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To amend sections 3313.669, 3314.03, 3326.11, and  
5502.263 and to enact section 5502.264 of the  
Revised Code regarding threat assessment teams  
and model behavioral threat assessment plans and  
to make an appropriation.

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

**Section 1.** That sections 3313.669, 3314.03, 3326.11, and  
5502.263 be amended and section 5502.264 of the Revised Code be  
enacted to read as follows:

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**Sec. 3313.669.** (A) ~~Beginning not later than two years~~  
~~after the effective date of this section, each~~ As used in this  
section, "administrator" has the same meaning as in section  
5502.262 of the Revised Code.

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(B) Each local, city, exempted village, and joint  
vocational school district and chartered nonpublic school shall  
create a threat assessment team for each school building in the  
district serving grades six through twelve. The duties of the  
threat assessment team shall include the coordination of  
resources and the assessment and intervention of students whose  
behavior may pose a threat to the safety of the school, school  
staff, or students. Upon appointment and once every three years

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thereafter, each team member shall complete an approved threat  
assessment training program from the list maintained by the  
department of public safety pursuant to section 5502.263 of the  
Revised Code.

~~(B) (1)~~ The threat assessment team shall do all of the  
following:

(1) Involve all members of the team in the threat  
assessment, threat management process, and final decision-  
making;

(2) Identify members of the school community to whom  
threatening behavior shall be reported;

(3) Provide guidance to students, faculty, and staff  
regarding recognition of threatening or concerning behavior that  
may represent a threat to the community, school, or self.

(C) (1) If a school building has a similarly constituted  
safety team as of the effective date of this section, that team  
also may serve as the threat assessment team, provided that the  
team and each member comply with the requirements of this  
section.

(2) If members of a team described in division (B) (1) of  
this section that have completed a training program in the year  
immediately preceding the implementation date specified in  
division (A) of this section that later is approved by the  
department, the team members shall not be required to complete  
the training program for two years after the implementation  
date. A new member that joins a team described in division (B)  
(2) of this section shall complete an approved training program  
upon appointment.

~~(C)~~ (D) Each district building shall include proof of

completion of an approved training program by each team member 50  
in the building's emergency management plan submission to the 51  
director of public safety in accordance with rules adopted under 52  
division (F) of section 5502.262 of the Revised Code. 53

(E) (1) Each team shall be multidisciplinary, ~~when~~ 54  
~~possible,~~ and shall include a person who has received a 55  
certificate of having satisfactorily completed an approved basic 56  
peace officer training program and is a law enforcement officer 57  
as defined under section 9.69 of the Revised Code and members 58  
with expertise in counseling, instruction, school 59  
administration, and law enforcement, which may include school 60  
administrators, mental health professionals, school resource 61  
officers, and other necessary personnel. 62

~~(D)~~ (2) Each team shall include at least one member who has 63  
personal familiarity with the individual who is the subject of 64  
the threat assessment. If no member of the threat assessment 65  
team has such familiarity, a school or school district employee 66  
who is personally familiar with the individual who is the 67  
subject of the threat assessment shall consult with the threat 68  
assessment team for the purpose of assessing the threat. The 69  
employee who provides such consultation shall not participate in 70  
the decision-making process. 71

(F) Each threat assessment team shall use the model 72  
behavioral threat assessment plan developed under section 73  
5502.263 of the Revised Code when evaluating the behavior of 74  
students who may pose a threat to the school, school staff, or 75  
students and to coordinate intervention and services for such 76  
students. 77

(G) Upon a preliminary determination that a student poses 78  
a threat of violence or physical harm to the student or others, 79

a threat assessment team shall immediately report its 80  
determination to an administrator. The administrator shall 81  
immediately attempt to notify the student's parent or legal 82  
guardian. Nothing in this section prevents district or school 83  
staff from acting immediately to address an imminent threat. 84

(H) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all state 85  
and local agencies and programs that provide services to 86  
students experiencing or at risk of an emotional disturbance or 87  
a mental illness, including the school district, the chartered 88  
nonpublic school, school personnel, state and local law 89  
enforcement agencies, the department of youth services, the 90  
department of children and youth, the department of health, the 91  
department of developmental disabilities, the department of 92  
education and workforce, and any service or support provider 93  
contracting with such agencies, may share with each other 94  
records or information that are confidential or exempt from 95  
disclosure under section 149.43 of the Revised Code if the 96  
records or information are reasonably necessary to ensure access 97  
to appropriate services for the student or to ensure the safety 98  
of the student or others. All such state and local agencies and 99  
programs shall communicate, collaborate, and coordinate efforts 100  
to serve such students. 101

