nonprofit, and
health and social service organizations to provide services for
students in the program and their families.

Divisions (F)(8) and (9) of this section apply only to 461 waivers granted on or after July 1, 2015. 462

If the department does not act either to grant the waiver463or to reject the program application for the waiver within sixty464days as required under this section, the waiver shall be465considered to be granted.466

(G) Every high school may permit students below the ninth grade to take advanced work. If a high school so permits, it shall award high school credit for successful completion of the advanced work and shall count such advanced work toward the graduation requirements of division (B) or (C) of this section if the advanced work was both:

(1) Taught by a person who possesses a license or certificate issued under section 3301.071, 3319.22, or 3319.222 of the Revised Code that is valid for teaching high school;

(2) Designated by the board of education of the city,
local, or exempted village school district, the board of the
cooperative education school district, or the governing
authority of the chartered nonpublic school as meeting the high
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school curriculum requirements.

Each high school shall record on the student's high school481transcript all high school credit awarded under division (G) of482this section. In addition, if the student completed a seventh-483

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or eighth-grade fine arts course described in division (K) of 484 this section and the course qualified for high school credit 485 under that division, the high school shall record that course on 486 the student's high school transcript. 487

(H) The department shall make its individual academic
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career plan available through its Ohio career information system
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web site for districts and schools to use as a tool for
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communicating with and providing guidance to students and
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families in selecting high school courses.
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(I) A school district or chartered nonpublic school may 493 integrate academic content in a subject area for which the 494 department has adopted standards under section 3301.079 of the 495 Revised Code into a course in a different subject area, 496 including a career-technical education course, in accordance 497 with guidance for integrated coursework developed by the 498 department. Upon successful completion of an integrated course, 499 a student may receive credit for both subject areas that were 500 integrated into the course. Units earned for subject area 501 content delivered through integrated academic and career-502 technical instruction are eligible to meet the graduation 503 requirements of division (B) or (C) of this section. 504

For purposes of meeting graduation requirements, if an505end-of-course examination has been prescribed under section5063301.0712 of the Revised Code for the subject area delivered507through integrated instruction, the school district or school508may administer the related subject area examinations upon the509student's completion of the integrated course.510

Nothing in division (I) of this section shall be construed511to excuse any school district, chartered nonpublic school, or512student from any requirement in the Revised Code related to513

curriculum, assessments, or the awarding of a high school 514 diploma. 515

(J) (1) The department, in consultation with the 516 chancellor, shall adopt a statewide plan implementing methods 517 for students to earn units of high school credit based on a 518 demonstration of subject area competency, instead of or in 519 combination with completing hours of classroom instruction. The 520 plan shall include a standard method for recording demonstrated 521 proficiency on high school transcripts. Each school district and 522 523 community school shall comply with the department's plan adopted under this division and award units of high school credit in 524 accordance with the plan. The department may adopt existing 525 methods for earning high school credit based on a demonstration 526 of subject area competency as necessary prior to the 2009-2010 527 school year. 528

(2) The department shall update the statewide plan adopted 529 pursuant to division (J)(1) of this section to also include 530 methods for students enrolled in seventh and eighth grade to 531 meet curriculum requirements based on a demonstration of subject 532 area competency, instead of or in combination with completing 533 hours of classroom instruction. Beginning with the 2017-2018 534 school year, each school district and community school also 535 shall comply with the updated plan adopted pursuant to this 536 division and permit students enrolled in seventh and eighth 537 grade to meet curriculum requirements based on subject area 538 competency in accordance with the plan. 539

(3) The department shall develop a framework for school
 districts and community schools to use in granting units of high
 school credit to students who demonstrate subject area
 competency through work-based learning experiences, internships,
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or cooperative education. Beginning with the 2018-2019 school 544 year, each district and community school shall comply with the 545 framework. Each district and community school also shall review 546 any policy it has adopted regarding the demonstration of subject 547 area competency to identify ways to incorporate work-based 548 learning experiences, internships, and cooperative education 549 into the policy in order to increase student engagement and 550 opportunities to earn units of high school credit. 551

(K) This division does not apply to students who qualify 552 for graduation from high school under division (D) or (F) of 553 this section, or to students pursuing a career-technical 554 instructional track as determined by the school district board 555 of education or the chartered nonpublic school's governing 556 authority. Nevertheless, the general assembly encourages such 557 students to consider enrolling in a fine arts course as an 558 559 elective.

Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the 560 first time on or after July 1, 2010, each student enrolled in a 561 public or chartered nonpublic high school shall complete two 562 semesters or the equivalent of fine arts to graduate from high 563 school. The coursework may be completed in any of grades seven 564 to twelve. Each student who completes a fine arts course in 565 grade seven or eight may elect to count that course toward the 566 five units of electives required for graduation under division 567 (C) (8) of this section, if the course satisfied the requirements 568 of division (G) of this section. In that case, the high school 569 shall award the student high school credit for the course and 570 count the course toward the five units required under division 571 (C) (8) of this section. If the course in grade seven or eight 572 did not satisfy the requirements of division (G) of this 573 section, the high school shall not award the student high school 574

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credit for the course but shall count the course toward the two semesters or the equivalent of fine arts required by this division.

(L) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this 578 section, the board of education of each school district and the 579 governing authority of each chartered nonpublic school may adopt 580 a policy to excuse from the high school physical education 581 requirement each student who, during high school, has 582 participated in interscholastic athletics, club sports, marching 583 band, show choir, or cheerleading for at least two full seasons, 584 in other athletic activities for at least one hundred twenty 585 hours, or in the junior reserve officer training corps for at 586 least two full school years. If the board or authority adopts 587 such a policy, the board or authority shall not require the 588 student to complete any physical education course as a condition 589 to graduate. However, the student shall be required to complete 590 one-half unit, consisting of at least sixty hours of 591 instruction, in another course of study. In the case of a 592 student who has participated in the junior reserve officer 593 training corps for at least two full school years, credit 594 595 received for that participation may be used to satisfy the requirement to complete one-half unit in another course of 596 study. 597

(M) It is important that high school students learn and 598 understand United States history and the governments of both the 599 United States and the state of Ohio. Therefore, beginning with 600 students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after 601 July 1, 2012, the study of American history and American 602 government required by divisions (B)(6) and (C)(6) of this 603 section shall include the study of all of the following 604 documents: 605

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(1) The Declaration of Independence;

(2) The Northwest Ordinance;	607
(3) The Constitution of the United States with emphasis on	608
the Bill of Rights;	609
(4) The Ohio Constitution.	610
The study of each of the documents prescribed in divisions	611
(M)(1) to (4) of this section shall include study of that	612
document in its original context.	613
The study of American history and government required by	614
divisions (B)(6) and (C)(6) of this section shall include the	615
historical evidence of the role of documents such as the	616
Federalist Papers and the Anti-Federalist Papers to firmly	617
establish the historical background leading to the establishment	618
of the provisions of the Constitution and Bill of Rights.	619
(N) A student may apply one unit of instruction in	620
computer science to satisfy one unit of mathematics or one unit	621
of science under division (C) of this section as the student	622
chooses, regardless of the field of certification of the teacher	623
who teaches the course, so long as that teacher meets the	624
licensure requirements prescribed by section 3319.236 of the	625
Revised Code and, prior to teaching the course, completes a	626
professional development program determined to be appropriate by	627
the district board.	628
If a student applies more than one computer science course	629
to satisfy curriculum requirements under that division, the	630
courses shall be sequential and progressively more difficult or	631

(O) Any high school student who participates in a club 633

cover different subject areas within computer science.

