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Sub. S. B. No. 34

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Cosponsors: Senators Huffman, Cirino, Schaffer, Roegner, Cutrona, Romanchuk, Lang, Brenner

То	amend sections 3314.03, 3326.11, and 3328.24 and	1
	to enact section 3313.802 of the Revised Code to	2
	enact the Display of Founding Documents of	3
	Historic Significance Act regarding the display	4
	of certain historical documents in public	5
	schools.	6

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

Section 1. That sections 3314.03, 3326.11, and 3328.24 be	7
amended and section 3313.802 of the Revised Code be enacted to	8
read as follows:	9
Sec. 3313.802. (A) (1) Subject to division (D) of this	10
section, the board of education of each school district shall	11
select to display in each classroom in which students in any of	12
grades four through twelve are provided instruction in history	13
or social studies, at least four of the following founding	14
documents:	15
(a) The Mayflower Compact;	16
(b) The Declaration of Independence;	17
(c) The Northwest Ordinance;	18

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minimum of twenty-five students for a minimum of nine hundred

(b) The governing authority will purchase liability

twenty hours per school year.

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insurance, or otherwise provide for the potential liability of	129
the school.	130
(c) The school will be nonsectarian in its programs,	131
admission policies, employment practices, and all other	132
operations, and will not be operated by a sectarian school or	133
religious institution.	134
(d) The school will comply with sections 9.90, 9.91,	135
109.65, 121.22, 149.43, 2151.357, 2151.421, 2313.19, 3301.0710,	136
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3321.18, 3321.19, 3322.20, 3322.24, 3323.251, 3327.10, 4111.17,	151
4113.52, 5502.262, 5502.703, and 5705.391 and Chapters 117.,	152
1347., 2744., 3365., 3742., 4112., 4123., 4141., and 4167. of	153
the Revised Code as if it were a school district and will comply	154
with section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code in the manner	155
specified in section 3314.17 of the Revised Code.	156
(e) The school shall comply with Chapter 102. and section	157
2921.42 of the Revised Code.	158

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(f) The school will comply with sections 3313.61,	159
3313.611, 3313.614, 3313.617, 3313.618, and 3313.6114 of the	160
Revised Code, except that for students who enter ninth grade for	161
the first time before July 1, 2010, the requirement in sections	162
3313.61 and 3313.611 of the Revised Code that a person must	163
successfully complete the curriculum in any high school prior to	164
receiving a high school diploma may be met by completing the	165
curriculum adopted by the governing authority of the community	166
school rather than the curriculum specified in Title XXXIII of	167
the Revised Code or any rules of the department. Beginning with	168
students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after	169
July 1, 2010, the requirement in sections 3313.61 and 3313.611	170
of the Revised Code that a person must successfully complete the	171
curriculum of a high school prior to receiving a high school	172
diploma shall be met by completing the requirements prescribed	173
in section 3313.6027 and division (C) of section 3313.603 of the	174
Revised Code, unless the person qualifies under division (D) or	175
(F) of that section. Each school shall comply with the plan for	176
awarding high school credit based on demonstration of subject	177
area competency, and beginning with the 2017-2018 school year,	178
with the updated plan that permits students enrolled in seventh	179
and eighth grade to meet curriculum requirements based on	180
subject area competency adopted by the department under	181
divisions (J)(1) and (2) of section 3313.603 of the Revised	182
Code. Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, the school shall	183
comply with the framework for granting units of high school	184
credit to students who demonstrate subject area competency	185
through work-based learning experiences, internships, or	186
cooperative education developed by the department under division	187
(J)(3) of section 3313.603 of the Revised Code.	188

(g) The school governing authority will submit within four

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months after the end of each school year a report of its	190
activities and progress in meeting the goals and standards of	191
divisions (A)(3) and (4) of this section and its financial	192
status to the sponsor and the parents of all students enrolled	193
in the school.	194
(h) The school, unless it is an internet- or computer-	195
based community school, will comply with section sections	196
3313.801 and 3313.802 of the Revised Code as if it were a school	197
district.	198
(i) If the school is the recipient of moneys from a grant	199
awarded under the federal race to the top program, Division (A),	200
Title XIV, Sections 14005 and 14006 of the "American Recovery	201
and Reinvestment Act of 2009," Pub. L. No. 111-5, 123 Stat. 115,	202
the school will pay teachers based upon performance in	203
accordance with section 3317.141 and will comply with section	204
3319.111 of the Revised Code as if it were a school district.	205
(j) If the school operates a preschool program that is	206
licensed by the department under sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of	207
the Revised Code, the school shall comply with sections 3301.50	208
to 3301.59 of the Revised Code and the minimum standards for	209
preschool programs prescribed in rules adopted by the department	210
of children and youth under section 3301.53 of the Revised Code.	211
(k) The school will comply with sections 3313.6021 and	212
3313.6023 of the Revised Code as if it were a school district	213
unless it is either of the following:	214
(i) An internet- or computer-based community school;	215
(ii) A community school in which a majority of the	216
enrolled students are children with disabilities as described in	217
division (R)(2) of section 321/ 35 of the Povised Code	219