(I) If an immediate mental health or substance abuse 102  
crisis is suspected, school personnel shall follow steps 103  
established by the threat assessment team to engage behavioral 104  
health crisis resources. Behavioral health crisis resources, 105  
including mobile crisis teams and school resource officers 106  
trained in crisis intervention, shall provide emergency 107  
intervention and assessment, make recommendations, and refer the 108  
student for appropriate services. Onsite school personnel shall 109  
report all such situations and actions taken to the threat 110

assessment team, which shall contact the other agencies involved 111  
with the student and any known service providers to share 112  
information and coordinate any necessary follow up actions. Upon 113  
the student's transfer to a different school, the threat 114  
assessment team shall verify that any intervention services 115  
provided to the student remain in place until the threat 116  
assessment team of the receiving school independently determines 117  
the need for intervention services. 118

(J) The threat assessment team shall prepare a threat 119  
assessment report required by the model threat assessment plan 120  
developed under section 5502.263 of the Revised Code. For a 121  
public school, a threat assessment report, all corresponding 122  
documentation, and any other information required by the model 123  
threat assessment plan is an education record under section 124  
3319.321 of the Revised Code. 125

Upon a student's transfer to a different school, the 126  
threat assessment team shall transfer the threat assessment 127  
report, educational records, and all corresponding documentation 128  
to the receiving school within five days. 129

(K) Each district board shall establish a threat 130  
assessment coordinator to serve as the primary point of contact 131  
regarding the district's coordination, communication, and 132  
implementation of the threat management program and to report 133  
quantitative data to the department of public safety in 134  
accordance with guidance from the office. 135

(L) A school or school district, member of a district 136  
board of education or governing authority, or a district or 137  
school employee, including a school threat assessment team 138  
member, is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, 139  
death, or loss to person or property allegedly arising from a 140

team member's execution of duties related to school safety 141  
unless the team member's act or omission constitutes willful or 142  
wanton misconduct. 143

This section does not eliminate, limit, or reduce any 144  
other immunity or defense that a school or school district, 145  
member of a district board or governing authority, or district 146  
or school employee, including a threat assessment team member, 147  
may be entitled to under Chapter 2744. or any other provision of 148  
the Revised Code or under the common law of this state. 149

**Sec. 3314.03.** A copy of every contract entered into under 150  
this section shall be filed with the director of education and 151  
workforce. The department of education and workforce shall make 152  
available on its web site a copy of every approved, executed 153  
contract filed with the director under this section. 154

(A) Each contract entered into between a sponsor and the 155  
governing authority of a community school shall specify the 156  
following: 157

(1) That the school shall be established as either of the 158  
following: 159

(a) A nonprofit corporation established under Chapter 160  
1702. of the Revised Code, if established prior to April 8, 161  
2003; 162

(b) A public benefit corporation established under Chapter 163  
1702. of the Revised Code, if established after April 8, 2003. 164

(2) The education program of the school, including the 165  
school's mission and educational philosophy, the characteristics 166  
of the students the school is expected to attract, the ages and 167  
grades of students, and the focus of the curriculum; 168

(3) The academic goals to be achieved and the method of measurement that will be used to determine progress toward those goals, which shall include the statewide achievement assessments; 169 170 171 172

(4) Performance standards, including but not limited to all applicable report card measures set forth in section 3302.03 or 3314.017 of the Revised Code, by which the success of the school will be evaluated by the sponsor; 173 174 175 176

(5) The admission standards of section 3314.06 of the Revised Code and, if applicable, section 3314.061 of the Revised Code; 177 178 179

(6) (a) Dismissal procedures; 180

(b) A requirement that the governing authority adopt an attendance policy that includes a procedure for automatically withdrawing a student from the school if the student without a legitimate excuse fails to participate in seventy-two consecutive hours of the learning opportunities offered to the student. 181 182 183 184 185 186

