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To amend sections 3314.03, 3326.11, and 3328.24 and 1
to enact section 3313.6034 of the Revised Code 2
regarding high school instruction on proper in- 3
person interactions with peace officers. 4

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

Section 1. That sections 3314.03, 3326.11, and 3328.24 be 5
amended and section 3313.6034 of the Revised Code be enacted to 6
read as follows: 7

Sec. 3313.6034. (A) The board of education of each city, 8
local, exempted village, and joint vocational school district 9
may provide instruction on proper interactions with peace 10
officers during traffic stops and other in-person encounters. 11
Each district may include this instruction in one or more 12
courses offered under division (C) of section 3313.603 of the 13
Revised Code for students in grades nine through twelve. If the 14
district elects to provide it, the district shall develop the 15
instruction as appropriate for the district's community and 16
shall include both of the following: 17

(1) Information regarding all of the following: 18

(a) A person's rights during an interaction with a peace 19
officer; 20

<u>(b) Proper actions for interacting with a peace officer;</u>	21
<u>(c) Which individuals are considered peace officers, and their duties and responsibilities;</u>	22 23
<u>(d) Laws regarding questioning and detention by peace officers, including any law requiring a person to present proof of identity to a peace officer, and the consequences for a person's or officer's failure to comply with those laws;</u>	24 25 26 27
<u>(e) Where to file a complaint against or a compliment for a peace officer.</u>	28 29
<u>(2) Demonstrations and role-play activities in a classroom setting that allow students to better understand how interactions between civilians and peace officers can and should unfold.</u>	30 31 32 33
<u>In developing the instruction, the district shall solicit input from local law enforcement agencies, driver training schools, as defined in section 4508.01 of the Revised Code, and the community.</u>	34 35 36 37
<u>(B) A school district may offer a class worth up to one unit of instruction, as defined in section 3313.603 of the Revised Code, for high school credit based on the instruction in division (A) of this section. A district may offer this class outside of regular school hours and during the summer.</u>	38 39 40 41 42
<u>(C) (1) To the extent practicable, a school district shall assign a licensed educator who has experience interacting with peace officers or who is a current or retired peace officer to provide instruction under this section.</u>	43 44 45 46
<u>(2) Prior to assigning an individual who is not a licensed educator to provide instruction to students under this section,</u>	47 48

each district shall require such an individual to complete a 49
training program that addresses educating and interacting with 50
students, including best practices when doing so. Each district, 51
in consultation with a local law enforcement agency, may 52
establish a new training program or use, and if necessary 53
modify, an existing training program offered by the district or 54
a local law enforcement agency. 55

Sec. 3314.03. A copy of every contract entered into under 56
this section shall be filed with the director of education and 57
workforce. The department of education and workforce shall make 58
available on its web site a copy of every approved, executed 59
contract filed with the director under this section. 60

(A) Each contract entered into between a sponsor and the 61
governing authority of a community school shall specify the 62
following: 63

(1) That the school shall be established as either of the 64
following: 65

(a) A nonprofit corporation established under Chapter 66
1702. of the Revised Code, if established prior to April 8, 67
2003; 68

(b) A public benefit corporation established under Chapter 69
1702. of the Revised Code, if established after April 8, 2003. 70

(2) The education program of the school, including the 71
school's mission and educational philosophy, the characteristics 72
of the students the school is expected to attract, the ages and 73
grades of students, and the focus of the curriculum; 74

