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Lang**

A BILL

To amend sections 3314.03, 3326.11, and 3328.24 and 1
to enact section 3313.802 of the Revised Code to 2
enact the Historical Educational Displays Act 3
regarding the display of certain historical 4
documents in public schools. 5

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

Section 1. That sections 3314.03, 3326.11, and 3328.24 be 6
amended and section 3313.802 of the Revised Code be enacted to 7
read as follows: 8

Sec. 3313.802. The board of education of each school 9
district shall comply with this section not later than July 1, 10
2026. 11

(A) (1) Subject to division (D) of this section, the board 12
of education of each school district shall select to display in 13
each classroom in each school building it operates, at least one 14
of the following historical educational documents: 15

(a) The Mayflower Compact; 16

<u>(b) The Declaration of Independence;</u>	17
<u>(c) The Northwest Ordinance;</u>	18
<u>(d) In accordance with section 3313.801 of the Revised Code, the mottoes of the United States and Ohio;</u>	19 20
<u>(e) The Ten Commandments;</u>	21
<u>(f) The Magna Carta;</u>	22
<u>(g) The Bill of Rights;</u>	23
<u>(h) The United States Constitution;</u>	24
<u>(i) The Articles of Confederation.</u>	25
<u>(2) A board of education may select distinct historical educational documents described in division (A)(1) of this section to be displayed in each school building or classroom used for academic instruction.</u>	26 27 28 29
<u>(B) A board of education also may erect a monument or other marker inscribed with one or more of the historical educational documents described in division (A)(1) of this section on any school ground or premises, as defined in section 3313.753 of the Revised Code.</u>	30 31 32 33 34
<u>(C) A board of education shall ensure that each historical educational document displayed under division (A) and each monument erected under division (B) of this section is reasonably visible and accompanied by a description of its historical importance that serves an educational purpose.</u>	35 36 37 38 39
<u>(D) (1) This section does not require a board of education to spend its own funds to purchase displays or erect a monument or other marker. The board shall determine the amount of funds or donations required to comply with division (A) or (B) of this</u>	40 41 42 43

section and may do either of the following to fund the displays 44
free of charge: 45

(a) Accept the total amount of donated funds necessary to 46
purchase the displays; 47

(b) Accept donated displays. 48

(2) A board of education is not required to accept funds 49
or donated displays that contain limitations or conditions on 50
the acceptance or use of those funds or donations. 51

(E) The department of education and workforce shall post 52
on its web site materials and information to assist boards of 53
education in complying with the requirements of this section. 54

Sec. 3314.03. A copy of every contract entered into under 55
this section shall be filed with the director of education and 56
workforce. The department of education and workforce shall make 57
available on its web site a copy of every approved, executed 58
contract filed with the director under this section. 59

(A) Each contract entered into between a sponsor and the 60
governing authority of a community school shall specify the 61
following: 62

(1) That the school shall be established as either of the 63
following: 64

(a) A nonprofit corporation established under Chapter 65
1702. of the Revised Code, if established prior to April 8, 66
2003; 67

(b) A public benefit corporation established under Chapter 68
1702. of the Revised Code, if established after April 8, 2003. 69

(2) The education program of the school, including the 70

school's mission, the characteristics of the students the school 71
is expected to attract, the ages and grades of students, and the 72
focus of the curriculum; 73

(3) The academic goals to be achieved and the method of 74
measurement that will be used to determine progress toward those 75
goals, which shall include the statewide achievement 76
assessments; 77

(4) Performance standards, including but not limited to 78
all applicable report card measures set forth in section 3302.03 79
or 3314.017 of the Revised Code, by which the success of the 80
school will be evaluated by the sponsor; 81

(5) The admission standards of section 3314.06 of the 82
Revised Code and, if applicable, section 3314.061 of the Revised 83
Code; 84