(7) The ways by which the school will achieve racial and ethnic balance reflective of the community it serves; 187 188

(8) Requirements for financial audits by the auditor of state. The contract shall require financial records of the school to be maintained in the same manner as are financial records of school districts, pursuant to rules of the auditor of state. Audits shall be conducted in accordance with section 117.10 of the Revised Code. 189 190 191 192 193 194

(9) An addendum to the contract outlining the facilities to be used that contains at least the following information: 195 196

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| (a) A detailed description of each facility used for instructional purposes;                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 197<br>198                      |
| (b) The annual costs associated with leasing each facility that are paid by or on behalf of the school;                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 199<br>200                      |
| (c) The annual mortgage principal and interest payments that are paid by the school;                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 201<br>202                      |
| (d) The name of the lender or landlord, identified as such, and the lender's or landlord's relationship to the operator, if any.                                                                                                                                                                               | 203<br>204<br>205               |
| (10) Qualifications of employees, including both of the following:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 206<br>207                      |
| (a) A requirement that the school's classroom teachers be licensed in accordance with sections 3319.22 to 3319.31 of the Revised Code, except that a community school may engage noncertificated persons to teach up to twelve hours or forty hours per week pursuant to section 3319.301 of the Revised Code; | 208<br>209<br>210<br>211<br>212 |
| (b) A prohibition against the school employing an individual described in section 3314.104 of the Revised Code in any position.                                                                                                                                                                                | 213<br>214<br>215               |
| (11) That the school will comply with the following requirements:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 216<br>217                      |
| (a) The school will provide learning opportunities to a minimum of twenty-five students for a minimum of nine hundred twenty hours per school year.                                                                                                                                                            | 218<br>219<br>220               |
| (b) The governing authority will purchase liability insurance, or otherwise provide for the potential liability of the school.                                                                                                                                                                                 | 221<br>222<br>223               |



(c) The school will be nonsectarian in its programs, 224  
admission policies, employment practices, and all other 225  
operations, and will not be operated by a sectarian school or 226  
religious institution. 227

(d) The school will comply with sections 9.90, 9.91, 228  
109.65, 121.22, 149.43, 2151.357, 2151.421, 2313.19, 3301.0710, 229  
3301.0711, 3301.0712, 3301.0715, 3301.0729, 3301.24, 3301.948, 230  
3302.037, 3302.131, 3313.472, 3313.473, 3313.474, 3313.50, 231  
3313.539, 3313.5310, 3313.5318, 3313.5319, 3313.608, 3313.609, 232  
3313.6012, 3313.6013, 3313.6014, 3313.6020, 3313.6024, 233  
3313.6026, 3313.6028, 3313.6029, 3313.6031, 3313.6032, 234  
3313.6034, 3313.643, 3313.648, 3313.6411, 3313.6413, 3313.66, 235  
3313.661, 3313.662, 3313.666, 3313.667, 3313.668, 3313.669, 236  
3313.6610, 3313.67, 3313.671, 3313.672, 3313.673, 3313.69, 237  
3313.71, 3313.716, 3313.718, 3313.719, 3313.7112, 3313.7117, 238  
3313.721, 3313.753, 3313.80, 3313.814, 3313.816, 3313.817, 239  
3313.818, 3313.819, 3313.8110, 3313.86, 3313.89, 3313.96, 240  
3319.073, 3319.077, 3319.078, 3319.0812, 3319.2214, 3319.238, 241  
3319.318, 3319.321, 3319.324, 3319.39, 3319.391, 3319.393, 242  
3319.41, 3319.46, 3319.90, 3319.614, 3320.01, 3320.02, 3320.03, 243  
3320.04, 3321.01, 3321.041, 3321.13, 3321.14, 3321.141, 3321.17, 244  
3321.18, 3321.19, 3322.20, 3322.24, 3323.251, 3327.10, 4111.17, 245  
4113.52, 5502.262, 5502.264, 5502.703, and 5705.391 and Chapters 246  
117., 1347., 2744., 3365., 3742., 4112., 4123., 4141., and 4167. 247  
of the Revised Code as if it were a school district and will 248  
comply with section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code in the manner 249  
specified in section 3314.17 of the Revised Code. 250

