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**A BILL**

To waive required minimum instructional hours for 1  
Ashtabula Lakeside High School due to the school 2  
building being unusable. 3

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

**Section 1.** Due to the Ashtabula Lakeside High School 4  
building being unusable as a result of winter weather for which 5  
the Governor declared a state of emergency, the Department of 6  
Education and Workforce shall do both of the following for the 7  
2024-2025 school year: 8

(1) Upon application from the Ashtabula City School 9  
District and approval by the Department, waive the requirement 10  
for a twelfth grade student who attended that school building to 11  
complete the minimum hours of course instruction required to 12  
earn the units required for high school graduation under section 13  
3313.603 of the Revised Code if the student did not complete the 14  
units as a result of the building being unusable; 15

(2) Waive the required minimum number of hours the school 16  
building must be open for instruction with students in 17  
attendance under section 3313.48 of the Revised Code for the 18  
purposes of the school district's eligibility to receive state 19

funds under Chapter 3317. of the Revised Code.

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