(3) The academic goals to be achieved and the method of 75
measurement that will be used to determine progress toward those 76
goals, which shall include the statewide achievement 77

assessments;	78
(4) Performance standards, including but not limited to	79
all applicable report card measures set forth in section 3302.03	80
or 3314.017 of the Revised Code, by which the success of the	81
school will be evaluated by the sponsor;	82
(5) The admission standards of section 3314.06 of the	83
Revised Code and, if applicable, section 3314.061 of the Revised	84
Code;	85
(6) (a) Dismissal procedures;	86
(b) A requirement that the governing authority adopt an	87
attendance policy that includes a procedure for automatically	88
withdrawing a student from the school if the student without a	89
legitimate excuse fails to participate in seventy-two	90
consecutive hours of the learning opportunities offered to the	91
student.	92
(7) The ways by which the school will achieve racial and	93
ethnic balance reflective of the community it serves;	94
(8) Requirements for financial audits by the auditor of	95
state. The contract shall require financial records of the	96
school to be maintained in the same manner as are financial	97
records of school districts, pursuant to rules of the auditor of	98
state. Audits shall be conducted in accordance with section	99
117.10 of the Revised Code.	100
(9) An addendum to the contract outlining the facilities	101
to be used that contains at least the following information:	102
(a) A detailed description of each facility used for	103
instructional purposes;	104
(b) The annual costs associated with leasing each facility	105

that are paid by or on behalf of the school;	106
(c) The annual mortgage principal and interest payments	107
that are paid by the school;	108
(d) The name of the lender or landlord, identified as	109
such, and the lender's or landlord's relationship to the	110
operator, if any.	111
(10) Qualifications of employees, including both of the	112
following:	113
(a) A requirement that the school's classroom teachers be	114
licensed in accordance with sections 3319.22 to 3319.31 of the	115
Revised Code, except that a community school may engage	116
noncertificated persons to teach up to twelve hours or forty	117
hours per week pursuant to section 3319.301 of the Revised Code;	118
(b) A prohibition against the school employing an	119
individual described in section 3314.104 of the Revised Code in	120
any position.	121
(11) That the school will comply with the following	122
requirements:	123
(a) The school will provide learning opportunities to a	124
minimum of twenty-five students for a minimum of nine hundred	125
twenty hours per school year.	126
(b) The governing authority will purchase liability	127
insurance, or otherwise provide for the potential liability of	128
the school.	129
(c) The school will be nonsectarian in its programs,	130
admission policies, employment practices, and all other	131
operations, and will not be operated by a sectarian school or	132
religious institution.	133

(d) The school will comply with sections 9.90, 9.91, 134
109.65, 121.22, 149.43, 2151.357, 2151.421, 2313.19, 3301.0710, 135
3301.0711, 3301.0712, 3301.0715, 3301.0729, 3301.24, 3301.948, 136
3302.037, 3313.472, 3313.473, 3313.474, 3313.50, 3313.539, 137
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3313.6028, 3313.6029, 3313.6031, 3313.6034, 3313.643, 3313.648, 140
3313.6411, 3313.6413, 3313.66, 3313.661, 3313.662, 3313.666, 141
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4111.17, 4113.52, 5502.262, 5502.703, and 5705.391 and Chapters 151
117., 1347., 2744., 3365., 3742., 4112., 4123., 4141., and 4167. 152
of the Revised Code as if it were a school district and will 153
comply with section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code in the manner 154
specified in section 3314.17 of the Revised Code. 155

(e) The school shall comply with Chapter 102. and section 156
2921.42 of the Revised Code. 157

(f) The school will comply with sections 3313.61, 158
3313.611, 3313.614, 3313.617, 3313.618, and 3313.6114 of the 159
Revised Code, except that for students who enter ninth grade for 160
the first time before July 1, 2010, the requirement in sections 161
3313.61 and 3313.611 of the Revised Code that a person must 162
successfully complete the curriculum in any high school prior to 163
receiving a high school diploma may be met by completing the 164