(e) The school shall comply with Chapter 102. and section 251  
2921.42 of the Revised Code. 252

(f) The school will comply with sections 3313.61, 253

3313.611, 3313.614, 3313.617, 3313.618, and 3313.6114 of the 254  
Revised Code, except that for students who enter ninth grade for 255  
the first time before July 1, 2010, the requirement in sections 256  
3313.61 and 3313.611 of the Revised Code that a person must 257  
successfully complete the curriculum in any high school prior to 258  
receiving a high school diploma may be met by completing the 259  
curriculum adopted by the governing authority of the community 260  
school rather than the curriculum specified in Title XXXIII of 261  
the Revised Code or any rules of the department. Beginning with 262  
students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after 263  
July 1, 2010, the requirement in sections 3313.61 and 3313.611 264  
of the Revised Code that a person must successfully complete the 265  
curriculum of a high school prior to receiving a high school 266  
diploma shall be met by completing the requirements prescribed 267  
in section 3313.6027 and division (C) of section 3313.603 of the 268  
Revised Code, unless the person qualifies under division (D) or 269  
(F) of that section. Each school shall comply with the plan for 270  
awarding high school credit based on demonstration of subject 271  
area competency, and beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, 272  
with the updated plan that permits students enrolled in seventh 273  
and eighth grade to meet curriculum requirements based on 274  
subject area competency adopted by the department under 275  
divisions (J) (1) and (2) of section 3313.603 of the Revised 276  
Code. Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, the school shall 277  
comply with the framework for granting units of high school 278  
credit to students who demonstrate subject area competency 279  
through work-based learning experiences, internships, or 280  
cooperative education developed by the department under division 281  
(J) (3) of section 3313.603 of the Revised Code. 282

(g) The school governing authority will submit within four 283  
months after the end of each school year a report of its 284

activities and progress in meeting the goals and standards of 285  
divisions (A) (3) and (4) of this section and its financial 286  
status to the sponsor and the parents of all students enrolled 287  
in the school. 288

(h) The school, unless it is an internet- or computer- 289  
based community school, will comply with section 3313.801 of the 290  
Revised Code as if it were a school district. 291

(i) If the school is the recipient of moneys from a grant 292  
awarded under the federal race to the top program, Division (A), 293  
Title XIV, Sections 14005 and 14006 of the "American Recovery 294  
and Reinvestment Act of 2009," Pub. L. No. 111-5, 123 Stat. 115, 295  
the school will pay teachers based upon performance in 296  
accordance with section 3317.141 and will comply with section 297  
3319.111 of the Revised Code as if it were a school district. 298

(j) If the school operates a preschool program that is 299  
licensed by the department under sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of 300  
the Revised Code, the school shall comply with sections 3301.50 301  
to 3301.59 of the Revised Code and the minimum standards for 302  
preschool programs prescribed in rules adopted by the department 303  
of children and youth under section 3301.53 of the Revised Code. 304

(k) The school will comply with sections 3313.6021 and 305  
3313.6023 of the Revised Code as if it were a school district 306  
unless it is either of the following: 307

(i) An internet- or computer-based community school; 308

(ii) A community school in which a majority of the 309  
enrolled students are children with disabilities as described in 310  
division (B) (2) of section 3314.35 of the Revised Code. 311

(l) The school will comply with section 3321.191 of the 312  
Revised Code, unless it is an internet- or computer-based 313

community school that is subject to section 3314.261 of the Revised Code.

(m) The school will comply with section 3313.7118 of the Revised Code if it serves elementary school students.

(12) Arrangements for providing health and other benefits to employees;

(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.

(14) The governing authority of the school, which shall be responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract;

(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.