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sport or other athletic activity under division (L) of this	634
section shall submit a signed statement attesting that the	635
student has met the requirements under that division to the	636
school district board of education or the chartered nonpublic	637
school governing authority of the school in which the student is	638
enrolled. The statement shall include signatures from the coach	639
of the club sport or instructor of the athletic activity and the	640
student's parent or guardian.	641
Sec. 3313.6025. The board of education of each school	642
district shall provide morning and afternoon recess periods of	643
at least thirty minutes duration per period each school day for	644
students enrolled in kindergarten through eighth grade. A	645
district is not required to provide recess time under this	646
section on any school day that a student is attending a physical	647
education course.	648
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1702. of the Revised Code, if established after April 8, 2003.	663
(2) The education program of the school, including the	664
school's mission, the characteristics of the students the school	665
is expected to attract, the ages and grades of students, and the	666
focus of the curriculum;	667
(3) The academic goals to be achieved and the method of	668
measurement that will be used to determine progress toward those	669
goals, which shall include the statewide achievement	670
assessments;	671
(4) Performance standards, including but not limited to	672
all applicable report card measures set forth in section 3302.03	673
or 3314.017 of the Revised Code, by which the success of the	674
school will be evaluated by the sponsor;	675
(5) The admission standards of section 3314.06 of the	676
Revised Code and, if applicable, section 3314.061 of the Revised	677
Code;	678
(6)(a) Dismissal procedures;	679
(b) A requirement that the governing authority adopt an	680
attendance policy that includes a procedure for automatically	681
withdrawing a student from the school if the student without a	682
legitimate excuse fails to participate in seventy-two	683
consecutive hours of the learning opportunities offered to the	684
student.	685
(7) The ways by which the school will achieve racial and	686
ethnic balance reflective of the community it serves;	687
(8) Requirements for financial audits by the auditor of	688
state. The contract shall require financial records of the	689
school to be maintained in the same manner as are financial	690

records of school districts, pursuant to rules of the auditor of	691
state. Audits shall be conducted in accordance with section	692
117.10 of the Revised Code.	693
(9) An addendum to the contract outlining the facilities	694
to be used that contains at least the following information:	695
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(a) A detailed description of each facility used for	696
instructional purposes;	697
(b) The annual costs associated with leasing each facility	698
that are paid by or on behalf of the school;	699
(c) The annual mortgage principal and interest payments	700
that are paid by the school;	701
(d) The name of the lender or landlord, identified as	702
such, and the lender's or landlord's relationship to the	703
operator, if any.	704
(10) Qualifications of employees, including both of the	705
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following:	700
(a) A requirement that the school's classroom teachers be	707
licensed in accordance with sections 3319.22 to 3319.31 of the	708
Revised Code, except that a community school may engage	709
noncertificated persons to teach up to twelve hours or forty	710
hours per week pursuant to section 3319.301 of the Revised Code;	711
(b) A prohibition against the school employing an	712
individual described in section 3314.104 of the Revised Code in	713
any position.	714
(11) That the school will comply with the following	715
requirements:	716
(a) The school will provide learning opportunities to a	717

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minimum of twenty-five students for a minimum of nine hundred 718 twenty hours per school year. 719 (b) The governing authority will purchase liability 720 insurance, or otherwise provide for the potential liability of 721 the school. 722 (c) The school will be nonsectarian in its programs, 723 admission policies, employment practices, and all other 724 725 operations, and will not be operated by a sectarian school or religious institution. 726 (d) The school will comply with sections 9.90, 9.91, 727 109.65, 121.22, 149.43, 2151.357, 2151.421, 2313.19, 3301.0710, 728 3301.0711, 3301.0712, 3301.0715, 3301.0729, 3301.948, 3302.037, 729 3313.472, 3313.473, 3313.474, 3313.50, 3313.539, 3313.5310, 730 3313.5318, 3313.5319, 3313.608, 3313.609, 3313.6012, 3313.6013, 731 3313.6014, 3313.6020, 3313.6024, 3313.6025, 3313.6026, 732 3313.6028, 3313.6029, 3313.643, 3313.648, 3313.6411, 3313.6413, 733 3313.66, 3313.661, 3313.662, 3313.666, 3313.667, 3313.668, 734 3313.669, 3313.6610, 3313.67, 3313.671, 3313.672, 3313.673, 735 736 3313.69, 3313.71, 3313.716, 3313.718, 3313.719, 3313.7112, 3313.7117, 3313.721, 3313.753, 3313.80, 3313.814, 3313.816, 737 3313.817, 3313.818, 3313.819, 3313.86, 3313.89, 3313.96, 738 3319.073, 3319.077, 3319.078, 3319.0812, 3319.238, 3319.318, 739 3319.321, 3319.324, 3319.39, 3319.391, 3319.393, 3319.41, 740 3319.46, 3319.90, 3319.614, 3320.01, 3320.02, 3320.03, 3320.04, 741 3321.01, 3321.041, 3321.13, 3321.14, 3321.141, 3321.17, 3321.18, 742 3321.19, 3322.20, 3322.24, 3323.251, 3327.10, 4111.17, 4113.52, 743 5502.262, 5502.703, and 5705.391 and Chapters 117., 1347., 744 2744., 3365., 3742., 4112., 4123., 4141., and 4167. of the 745 Revised Code as if it were a school district and will comply 746 with section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code in the manner 747

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specified in section 3314.17 of the Revised Code.

