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Senator Reynolds

To amend section 3301.0718 and to enact section 1
3301.0733 of the Revised Code to enact the Food 2
Literacy Standards Act to require the Department 3
of Education and Workforce to adopt food 4
literacy standards for grades kindergarten 5
through twelve. 6

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

Section 1. That section 3301.0718 be amended and section 7
3301.0733 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 8

Sec. 3301.0718. The Except as provided in section 9
3301.0733 of the Revised Code, the department of education and 10
workforce shall not adopt or revise any standards or curriculum 11
in the area of health unless, by concurrent resolution, the 12
standards, curriculum, or revisions are approved by both houses 13
of the general assembly. Before the house of representatives or 14
senate votes on a concurrent resolution approving health 15
standards, curriculum, or revisions, its standing committee 16
having jurisdiction over education legislation shall conduct at 17
least one public hearing on the standards, curriculum, or 18
revisions. 19

Sec. 3301.0733. (A) Not later than one year after the 20

effective date of this section, the department of education and 21
workforce shall adopt standards for food literacy education in 22
grades kindergarten through twelve. The department shall 23
formulate the standards based on a review of relevant and 24
current national and state standards. The standards shall 25
include information that will provide students with specific 26
guidance on how food choices influence health, including how to 27
prepare meals and how food is grown. The department of education 28
and workforce shall consult with the department of agriculture 29
when developing standards related to farming, production, and 30
availability of wholesome foods. The department of education and 31
workforce may revise the standards consistent with this section. 32

(B) Upon adoption of the food literacy standards, the 33
department of education and workforce shall, in a timely manner, 34
post the standards, and any revisions of the standards, to its 35
publicly accessible web site and provide the standards and any 36
revisions to all school districts, community schools established 37
under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, and STEM schools 38
established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code. Each 39
district and school shall post the provided standards and 40
revisions on its publicly accessible web site. Any district or 41
school may utilize the standards in its curriculum. A district 42
or school that does not utilize the standards in its curriculum 43
shall provide its students with a copy of, or access to, the 44
standards. 45

(C) Upon written request of a student's parent or 46
guardian, a district or school shall excuse the student from any 47
food literacy instruction aligned with the standards adopted 48
under this section. 49

Nothing in this section shall be construed to exempt a 50

student from the health education requirements or any other 51
requirements for high school graduation under section 3313.603 52
of the Revised Code. 53

Section 2. That existing section 3301.0718 of the Revised 54
Code is hereby repealed. 55

Section 3. This act shall be known as the Food Literacy 56
Standards Act. 57