(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;

(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:

(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 342  
the delegation is not prohibited by a collective bargaining 343  
agreement applicable to such employees; 344

(b) Alternative arrangements for current public school 345  
students who choose not to attend the converted school and for 346  
teachers who choose not to teach in the school or building after 347  
conversion. 348

(18) Provisions establishing procedures for resolving 349  
disputes or differences of opinion between the sponsor and the 350  
governing authority of the community school; 351

(19) A provision requiring the governing authority to 352  
adopt a policy regarding the admission of students who reside 353  
outside the district in which the school is located. That policy 354  
shall comply with the admissions procedures specified in 355  
sections 3314.06 and 3314.061 of the Revised Code and, at the 356  
sole discretion of the authority, shall do one of the following: 357

(a) Prohibit the enrollment of students who reside outside 358  
the district in which the school is located; 359

(b) Permit the enrollment of students who reside in 360  
districts adjacent to the district in which the school is 361  
located; 362

(c) Permit the enrollment of students who reside in any 363  
other district in the state. 364

(20) A provision recognizing the authority of the 365  
department to take over the sponsorship of the school in 366  
accordance with the provisions of division (C) of section 367  
3314.015 of the Revised Code; 368

(21) A provision recognizing the sponsor's authority to 369

assume the operation of a school under the conditions specified 370  
in division (B) of section 3314.073 of the Revised Code; 371

(22) A provision recognizing both of the following: 372

(a) The authority of public health and safety officials to 373  
inspect the facilities of the school and to order the facilities 374  
closed if those officials find that the facilities are not in 375  
compliance with health and safety laws and regulations; 376

(b) The authority of the department as the community 377  
school oversight body to suspend the operation of the school 378  
under section 3314.072 of the Revised Code if the department has 379  
evidence of conditions or violations of law at the school that 380  
pose an imminent danger to the health and safety of the school's 381  
students and employees and the sponsor refuses to take such 382  
action. 383

(23) A description of the learning opportunities that will 384  
be offered to students including both classroom-based and non- 385  
classroom-based learning opportunities that is in compliance 386  
with criteria for student participation established by the 387  
department under division (H) (2) of section 3314.08 of the 388  
Revised Code; 389

(24) The school will comply with sections 3302.04 and 390  
3302.041 of the Revised Code, except that any action required to 391  
be taken by a school district pursuant to those sections shall 392  
be taken by the sponsor of the school. 393

(25) Beginning in the 2006-2007 school year, the school 394  
will open for operation not later than the thirtieth day of 395  
September each school year, unless the mission of the school as 396  
specified under division (A) (2) of this section is solely to 397  
serve dropouts. In its initial year of operation, if the school 398

fails to open by the thirtieth day of September, or within one 399  
year after the adoption of the contract pursuant to division (D) 400  
of section 3314.02 of the Revised Code if the mission of the 401  
school is solely to serve dropouts, the contract shall be void. 402

(26) Whether the school's governing authority is planning 403  
to seek designation for the school as a STEM school equivalent 404  
under section 3326.032 of the Revised Code; 405

(27) That the school's attendance and participation 406  
policies will be available for public inspection; 407

(28) That the school's attendance and participation 408  
records shall be made available to the department, auditor of 409  
state, and school's sponsor to the extent permitted under and in 410  
accordance with the "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act 411  
of 1974," 88 Stat. 571, 20 U.S.C. 1232g, as amended, and any 412  
regulations promulgated under that act, and section 3319.321 of 413  
the Revised Code; 414

(29) If a school operates using the blended learning 415  
model, as defined in section 3301.079 of the Revised Code, all 416  
of the following information: 417

(a) An indication of what blended learning model or models 418  
will be used; 419

(b) A description of how student instructional needs will 420  
be determined and documented; 421

(c) The method to be used for determining competency, 422  
granting credit, and promoting students to a higher grade level; 423

(d) The school's attendance requirements, including how 424  
the school will document participation in learning 425  
opportunities; 426

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| (e) A statement describing how student progress will be          | 427 |
| monitored;                                                       | 428 |
| (f) A statement describing how private student data will         | 429 |
| be protected;                                                    | 430 |
| (g) A description of the professional development                | 431 |
| activities that will be offered to teachers.                     | 432 |
| (30) A provision requiring that all moneys the school's          | 433 |
| operator loans to the school, including facilities loans or cash | 434 |
| flow assistance, must be accounted for, documented, and bear     | 435 |
| interest at a fair market rate;                                  | 436 |
| (31) A provision requiring that, if the governing                | 437 |
| authority contracts with an attorney, accountant, or entity      | 438 |
| specializing in audits, the attorney, accountant, or entity      | 439 |
| shall be independent from the operator with which the school has | 440 |
| contracted.                                                      | 441 |
| (32) A provision requiring the governing authority to            | 442 |
| adopt an enrollment and attendance policy that requires a        | 443 |
| student's parent to notify the community school in which the     | 444 |
| student is enrolled when there is a change in the location of    | 445 |
| the parent's or student's primary residence.                     | 446 |
| (33) A provision requiring the governing authority to            | 447 |
| adopt a student residence and address verification policy for    | 448 |
| students enrolling in or attending the school.                   | 449 |
| (34) A provision establishing the process by which the           | 450 |
| governing authority of the school will be selected in the        | 451 |
| future.                                                          | 452 |
| (35) A description of the management and administration of       | 453 |
| the school.                                                      | 454 |