(6) (a) Dismissal procedures; 85

(b) A requirement that the governing authority adopt an 86
attendance policy that includes a procedure for automatically 87
withdrawing a student from the school if the student without a 88
legitimate excuse fails to participate in seventy-two 89
consecutive hours of the learning opportunities offered to the 90
student. 91

(7) The ways by which the school will achieve racial and 92
ethnic balance reflective of the community it serves; 93

(8) Requirements for financial audits by the auditor of 94
state. The contract shall require financial records of the 95
school to be maintained in the same manner as are financial 96
records of school districts, pursuant to rules of the auditor of 97
state. Audits shall be conducted in accordance with section 98
117.10 of the Revised Code. 99

(9) An addendum to the contract outlining the facilities	100
to be used that contains at least the following information:	101
(a) A detailed description of each facility used for	102
instructional purposes;	103
(b) The annual costs associated with leasing each facility	104
that are paid by or on behalf of the school;	105
(c) The annual mortgage principal and interest payments	106
that are paid by the school;	107
(d) The name of the lender or landlord, identified as	108
such, and the lender's or landlord's relationship to the	109
operator, if any.	110
(10) Qualifications of employees, including both of the	111
following:	112
(a) A requirement that the school's classroom teachers be	113
licensed in accordance with sections 3319.22 to 3319.31 of the	114
Revised Code, except that a community school may engage	115
noncertificated persons to teach up to twelve hours or forty	116
hours per week pursuant to section 3319.301 of the Revised Code;	117
(b) A prohibition against the school employing an	118
individual described in section 3314.104 of the Revised Code in	119
any position.	120
(11) That the school will comply with the following	121
requirements:	122
(a) The school will provide learning opportunities to a	123
minimum of twenty-five students for a minimum of nine hundred	124
twenty hours per school year.	125
(b) The governing authority will purchase liability	126

insurance, or otherwise provide for the potential liability of 127
the school. 128

(c) The school will be nonsectarian in its programs, 129
admission policies, employment practices, and all other 130
operations, and will not be operated by a sectarian school or 131
religious institution. 132

(d) The school will comply with sections 9.90, 9.91, 133
109.65, 121.22, 149.43, 2151.357, 2151.421, 2313.19, 3301.0710, 134
3301.0711, 3301.0712, 3301.0715, 3301.0729, 3301.948, 3302.037, 135
3313.472, 3313.50, 3313.539, 3313.5310, 3313.5318, 3313.5319, 136
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3321.141, 3321.17, 3321.18, 3321.19, 3322.20, 3322.24, 3323.251, 148
3327.10, 4111.17, 4113.52, 5502.262, 5502.703, and 5705.391 and 149
Chapters 117., 1347., 2744., 3365., 3742., 4112., 4123., 4141., 150
and 4167. of the Revised Code as if it were a school district 151
and will comply with section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code in 152
the manner specified in section 3314.17 of the Revised Code. 153

(e) The school shall comply with Chapter 102. and section 154
2921.42 of the Revised Code. 155

(f) The school will comply with sections 3313.61, 156

3313.611, 3313.614, 3313.617, 3313.618, and 3313.6114 of the 157
Revised Code, except that for students who enter ninth grade for 158
the first time before July 1, 2010, the requirement in sections 159
3313.61 and 3313.611 of the Revised Code that a person must 160
successfully complete the curriculum in any high school prior to 161
receiving a high school diploma may be met by completing the 162
curriculum adopted by the governing authority of the community 163
school rather than the curriculum specified in Title XXXIII of 164
the Revised Code or any rules of the department. Beginning with 165
students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after 166
July 1, 2010, the requirement in sections 3313.61 and 3313.611 167
of the Revised Code that a person must successfully complete the 168
curriculum of a high school prior to receiving a high school 169
diploma shall be met by completing the requirements prescribed 170
in section 3313.6027 and division (C) of section 3313.603 of the 171
Revised Code, unless the person qualifies under division (D) or 172
(F) of that section. Each school shall comply with the plan for 173
awarding high school credit based on demonstration of subject 174
area competency, and beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, 175
with the updated plan that permits students enrolled in seventh 176
and eighth grade to meet curriculum requirements based on 177
subject area competency adopted by the department under 178
divisions (J) (1) and (2) of section 3313.603 of the Revised 179
Code. Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, the school shall 180
comply with the framework for granting units of high school 181
credit to students who demonstrate subject area competency 182
through work-based learning experiences, internships, or 183
cooperative education developed by the department under division 184
(J) (3) of section 3313.603 of the Revised Code. 185