(e) The school shall comply with Chapter 102. and section2921.42 of the Revised Code.750

(f) The school will comply with sections 3313.61, 751 3313.611, 3313.614, 3313.617, 3313.618, and 3313.6114 of the 7.52 Revised Code, except that for students who enter ninth grade for 753 the first time before July 1, 2010, the requirement in sections 754 3313.61 and 3313.611 of the Revised Code that a person must 755 successfully complete the curriculum in any high school prior to 756 receiving a high school diploma may be met by completing the 757 curriculum adopted by the governing authority of the community 758 school rather than the curriculum specified in Title XXXIII of 759 the Revised Code or any rules of the department. Beginning with 760 students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after 761 July 1, 2010, the requirement in sections 3313.61 and 3313.611 762 of the Revised Code that a person must successfully complete the 763 curriculum of a high school prior to receiving a high school 764 diploma shall be met by completing the requirements prescribed 765 in section 3313.6027 and division (C) of section 3313.603 of the 766 Revised Code, unless the person qualifies under division (D) or 767 (F) of that section. Each school shall comply with the plan for 768 awarding high school credit based on demonstration of subject 769 area competency, and beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, 770 with the updated plan that permits students enrolled in seventh 771 and eighth grade to meet curriculum requirements based on 772 subject area competency adopted by the department under 773 divisions (J)(1) and (2) of section 3313.603 of the Revised 774 Code. Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, the school shall 775 comply with the framework for granting units of high school 776 credit to students who demonstrate subject area competency 777 through work-based learning experiences, internships, or 778

cooperative education developed by the department under division 779 (J) (3) of section 3313.603 of the Revised Code. 780 (g) The school governing authority will submit within four 781 months after the end of each school year a report of its 782 activities and progress in meeting the goals and standards of 783 divisions (A) (3) and (4) of this section and its financial 784 status to the sponsor and the parents of all students enrolled 785 in the school. 786 (h) The school, unless it is an internet- or computer-787 based community school, will comply with section 3313.801 of the 788 Revised Code as if it were a school district. 789 (i) If the school is the recipient of moneys from a grant 790 awarded under the federal race to the top program, Division (A), 791 Title XIV, Sections 14005 and 14006 of the "American Recovery 792 and Reinvestment Act of 2009," Pub. L. No. 111-5, 123 Stat. 115, 793 the school will pay teachers based upon performance in 794 accordance with section 3317.141 and will comply with section 795 3319.111 of the Revised Code as if it were a school district. 796 (j) If the school operates a preschool program that is 797 licensed by the department under sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of 798 the Revised Code, the school shall comply with sections 3301.50 799

to 3301.59 of the Revised Code and the minimum standards for800preschool programs prescribed in rules adopted by the department801of children and youth under section 3301.53 of the Revised Code.802

(k) The school will comply with sections 3313.6021 and 803
3313.6023 of the Revised Code as if it were a school district 804
unless it is either of the following: 805
(i) An internet- or computer-based community school; 806

(ii) A community school in which a majority of the 807

division (B)(2) of section 3314.35 of the Revised Code. 809 (1) The school will comply with section 3321.191 of the 810 Revised Code, unless it is an internet- or computer-based 811 community school that is subject to section 3314.261 of the 812 Revised Code. 813 (12) Arrangements for providing health and other benefits 814 to employees; 815 (13) The length of the contract, which shall begin at the 816 beginning of an academic year. No contract shall exceed five 817 years unless such contract has been renewed pursuant to division 818 (E) of this section. 819 (14) The governing authority of the school, which shall be 820 responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract; 821 (15) A financial plan detailing an estimated school budget 822 for each year of the period of the contract and specifying the 823 total estimated per pupil expenditure amount for each such year. 824 (16) Requirements and procedures regarding the disposition 825 of employees of the school in the event the contract is 826 terminated or not renewed pursuant to section 3314.07 of the 827 Revised Code; 828 (17) Whether the school is to be created by converting all 829 or part of an existing public school or educational service 830 center building or is to be a new start-up school, and if it is 831 a converted public school or service center building, 832 specification of any duties or responsibilities of an employer 833 that the board of education or service center governing board 834 that operated the school or building before conversion is 835 delegating to the governing authority of the community school 836