(36) A provision requiring the governing authority to 455  
adopt policies and procedures to establish internal financial 456  
controls for the school. 457

(B) A contract entered into under section 3314.02 of the 458  
Revised Code between a sponsor and the governing authority of a 459  
community school may provide for the community school governing 460  
authority to make payments to the sponsor, which is hereby 461  
authorized to receive such payments as set forth in the contract 462  
between the governing authority and the sponsor. The total 463  
amount of such payments for monitoring, oversight, and technical 464  
assistance of the school shall not exceed three per cent of the 465  
total amount of payments for operating expenses that the school 466  
receives from the state. 467

(C) The contract shall specify the duties of the sponsor 468  
which shall be in accordance with the written agreement entered 469  
into with the department under division (B) of section 3314.015 470  
of the Revised Code and shall include the following: 471

(1) Monitor the community school's compliance with all 472  
laws applicable to the school and with the terms of the 473  
contract; 474

(2) Monitor and evaluate the academic and fiscal 475  
performance and the organization and operation of the community 476  
school on at least an annual basis; 477

(3) Provide technical assistance to the community school 478  
in complying with laws applicable to the school and terms of the 479  
contract; 480

(4) Take steps to intervene in the school's operation to 481  
correct problems in the school's overall performance, declare 482  
the school to be on probationary status pursuant to section 483

3314.073 of the Revised Code, suspend the operation of the 484  
school pursuant to section 3314.072 of the Revised Code, or 485  
terminate the contract of the school pursuant to section 3314.07 486  
of the Revised Code as determined necessary by the sponsor; 487

(5) Have in place a plan of action to be undertaken in the 488  
event the community school experiences financial difficulties or 489  
closes prior to the end of a school year. 490

(D) Upon the expiration of a contract entered into under 491  
this section, the sponsor of a community school may, with the 492  
approval of the governing authority of the school, renew that 493  
contract for a period of time determined by the sponsor, but not 494  
ending earlier than the end of any school year, if the sponsor 495  
finds that the school's compliance with applicable laws and 496  
terms of the contract and the school's progress in meeting the 497  
academic goals prescribed in the contract have been 498  
satisfactory. Any contract that is renewed under this division 499  
remains subject to the provisions of sections 3314.07, 3314.072, 500  
and 3314.073 of the Revised Code. 501

(E) If a community school fails to open for operation 502  
within one year after the contract entered into under this 503  
section is adopted pursuant to division (D) of section 3314.02 504  
of the Revised Code or permanently closes prior to the 505  
expiration of the contract, the contract shall be void and the 506  
school shall not enter into a contract with any other sponsor. A 507  
school shall not be considered permanently closed because the 508  
operations of the school have been suspended pursuant to section 509  
3314.072 of the Revised Code. 510

**Sec. 3326.11.** Each science, technology, engineering, and 511  
mathematics school established under this chapter and its 512  
governing body shall comply with sections 9.90, 9.91, 109.65, 513

121.22, 149.43, 2151.357, 2151.421, 2313.19, 2921.42, 2921.43, 514  
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102., 117., 1347., 2744., 3307., 3309., 3365., 3742., 4112., 535  
4123., 4141., and 4167. of the Revised Code as if it were a 536  
school district. 537

**Sec. 5502.263.** (A) As used in this section, "evidence- 538  
based" means a program or practice that does either of the 539  
following: 540

(1) Demonstrates a rationale based on high-quality 541  
research findings or positive evaluation that such a program or 542  
practice is likely to improve relevant outcomes and includes 543  
ongoing efforts to examine the effects of the program or 544

practice; 545

(2) Has a statistically significant effect on relevant 546  
outcomes based on: 547