(g) The school governing authority will submit within four 186
months after the end of each school year a report of its 187

activities and progress in meeting the goals and standards of 188
divisions (A) (3) and (4) of this section and its financial 189
status to the sponsor and the parents of all students enrolled 190
in the school. 191

(h) The school, unless it is an internet- or computer- 192
based community school, will comply with ~~section~~sections 193
3313.801 and 3313.802 of the Revised Code as if it were a school 194
district. 195

(i) If the school is the recipient of moneys from a grant 196
awarded under the federal race to the top program, Division (A), 197
Title XIV, Sections 14005 and 14006 of the "American Recovery 198
and Reinvestment Act of 2009," Pub. L. No. 111-5, 123 Stat. 115, 199
the school will pay teachers based upon performance in 200
accordance with section 3317.141 and will comply with section 201
3319.111 of the Revised Code as if it were a school district. 202

(j) If the school operates a preschool program that is 203
licensed by the department under sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of 204
the Revised Code, the school shall comply with sections 3301.50 205
to 3301.59 of the Revised Code and the minimum standards for 206
preschool programs prescribed in rules adopted by the department 207
of children and youth under section 3301.53 of the Revised Code. 208

(k) The school will comply with sections 3313.6021 and 209
3313.6023 of the Revised Code as if it were a school district 210
unless it is either of the following: 211

(i) An internet- or computer-based community school; 212

(ii) A community school in which a majority of the 213
enrolled students are children with disabilities as described in 214
division (B) (2) of section 3314.35 of the Revised Code. 215

(l) The school will comply with section 3321.191 of the 216

Revised Code, unless it is an internet- or computer-based	217
community school that is subject to section 3314.261 of the	218
Revised Code.	219
(12) Arrangements for providing health and other benefits	220
to employees;	221
(13) The length of the contract, which shall begin at the	222
beginning of an academic year. No contract shall exceed five	223
years unless such contract has been renewed pursuant to division	224
(E) of this section.	225
(14) The governing authority of the school, which shall be	226
responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract;	227
(15) A financial plan detailing an estimated school budget	228
for each year of the period of the contract and specifying the	229
total estimated per pupil expenditure amount for each such year.	230
(16) Requirements and procedures regarding the disposition	231
of employees of the school in the event the contract is	232
terminated or not renewed pursuant to section 3314.07 of the	233
Revised Code;	234
(17) Whether the school is to be created by converting all	235
or part of an existing public school or educational service	236
center building or is to be a new start-up school, and if it is	237
a converted public school or service center building,	238
specification of any duties or responsibilities of an employer	239
that the board of education or service center governing board	240
that operated the school or building before conversion is	241
delegating to the governing authority of the community school	242
with respect to all or any specified group of employees provided	243
the delegation is not prohibited by a collective bargaining	244
agreement applicable to such employees;	245