enrolled students are children with disabilities as described in

with respect to all or any specified group of employees provided 837 the delegation is not prohibited by a collective bargaining 838 agreement applicable to such employees; 839 (18) Provisions establishing procedures for resolving 840 disputes or differences of opinion between the sponsor and the 841 governing authority of the community school; 842 (19) A provision requiring the governing authority to 843 adopt a policy regarding the admission of students who reside 844 outside the district in which the school is located. That policy 845 shall comply with the admissions procedures specified in 846 sections 3314.06 and 3314.061 of the Revised Code and, at the 847 sole discretion of the authority, shall do one of the following: 848 (a) Prohibit the enrollment of students who reside outside 849 the district in which the school is located; 850 (b) Permit the enrollment of students who reside in 851 districts adjacent to the district in which the school is 852 located; 853 (c) Permit the enrollment of students who reside in any 854 other district in the state. 855 (20) A provision recognizing the authority of the 856 857 department to take over the sponsorship of the school in accordance with the provisions of division (C) of section 858 3314.015 of the Revised Code; 859 (21) A provision recognizing the sponsor's authority to 860 assume the operation of a school under the conditions specified 861 in division (B) of section 3314.073 of the Revised Code; 862 (22) A provision recognizing both of the following: 863 (a) The authority of public health and safety officials to 864

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inspect the facilities of the school and to order the facilities 865 closed if those officials find that the facilities are not in 866 compliance with health and safety laws and regulations; 867

(b) The authority of the department as the community 868 school oversight body to suspend the operation of the school 869 under section 3314.072 of the Revised Code if the department has 870 evidence of conditions or violations of law at the school that 871 pose an imminent danger to the health and safety of the school's 872 students and employees and the sponsor refuses to take such 873 action. 874

(23) A description of the learning opportunities that will 875 be offered to students including both classroom-based and nonclassroom-based learning opportunities that is in compliance 877 with criteria for student participation established by the 878 department under division (H)(2) of section 3314.08 of the 879 Revised Code; 880

(24) The school will comply with sections 3302.04 and 3302.041 of the Revised Code, except that any action required to be taken by a school district pursuant to those sections shall be taken by the sponsor of the school.

(25) Beginning in the 2006-2007 school year, the school 885 will open for operation not later than the thirtieth day of 886 September each school year, unless the mission of the school as 887 specified under division (A)(2) of this section is solely to 888 serve dropouts. In its initial year of operation, if the school 889 fails to open by the thirtieth day of September, or within one 890 year after the adoption of the contract pursuant to division (D) 891 of section 3314.02 of the Revised Code if the mission of the 892 school is solely to serve dropouts, the contract shall be void. 893

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to seek designation for the school as a STEM school equivalent 895 under section 3326.032 of the Revised Code; 896 (27) That the school's attendance and participation 897 policies will be available for public inspection; 898 (28) That the school's attendance and participation 899 records shall be made available to the department, auditor of 900 state, and school's sponsor to the extent permitted under and in 901 accordance with the "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act 902 of 1974," 88 Stat. 571, 20 U.S.C. 1232q, as amended, and any 903 regulations promulgated under that act, and section 3319.321 of 904 the Revised Code; 905 (29) If a school operates using the blended learning 906 model, as defined in section 3301.079 of the Revised Code, all 907 of the following information: 908 (a) An indication of what blended learning model or models 909 will be used; 910 (b) A description of how student instructional needs will 911 be determined and documented: 912 (c) The method to be used for determining competency, 913 granting credit, and promoting students to a higher grade level; 914 (d) The school's attendance requirements, including how 915 the school will document participation in learning 916 opportunities; 917 (e) A statement describing how student progress will be 918 monitored; 919

(26) Whether the school's governing authority is planning

(f) A statement describing how private student data will920be protected;921

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(g) A description of the professional development922activities that will be offered to teachers.923

(30) A provision requiring that all moneys the school's
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operator loans to the school, including facilities loans or cash
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flow assistance, must be accounted for, documented, and bear
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interest at a fair market rate;
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(31) A provision requiring that, if the governing
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authority contracts with an attorney, accountant, or entity
specializing in audits, the attorney, accountant, or entity
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shall be independent from the operator with which the school has
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contracted.