(a) Strong evidence from at least one well-designed and 548  
well-implemented experimental study; 549

(b) Moderate evidence from at least one well-designed and 550  
well-implemented quasi-experimental study; or 551

(c) Promising evidence from at least one well-designed and 552  
well-implemented correlation study with statistical controls for 553  
selection bias. 554

~~(B) Not later than two years after March 24, 2021, the~~ 555  
The department of public safety, in consultation with the department 556  
of education and workforce and the attorney general, shall 557  
develop a model behavioral threat assessment plan that ~~may~~ shall 558  
be used in a building's emergency management plan developed 559  
under section 5502.262 of the Revised Code. The model plan shall 560  
be used to evaluate the behavior of students who may pose a 561  
threat to the school, school staff, or students, and to 562  
coordinate intervention and services for such students, and 563  
shall do at least the following: 564

(1) Identify the types of threatening behavior that may 565  
represent a physical threat to a school community; 566

(2) Assess any potential threats, including an assessment 567  
of student, family, school, and social dynamics; 568

(3) Identify individuals to whom threatening behavior 569  
should be reported and steps to be taken by those individuals; 570

~~(3)~~ (4) Establish threat assessment guidelines including 571  
identification, evaluation of seriousness of threat or danger, 572

intervention to reduce potential violence, and follow-up to 573  
assess intervention results; 574

~~(4)~~(5) Establish guidelines for coordinating with local 575  
law enforcement agencies and reports collected through the 576  
district's chosen anonymous reporting program under section 577  
3313.6610 of the Revised Code and identify a point of contact 578  
within each agency; 579

(6) Monitor and assess the implementation of threat 580  
management and safety strategies and evaluate interventions and 581  
support provided to students; 582

(7) Include a standardized threat assessment report, which 583  
shall include all documentation associated with the evaluation, 584  
intervention, management, and any ongoing monitoring of the 585  
threat; 586

~~(5)~~(8) Conform with all other specifications in a school's 587  
emergency management plan developed under section 5502.262 of 588  
the Revised Code. 589

Evidence-based threat assessment processes or best 590  
practice threat assessment guidelines created by the national 591  
threat assessment center shall be a resource when developing the 592  
model threat assessment plan. 593

~~(C) Not later than two years after March 24, 2021, the~~The 594  
department of public safety, in consultation with the department 595  
of education and workforce and the attorney general, shall 596  
develop and maintain a list of approved training programs for 597  
completion by school threat assessment team members prescribed 598  
in section 3313.669 of the Revised Code, one of which must be 599  
free or of no cost to schools. Each program approved under this 600  
section must be an evidence-based program that provides 601

instruction in the following: 602

(1) Identifying behaviors, signs, and threats that may 603  
lead to a violent act; 604

(2) Determining the seriousness of a threat; 605

(3) Developing intervention plans that protect the 606  
potential victims and address the underlying problem or conflict 607  
that initiated the behavior and assessments of plan results. 608

Completion of an approved program under this section shall 609  
fulfill the training requirements prescribed under section 610  
3313.669 of the Revised Code. 611

Sec. 5502.264. (A) Not later than one hundred eighty days 612  
after the effective date of this section, the department of 613  
public safety, in consultation with the department of education 614  
and workforce, shall establish a statewide, connected behavioral 615  
threat assessment and management program for school districts 616  
and nonpublic schools. The program shall focus on school safety 617  
and security, including prevention and intervention efforts. The 618  
program shall assist school districts and schools to do all of 619  
the following: 620

(1) Provide a statewide data collection and reporting 621  
mechanism for behavioral threat assessment and management data 622  
from each school and school district; 623

(2) Identify, assess, manage, and monitor potential and 624  
real threats to schools; 625

(3) Create threat assessment reports that include 626  
intervention and case management plans; 627

(4) Conduct a statewide search for past threat assessment 628  
history and initiate data transfer requests; 629