(18) Provisions establishing procedures for resolving	246
disputes or differences of opinion between the sponsor and the	247
governing authority of the community school;	248
(19) A provision requiring the governing authority to	249
adopt a policy regarding the admission of students who reside	250
outside the district in which the school is located. That policy	251
shall comply with the admissions procedures specified in	252
sections 3314.06 and 3314.061 of the Revised Code and, at the	253
sole discretion of the authority, shall do one of the following:	254
(a) Prohibit the enrollment of students who reside outside	255
the district in which the school is located;	256
(b) Permit the enrollment of students who reside in	257
districts adjacent to the district in which the school is	258
located;	259
(c) Permit the enrollment of students who reside in any	260
other district in the state.	261
(20) A provision recognizing the authority of the	262
department to take over the sponsorship of the school in	263
accordance with the provisions of division (C) of section	264
3314.015 of the Revised Code;	265
(21) A provision recognizing the sponsor's authority to	266
assume the operation of a school under the conditions specified	267
in division (B) of section 3314.073 of the Revised Code;	268
(22) A provision recognizing both of the following:	269
(a) The authority of public health and safety officials to	270
inspect the facilities of the school and to order the facilities	271
closed if those officials find that the facilities are not in	272
compliance with health and safety laws and regulations;	273

(b) The authority of the department as the community 274
school oversight body to suspend the operation of the school 275
under section 3314.072 of the Revised Code if the department has 276
evidence of conditions or violations of law at the school that 277
pose an imminent danger to the health and safety of the school's 278
students and employees and the sponsor refuses to take such 279
action. 280

(23) A description of the learning opportunities that will 281
be offered to students including both classroom-based and non- 282
classroom-based learning opportunities that is in compliance 283
with criteria for student participation established by the 284
department under division (H) (2) of section 3314.08 of the 285
Revised Code; 286

(24) The school will comply with sections 3302.04 and 287
3302.041 of the Revised Code, except that any action required to 288
be taken by a school district pursuant to those sections shall 289
be taken by the sponsor of the school. 290

(25) Beginning in the 2006-2007 school year, the school 291
will open for operation not later than the thirtieth day of 292
September each school year, unless the mission of the school as 293
specified under division (A) (2) of this section is solely to 294
serve dropouts. In its initial year of operation, if the school 295
fails to open by the thirtieth day of September, or within one 296
year after the adoption of the contract pursuant to division (D) 297
of section 3314.02 of the Revised Code if the mission of the 298
school is solely to serve dropouts, the contract shall be void. 299

(26) Whether the school's governing authority is planning 300
to seek designation for the school as a STEM school equivalent 301
under section 3326.032 of the Revised Code; 302

(27) That the school's attendance and participation policies will be available for public inspection;	303 304
(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;	305 306 307 308 309 310 311
(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:	312 313 314
(a) An indication of what blended learning model or models will be used;	315 316
(b) A description of how student instructional needs will be determined and documented;	317 318
(c) The method to be used for determining competency, granting credit, and promoting students to a higher grade level;	319 320
(d) The school's attendance requirements, including how the school will document participation in learning opportunities;	321 322 323
(e) A statement describing how student progress will be monitored;	324 325
(f) A statement describing how private student data will be protected;	326 327
(g) A description of the professional development activities that will be offered to teachers.	328 329

(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;

(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.

(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.

(33) A provision requiring the governing authority to adopt a student residence and address verification policy for students enrolling in or attending the school.

(B) The community school shall also submit to the sponsor a comprehensive plan for the school. The plan shall specify the following:

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

(2) The management and administration of the school;

(3) If the community school is a currently existing public school or educational service center building, 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 conversion;

(4) The instructional program and educational philosophy	358
of the school;	359
(5) Internal financial controls.	360
When submitting the plan under this division, the school	361
shall also submit copies of all policies and procedures	362
regarding internal financial controls adopted by the governing	363
authority of the school.	364
(C) A contract entered into under section 3314.02 of the	365
Revised Code between a sponsor and the governing authority of a	366
community school may provide for the community school governing	367
authority to make payments to the sponsor, which is hereby	368
authorized to receive such payments as set forth in the contract	369
between the governing authority and the sponsor. The total	370
amount of such payments for monitoring, oversight, and technical	371
assistance of the school shall not exceed three per cent of the	372
total amount of payments for operating expenses that the school	373
receives from the state.	374
(D) The contract shall specify the duties of the sponsor	375
which shall be in accordance with the written agreement entered	376
into with the department under division (B) of section 3314.015	377
of the Revised Code and shall include the following:	378
(1) Monitor the community school's compliance with all	379
laws applicable to the school and with the terms of the	380
contract;	381
(2) Monitor and evaluate the academic and fiscal	382
performance and the organization and operation of the community	383
school on at least an annual basis;	384
(3) Provide technical assistance to the community school	385
in complying with laws applicable to the school and terms of the	386