curriculum adopted by the governing authority of the community 165
school rather than the curriculum specified in Title XXXVIII of 166
the Revised Code or any rules of the department. Beginning with 167
students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after 168
July 1, 2010, the requirement in sections 3313.61 and 3313.611 169
of the Revised Code that a person must successfully complete the 170
curriculum of a high school prior to receiving a high school 171
diploma shall be met by completing the requirements prescribed 172
in section 3313.6027 and division (C) of section 3313.603 of the 173
Revised Code, unless the person qualifies under division (D) or 174
(F) of that section. Each school shall comply with the plan for 175
awarding high school credit based on demonstration of subject 176
area competency, and beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, 177
with the updated plan that permits students enrolled in seventh 178
and eighth grade to meet curriculum requirements based on 179
subject area competency adopted by the department under 180
divisions (J) (1) and (2) of section 3313.603 of the Revised 181
Code. Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, the school shall 182
comply with the framework for granting units of high school 183
credit to students who demonstrate subject area competency 184
through work-based learning experiences, internships, or 185
cooperative education developed by the department under division 186
(J) (3) of section 3313.603 of the Revised Code. 187

(g) The school governing authority will submit within four 188
months after the end of each school year a report of its 189
activities and progress in meeting the goals and standards of 190
divisions (A) (3) and (4) of this section and its financial 191
status to the sponsor and the parents of all students enrolled 192
in the school. 193

(h) The school, unless it is an internet- or computer- 194
based community school, will comply with section 3313.801 of the 195

Revised Code as if it were a school district.	196
(i) If the school is the recipient of moneys from a grant awarded under the federal race to the top program, Division (A), Title XIV, Sections 14005 and 14006 of the "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009," Pub. L. No. 111-5, 123 Stat. 115, the school will pay teachers based upon performance in accordance with section 3317.141 and will comply with section 3319.111 of the Revised Code as if it were a school district.	197 198 199 200 201 202 203
(j) If the school operates a preschool program that is licensed by the department under sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code, the school shall comply with sections 3301.50 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code and the minimum standards for preschool programs prescribed in rules adopted by the department of children and youth under section 3301.53 of the Revised Code.	204 205 206 207 208 209
(k) The school will comply with sections 3313.6021 and 3313.6023 of the Revised Code as if it were a school district unless it is either of the following:	210 211 212
(i) An internet- or computer-based community school;	213
(ii) A community school in which a majority of the enrolled students are children with disabilities as described in division (B) (2) of section 3314.35 of the Revised Code.	214 215 216
(l) The school will comply with section 3321.191 of the Revised Code, unless it is an internet- or computer-based community school that is subject to section 3314.261 of the Revised Code.	217 218 219 220
(m) The school will comply with section 3313.7118 of the Revised Code if it serves elementary school students.	221 222
(12) Arrangements for providing health and other benefits	223

to employees;	224
(13) The length of the contract, which shall begin at the beginning of an academic year. No contract shall exceed five years unless such contract has been renewed pursuant to division (D) of this section.	225 226 227 228
(14) The governing authority of the school, which shall be responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract;	229 230
(15) A financial plan detailing an estimated school budget for each year of the period of the contract and specifying the total estimated per pupil expenditure amount for each such year.	231 232 233
(16) Requirements and procedures regarding the disposition of employees of the school in the event the contract is terminated or not renewed pursuant to section 3314.07 of the Revised Code;	234 235 236 237
(17) Whether the school is to be created by converting all or part of an existing public school or educational service center building or is to be a new start-up school, and if it is a converted public school or service center building, both of the following:	238 239 240 241 242
(a) Specification of any duties or responsibilities of an employer that the board of education or service center governing board that operated the school or building before conversion is delegating to the governing authority of the community school with respect to all or any specified group of employees provided the delegation is not prohibited by a collective bargaining agreement applicable to such employees;	243 244 245 246 247 248 249
(b) Alternative arrangements for current public school students who choose not to attend the converted school and for teachers who choose not to teach in the school or building after	250 251 252