(1) The school will comply with section 3321.191 of the	219
Revised Code, unless it is an internet- or computer-based	220
community school that is subject to section 3314.261 of the	221
Revised Code.	222
(m) The school will comply with section 3313.7118 of the	223
Revised Code if it serves elementary school students.	224
(12) Arrangements for providing health and other benefits	225
to employees;	226
(13) The length of the contract, which shall begin at the	227
beginning of an academic year. No contract shall exceed five	228
years unless such contract has been renewed pursuant to division	229
(D) of this section.	230
(14) The governing authority of the school, which shall be	231
responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract;	232
(15) A financial plan detailing an estimated school budget	233
for each year of the period of the contract and specifying the	234
total estimated per pupil expenditure amount for each such year.	235
(16) Requirements and procedures regarding the disposition	236
of employees of the school in the event the contract is	237
terminated or not renewed pursuant to section 3314.07 of the	238
Revised Code;	239
(17) Whether the school is to be created by converting all	240
or part of an existing public school or educational service	241
center building or is to be a new start-up school, and if it is	242
a converted public school or service center building, both of	243
the following:	244
(a) Specification of any duties or responsibilities of an	245
employer that the board of education or service center governing	246

board that operated the school or building before conversion is	247
delegating to the governing authority of the community school	248
with respect to all or any specified group of employees provided	249
the delegation is not prohibited by a collective bargaining	250
agreement applicable to such employees;	251
(b) Alternative arrangements for current public school	252
students who choose not to attend the converted school and for	253
teachers who choose not to teach in the school or building after	254
conversion.	255
(18) Provisions establishing procedures for resolving	256
disputes or differences of opinion between the sponsor and the	257
governing authority of the community school;	258
(19) A provision requiring the governing authority to	259
adopt a policy regarding the admission of students who reside	260
outside the district in which the school is located. That policy	261
shall comply with the admissions procedures specified in	262
sections 3314.06 and 3314.061 of the Revised Code and, at the	263
sole discretion of the authority, shall do one of the following:	264
(a) Prohibit the enrollment of students who reside outside	265
the district in which the school is located;	266
(b) Permit the enrollment of students who reside in	267
districts adjacent to the district in which the school is	268
located;	269
(c) Permit the enrollment of students who reside in any	270
other district in the state.	271
(20) A provision recognizing the authority of the	272
department to take over the sponsorship of the school in	273
accordance with the provisions of division (C) of section	274
3314.015 of the Revised Code;	275

(21) A provision recognizing the sponsor's authority to	276
assume the operation of a school under the conditions specified	277
in division (B) of section 3314.073 of the Revised Code;	278
(22) A provision recognizing both of the following:	279
(a) The authority of public health and safety officials to	280
inspect the facilities of the school and to order the facilities	281
closed if those officials find that the facilities are not in	282
compliance with health and safety laws and regulations;	283
(b) The authority of the department as the community	284
school oversight body to suspend the operation of the school	285
under section 3314.072 of the Revised Code if the department has	286
evidence of conditions or violations of law at the school that	287
pose an imminent danger to the health and safety of the school's	288
students and employees and the sponsor refuses to take such	289
action.	290
(23) A description of the learning opportunities that will	291
be offered to students including both classroom-based and non-	292
classroom-based learning opportunities that is in compliance	293
with criteria for student participation established by the	294
department under division (H)(2) of section 3314.08 of the	295
Revised Code;	296
(24) The school will comply with sections 3302.04 and	297
3302.041 of the Revised Code, except that any action required to	298
be taken by a school district pursuant to those sections shall	299
be taken by the sponsor of the school.	300
(25) Beginning in the 2006-2007 school year, the school	301
will open for operation not later than the thirtieth day of	302
September each school year, unless the mission of the school as	303
specified under division (A)(2) of this section is solely to	304

serve dropouts. In its initial year of operation, if the school	305
fails to open by the thirtieth day of September, or within one	306
year after the adoption of the contract pursuant to division (D)	307
of section 3314.02 of the Revised Code if the mission of the	308
school is solely to serve dropouts, the contract shall be void.	309
(26) Whether the school's governing authority is planning	310
to seek designation for the school as a STEM school equivalent	311
under section 3326.032 of the Revised Code;	312
(27) That the school's attendance and participation	313
policies will be available for public inspection;	314
(28) That the school's attendance and participation	315
records shall be made available to the department, auditor of	316
state, and school's sponsor to the extent permitted under and in	317
accordance with the "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act	318
of 1974," 88 Stat. 571, 20 U.S.C. 1232g, as amended, and any	319
regulations promulgated under that act, and section 3319.321 of	320
the Revised Code;	321
(29) If a school operates using the blended learning	322
model, as defined in section 3301.079 of the Revised Code, all	323
of the following information:	324
(a) An indication of what blended learning model or models	325
<pre>will be used;</pre>	326
(b) A description of how student instructional needs will	327
be determined and documented;	328
(c) The method to be used for determining competency,	329
granting credit, and promoting students to a higher grade level;	330
(d) The school's attendance requirements, including how	331
the school will document participation in learning	332

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the school.	361
(36) A provision requiring the governing authority to	362
adopt policies and procedures to establish internal financial	363
controls for the school.	364
(B) 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
(C) 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

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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
(D) 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
(E) 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

governing body shall comply with sections 9.90, 9.91, 109.65,

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4141., and 4167. of the Revised Code as if it were a school	443
district.	444
Sec. 3328.24. A college-preparatory boarding school	445
established under this chapter and its board of trustees shall	446
comply with sections 102.02, 3301.0710, 3301.0711, 3301.0712,	447
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3323.251, and 5502.262, and Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code as	455
if the school were a school district and the school's board of	456
trustees were a district board of education.	457
Section 2. That existing sections 3314.03, 3326.11, and	458
3328.24 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.	459
Section 3. This act shall be known as the Display of	460
Founding Documents of Historic Significance Act.	461