contract; 387

(4) Take steps to intervene in the school's operation to 388
correct problems in the school's overall performance, declare 389
the school to be on probationary status pursuant to section 390
3314.073 of the Revised Code, suspend the operation of the 391
school pursuant to section 3314.072 of the Revised Code, or 392
terminate the contract of the school pursuant to section 3314.07 393
of the Revised Code as determined necessary by the sponsor; 394

(5) Have in place a plan of action to be undertaken in the 395
event the community school experiences financial difficulties or 396
closes prior to the end of a school year. 397

(E) Upon the expiration of a contract entered into under 398
this section, the sponsor of a community school may, with the 399
approval of the governing authority of the school, renew that 400
contract for a period of time determined by the sponsor, but not 401
ending earlier than the end of any school year, if the sponsor 402
finds that the school's compliance with applicable laws and 403
terms of the contract and the school's progress in meeting the 404
academic goals prescribed in the contract have been 405
satisfactory. Any contract that is renewed under this division 406
remains subject to the provisions of sections 3314.07, 3314.072, 407
and 3314.073 of the Revised Code. 408

(F) If a community school fails to open for operation 409
within one year after the contract entered into under this 410
section is adopted pursuant to division (D) of section 3314.02 411
of the Revised Code or permanently closes prior to the 412
expiration of the contract, the contract shall be void and the 413
school shall not enter into a contract with any other sponsor. A 414
school shall not be considered permanently closed because the 415
operations of the school have been suspended pursuant to section 416

3314.072 of the Revised Code. 417

Sec. 3326.11. Each science, technology, engineering, and 418
mathematics school established under this chapter and its 419
governing body shall comply with sections 9.90, 9.91, 109.65, 420
121.22, 149.43, 2151.357, 2151.421, 2313.19, 2921.42, 2921.43, 421
3301.0714, 3301.0715, 3301.0729, 3301.948, 3302.037, 3313.14, 422
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Chapters 102., 117., 1347., 2744., 3307., 3309., 3365., 3742., 441
4112., 4123., 4141., and 4167. of the Revised Code as if it were 442
a school district. 443

Sec. 3328.24. A college-preparatory boarding school 444
established under this chapter and its board of trustees shall 445
comply with sections 102.02, 3301.0710, 3301.0711, 3301.0712, 446
3301.0714, 3301.0729, 3301.948, 3302.037, 3313.5318, 3313.5319, 447

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and 5502.262, and Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code as if the 454
school were a school district and the school's board of trustees 455
were a district board of education. 456

Section 2. That existing sections 3314.03, 3326.11, and 457
3328.24 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 458

Section 3. This act shall be known as the Historical 459
Educational Displays Act. 460

Section 4. The General Assembly, applying the principle 461
stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that 462
amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of 463
simultaneous operation, finds that the following sections, 464
presented in this act as composites of the sections as amended 465
by the acts indicated, are the resulting versions of the 466
sections in effect prior to the effective date of the sections 467
as presented in this act: 468

Section 3314.03 of the Revised Code as amended by H.B. 469
214, H.B. 250, and S.B. 168, all of the 135th General Assembly. 470

Section 3326.11 of the Revised Code as amended by H.B. 47,
H.B. 214, and S.B. 168, all of the 135th General Assembly. 471
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Section 3328.24 of the Revised Code as amended by both 473
H.B. 47 and H.B. 214 of the 135th General Assembly. 474