conversion.	253
(18) Provisions establishing procedures for resolving disputes or differences of opinion between the sponsor and the governing authority of the community school;	254 255 256
(19) A provision requiring the governing authority to adopt a policy regarding the admission of students who reside outside the district in which the school is located. That policy shall comply with the admissions procedures specified in sections 3314.06 and 3314.061 of the Revised Code and, at the sole discretion of the authority, shall do one of the following:	257 258 259 260 261 262
(a) Prohibit the enrollment of students who reside outside the district in which the school is located;	263 264
(b) Permit the enrollment of students who reside in districts adjacent to the district in which the school is located;	265 266 267
(c) Permit the enrollment of students who reside in any other district in the state.	268 269
(20) A provision recognizing the authority of the department to take over the sponsorship of the school in accordance with the provisions of division (C) of section 3314.015 of the Revised Code;	270 271 272 273
(21) A provision recognizing the sponsor's authority to assume the operation of a school under the conditions specified in division (B) of section 3314.073 of the Revised Code;	274 275 276
(22) A provision recognizing both of the following:	277
(a) The authority of public health and safety officials to inspect the facilities of the school and to order the facilities closed if those officials find that the facilities are not in	278 279 280

compliance with health and safety laws and regulations;	281
(b) The authority of the department as the community	282
school oversight body to suspend the operation of the school	283
under section 3314.072 of the Revised Code if the department has	284
evidence of conditions or violations of law at the school that	285
pose an imminent danger to the health and safety of the school's	286
students and employees and the sponsor refuses to take such	287
action.	288
(23) A description of the learning opportunities that will	289
be offered to students including both classroom-based and non-	290
classroom-based learning opportunities that is in compliance	291
with criteria for student participation established by the	292
department under division (H) (2) of section 3314.08 of the	293
Revised Code;	294
(24) The school will comply with sections 3302.04 and	295
3302.041 of the Revised Code, except that any action required to	296
be taken by a school district pursuant to those sections shall	297
be taken by the sponsor of the school.	298
(25) Beginning in the 2006-2007 school year, the school	299
will open for operation not later than the thirtieth day of	300
September each school year, unless the mission of the school as	301
specified under division (A) (2) of this section is solely to	302
serve dropouts. In its initial year of operation, if the school	303
fails to open by the thirtieth day of September, or within one	304
year after the adoption of the contract pursuant to division (D)	305
of section 3314.02 of the Revised Code if the mission of the	306
school is solely to serve dropouts, the contract shall be void.	307
(26) Whether the school's governing authority is planning	308
to seek designation for the school as a STEM school equivalent	309

under section 3326.032 of the Revised Code;	310
(27) That the school's attendance and participation policies will be available for public inspection;	311 312
(28) That the school's attendance and participation records shall be made available to the department, auditor of state, and school's sponsor to the extent permitted under and in accordance with the "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974," 88 Stat. 571, 20 U.S.C. 1232g, as amended, and any regulations promulgated under that act, and section 3319.321 of the Revised Code;	313 314 315 316 317 318 319
(29) If a school operates using the blended learning model, as defined in section 3301.079 of the Revised Code, all of the following information:	320 321 322
(a) An indication of what blended learning model or models will be used;	323 324
(b) A description of how student instructional needs will be determined and documented;	325 326
(c) The method to be used for determining competency, granting credit, and promoting students to a higher grade level;	327 328
(d) The school's attendance requirements, including how the school will document participation in learning opportunities;	329 330 331
(e) A statement describing how student progress will be monitored;	332 333
(f) A statement describing how private student data will be protected;	334 335
(g) A description of the professional development	336

activities that will be offered to teachers.	337
(30) A provision requiring that all moneys the school's operator loans to the school, including facilities loans or cash flow assistance, must be accounted for, documented, and bear interest at a fair market rate;	338 339 340 341
(31) A provision requiring that, if the governing authority contracts with an attorney, accountant, or entity specializing in audits, the attorney, accountant, or entity shall be independent from the operator with which the school has contracted.	342 343 344 345 346
(32) A provision requiring the governing authority to adopt an enrollment and attendance policy that requires a student's parent to notify the community school in which the student is enrolled when there is a change in the location of the parent's or student's primary residence.	347 348 349 350 351
(33) A provision requiring the governing authority to adopt a student residence and address verification policy for students enrolling in or attending the school.	352 353 354
(34) A provision establishing the process by which the governing authority of the school will be selected in the future.	355 356 357
(35) A description of the management and administration of the school.	358 359
(36) A provision requiring the governing authority to adopt policies and procedures to establish internal financial controls for the school.	360 361 362
(B) A contract entered into under section 3314.02 of the Revised Code between a sponsor and the governing authority of a	363 364

community school may provide for the community school governing authority to make payments to the sponsor, which is hereby authorized to receive such payments as set forth in the contract between the governing authority and the sponsor. The total amount of such payments for monitoring, oversight, and technical assistance of the school shall not exceed three per cent of the total amount of payments for operating expenses that the school receives from the state.