(32) A provision requiring the governing authority to
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adopt an enrollment and attendance policy that requires a
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student's parent to notify the community school in which the
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student is enrolled when there is a change in the location of
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the parent's or student's primary residence.
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(33) A provision requiring the governing authority to
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adopt a student residence and address verification policy for
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students enrolling in or attending the school.
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(B) The community school shall also submit to the sponsor941a comprehensive plan for the school. The plan shall specify the942following:943

(1) The process by which the governing authority of the944school will be selected in the future;945

(2) The management and administration of the school; 946

(3) If the community school is a currently existing public
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school or educational service center building, alternative
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arrangements for current public school students who choose not
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to attend the converted school and for teachers who choose not	950
to teach in the school or building after conversion;	951
(4) The instructional program and educational philosophy	952
of the school;	953
(5) Internal financial controls.	954
When submitting the plan under this division, the school	955
shall also submit copies of all policies and procedures	956
regarding internal financial controls adopted by the governing	957
authority of the school.	958
(C) A contract entered into under section 3314.02 of the	959
Revised Code between a sponsor and the governing authority of a	960
community school may provide for the community school governing	961
authority to make payments to the sponsor, which is hereby	962
authorized to receive such payments as set forth in the contract	963
between the governing authority and the sponsor. The total	964
amount of such payments for monitoring, oversight, and technical	965

amount of such payments for monitoring, oversight, and technical965assistance of the school shall not exceed three per cent of the966total amount of payments for operating expenses that the school967receives from the state.968

(D) The contract shall specify the duties of the sponsor
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which shall be in accordance with the written agreement entered
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into with the department under division (B) of section 3314.015
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of the Revised Code and shall include the following:
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(1) Monitor the community school's compliance with all
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laws applicable to the school and with the terms of the
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contract;
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(2) Monitor and evaluate the academic and fiscal
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performance and the organization and operation of the community
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school on at least an annual basis;
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(3) Provide technical assistance to the community school
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 in complying with laws applicable to the school and terms of the
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 contract;
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(4) Take steps to intervene in the school's operation to
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correct problems in the school's overall performance, declare
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the school to be on probationary status pursuant to section
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3314.073 of the Revised Code, suspend the operation of the
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school pursuant to section 3314.072 of the Revised Code, or
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terminate the contract of the school pursuant to section 3314.07
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of the Revised Code as determined necessary by the sponsor;
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(5) Have in place a plan of action to be undertaken in the event the community school experiences financial difficulties or closes prior to the end of a school year.

(E) Upon the expiration of a contract entered into under 992 this section, the sponsor of a community school may, with the 993 approval of the governing authority of the school, renew that 994 contract for a period of time determined by the sponsor, but not 995 ending earlier than the end of any school year, if the sponsor 996 finds that the school's compliance with applicable laws and 997 terms of the contract and the school's progress in meeting the 998 academic goals prescribed in the contract have been 999 satisfactory. Any contract that is renewed under this division 1000 remains subject to the provisions of sections 3314.07, 3314.072, 1001 and 3314.073 of the Revised Code. 1002

(F) If a community school fails to open for operation
within one year after the contract entered into under this
section is adopted pursuant to division (D) of section 3314.02
of the Revised Code or permanently closes prior to the
expiration of the contract, the contract shall be void and the
school shall not enter into a contract with any other sponsor. A

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school shall not be considered permanently closed because the1009operations of the school have been suspended pursuant to section10103314.072 of the Revised Code.1011