(C) The contract shall specify the duties of the sponsor which shall be in accordance with the written agreement entered into with the department under division (B) of section 3314.015 of the Revised Code and shall include the following:

(1) Monitor the community school's compliance with all laws applicable to the school and with the terms of the contract;

(2) Monitor and evaluate the academic and fiscal performance and the organization and operation of the community school on at least an annual basis;

(3) Provide technical assistance to the community school in complying with laws applicable to the school and terms of the contract;

(4) Take steps to intervene in the school's operation to correct problems in the school's overall performance, declare the school to be on probationary status pursuant to section 3314.073 of the Revised Code, suspend the operation of the school pursuant to section 3314.072 of the Revised Code, or terminate the contract of the school pursuant to section 3314.07 of the Revised Code as determined necessary by the sponsor;

(5) Have in place a plan of action to be undertaken in the

event the community school experiences financial difficulties or 394
closes prior to the end of a school year. 395

(D) Upon the expiration of a contract entered into under 396
this section, the sponsor of a community school may, with the 397
approval of the governing authority of the school, renew that 398
contract for a period of time determined by the sponsor, but not 399
ending earlier than the end of any school year, if the sponsor 400
finds that the school's compliance with applicable laws and 401
terms of the contract and the school's progress in meeting the 402
academic goals prescribed in the contract have been 403
satisfactory. Any contract that is renewed under this division 404
remains subject to the provisions of sections 3314.07, 3314.072, 405
and 3314.073 of the Revised Code. 406

(E) If a community school fails to open for operation 407
within one year after the contract entered into under this 408
section is adopted pursuant to division (D) of section 3314.02 409
of the Revised Code or permanently closes prior to the 410
expiration of the contract, the contract shall be void and the 411
school shall not enter into a contract with any other sponsor. A 412
school shall not be considered permanently closed because the 413
operations of the school have been suspended pursuant to section 414
3314.072 of the Revised Code. 415

Sec. 3326.11. Each science, technology, engineering, and 416
mathematics school established under this chapter and its 417
governing body shall comply with sections 9.90, 9.91, 109.65, 418
121.22, 149.43, 2151.357, 2151.421, 2313.19, 2921.42, 2921.43, 419
3301.0714, 3301.0715, 3301.0729, 3301.24, 3301.948, 3302.037, 420
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3327.10, 4111.17, 4113.52, 5502.262, 5502.703, and 5705.391 and 439
Chapters 102., 117., 1347., 2744., 3307., 3309., 3365., 3742., 440
4112., 4123., 4141., and 4167. of the Revised Code as if it were 441
a school district. 442

Sec. 3328.24. A college-preparatory boarding school 443
established under this chapter and its board of trustees shall 444
comply with sections 102.02, 3301.0710, 3301.0711, 3301.0712, 445
3301.0714, 3301.0729, 3301.948, 3302.037, 3313.474, 3313.5318, 446
3313.5319, 3313.6013, 3313.6021, 3313.6023, 3313.6024, 447
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3313.6114, 3313.6411, 3313.6413, 3313.668, 3313.669, 3313.6610, 449
3313.717, 3313.7112, 3313.7117, 3313.721, 3313.753, 3313.89, 450
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3323.251, and 5502.262, and Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code as 453
if the school were a school district and the school's board of 454

trustees were a district board of education. 455

Section 2. That existing sections 3314.03, 3326.11, and 456
3328.24 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 457