Sec. 3326.11. Each science, technology, engineering, and 1012 mathematics school established under this chapter and its 1013 governing body shall comply with sections 9.90, 9.91, 109.65, 1014 121.22, 149.43, 2151.357, 2151.421, 2313.19, 2921.42, 2921.43, 1015 3301.0714, 3301.0715, 3301.0729, 3301.948, 3302.037, 3313.14, 1016 3313.15, 3313.16, 3313.18, 3313.201, 3313.26, 3313.472, 1017 3313.473, 3313.474, 3313.48, 3313.481, 3313.482, 3313.50, 1018 3313.539, 3313.5310, 3313.5318, 3313.5319, 3313.608, 3313.6012, 1019 3313.6013, 3313.6014, 3313.6020, 3313.6021, 3313.6023, 1020 3313.6024, 3313.6025, 3313.6026, 3313.6028, 3313.6029, 3313.61, 1021 3313.611, 3313.614, 3313.615, 3313.617, 3313.618, 3313.6114, 1022 3313.643, 3313.648, 3313.6411, 3313.6413, 3313.66, 3313.661, 1023 3313.662, 3313.666, 3313.667, 3313.668, 3313.669, 3313.6610, 1024 3313.67, 3313.671, 3313.672, 3313.673, 3313.69, 3313.71, 1025 3313.716, 3313.717, 3313.718, 3313.719, 3313.7112, 3313.7117, 1026 3313.721, 3313.753, 3313.80, 3313.801, 3313.814, 3313.816, 1027 3313.817, 3313.818, 3313.819, 3313.86, 3313.89, 3313.96, 1028 3319.073, 3319.077, 3319.078, 3319.0812, 3319.21, 3319.238, 1029 3319.318, 3319.32, 3319.321, 3319.324, 3319.35, 3319.39, 1030 3319.391, 3319.393, 3319.41, 3319.45, 3319.46, 3319.90, 1031 3319.614, 3320.01, 3320.02, 3320.03, 3320.04, 3321.01, 3321.041, 1032 3321.05, 3321.13, 3321.14, 3321.141, 3321.17, 3321.18, 3321.19, 1033 3321.191, 3322.20, 3322.24, 3323.251, 3327.10, 4111.17, 4113.52, 1034 5502.262, 5502.703, and 5705.391 and Chapters 102., 117., 1347., 1035 2744., 3307., 3309., 3365., 3742., 4112., 4123., 4141., and 1036 4167. of the Revised Code as if it were a school district. 1037

Sec. 3328.24. A college-preparatory boarding school1038established under this chapter and its board of trustees shall1039

comply with sections 102.02, 3301.0710, 3301.0711, 3301.0712, 1040 3301.0714, 3301.0729, 3301.948, 3302.037, 3313.474, 3313.5318, 1041 3313.5319, 3313.6013, 3313.6021, 3313.6023, 3313.6024, 1042 3313.6025, 3313.6026, 3313.6029, 3313.617, 3313.618, 3313.6114, 1043 3313.6411, 3313.6413, 3313.668, 3313.669, 3313.6610, 3313.717, 1044 3313.7112, 3313.7117, 3313.721, 3313.753, 3313.89, 3319.073, 1045 3319.077, 3319.078, 3319.318, 3319.324, 3319.39, 3319.391, 1046 3319.393, 3319.46, 3320.01, 3320.02, 3320.03, 3320.04, 3323.251, 1047 and 5502.262, and Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code as if the 1048 school were a school district and the school's board of trustees 1049 were a district board of education. 1050 Section 2. That existing sections 3313.48, 3313.603, 1051 3314.03, 3326.11, and 3328.24 of the Revised Code are hereby 1052 repealed. 1053 Section 3. The General Assembly, applying the principle 1054 stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that 1055 amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of 1056 simultaneous operation, finds that the following sections, 1057 presented in this act as composites of the sections as amended 1058 by the acts indicated, are the resulting versions of the 1059 sections in effect prior to the effective date of the sections 1060 as presented in this act: 1061 Section 3314.03 of the Revised Code as amended by H.B. 8, 1062

H.B. 214, H.B. 250, S.B. 104, S.B. 168, S.B. 208, and S.B. 234, 1063 all of the 135th General Assembly. 1064

 Section 3326.11 of the Revised Code as amended by H.B. 8,
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 H.B. 47, H.B. 214, S.B. 104, S.B. 168, S.B. 208, and S.B. 234,
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 all of the 135th General Assembly.
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Section 3328.24 of the Revised Code as amended by both

H. B. No. 304 As Introduced

S.B. 208 and S.B. 234 of the 135th General Assembly. 1069