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| <u>(5) Gather and securely store evidence-based threat</u>              | 630 |
| <u>assessment information and case information;</u>                     | 631 |
| <u>(6) Assess and document student incident risk level;</u>             | 632 |
| <u>(7) Manage and document student intervention plans;</u>              | 633 |
| <u>(8) Create threat assessment team meetings and track</u>             | 634 |
| <u>meeting minutes;</u>                                                 | 635 |
| <u>(9) Track assessment progress, update a threat assessment</u>        | 636 |
| <u>report, corresponding documentation, or any other information</u>    | 637 |
| <u>required by the behavioral threat assessment process;</u>            | 638 |
| <u>(10) Improve team response through system functionality</u>          | 639 |
| <u>including automated notifications and queues;</u>                    | 640 |
| <u>(11) Improve data accuracy and completeness through data</u>         | 641 |
| <u>validation;</u>                                                      | 642 |
| <u>(12) Retain, maintain, and allow the transfer of education</u>       | 643 |
| <u>records in the program in accordance with rules adopted by the</u>   | 644 |
| <u>department of public safety, in consultation with the department</u> | 645 |
| <u>of education and workforce, and in accordance with state and</u>     | 646 |
| <u>federal law;</u>                                                     | 647 |
| <u>(13) Provide a secure data transfer portal for securely</u>          | 648 |
| <u>sending and receiving relevant student intervention and risk</u>     | 649 |
| <u>details, threat assessment, and case management information</u>      | 650 |
| <u>between school districts if a student transfers to a new school;</u> | 651 |
| <u>(14) Provide a platform that is centralized, web-based,</u>          | 652 |
| <u>and hosted in a secured cloud environment that is restricted for</u> | 653 |
| <u>government use;</u>                                                  | 654 |
| <u>(15) Allow the threat assessment teams to utilize a single</u>       | 655 |
| <u>search to query disparate data sources and return consolidated</u>   | 656 |

information in a single view to approve the efficiency of threat 657  
assessment teams. These data sources may include law enforcement 658  
data, mental health data sources, school system data sources, 659  
juvenile justice data, social media monitoring data, anonymous 660  
tips data, and any other similar data source that is considered 661  
appropriate to assist with initial threat assessment. The search 662  
function shall be flexible and scalable so that additional 663  
functionality and additional data sources may be added in the 664  
future. 665

(16) Follow strict role-based security and access control 666  
by providing school resource officers, school safety teams, and 667  
behavioral threat assessment and management team members with 668  
unique logins and security permissions; 669

(17) Notify the department of public safety, the 670  
department of education and workforce, and public and nonpublic 671  
school administrators of attempts to access any education 672  
records by unauthorized personnel; 673

(18) Adopt configurable data retention policies; 674

(19) Follow behavioral threat assessment best practices 675  
developed by the department of public safety, in consultation 676  
with the department of education and workforce, under section 677  
5502.263 of the Revised Code; 678

(20) Gather and report behavioral threat assessment data 679  
to the department of public safety and department of education 680  
and workforce; 681

(21) Prove a secure digital repository that permits 682  
authorized users to upload documents and search content. 683

(B) The department of public safety, in consultation with 684  
the department of education and workforce, shall provide access 685



to a case management platform with the ability to integrate all 686  
student information systems used throughout the state and to 687  
securely and, in compliance with state and federal law, search, 688  
share, and transfer student information system data among school 689  
districts and schools. 690

(C) The department of public safety shall make purchases 691  
necessary to develop and maintain the program using a 692  
competitive selection process in accordance with Chapter 125. of 693  
the Revised Code. 694

(D) Once implemented by the department of public safety, 695  
each city, local, exempted village, and joint vocational school 696  
district shall participate in the program. Each chartered or 697  
nonchartered nonpublic school may choose to participate in the 698  
program. 699

(E) The department of public safety shall provide annual 700  
role-based training to all school district or school personnel 701  
authorized to access the threat management portal. 702

(F) The information and documentation included and 703  
maintained under the program, including the portal, shall be 704  
managed in a manner that complies with all of the following: 705

(1) Section 3319.321 of the Revised Code and the "Family 706  
Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974," 20 U.S.C. 1232g, as 707  
amended. A student's parent may access the student's records 708  
that are maintained under the program but shall not be given 709  
direct access to the threat management portal. 710

(2) The HIPAA privacy rule, as defined in section 3798.01 711  
of the Revised Code; 712

(3) Records sealed or expunged under section 2151.356 or 713  
2151.358 of the Revised Code. 714

(G) The department of public safety shall determine and 715  
communicate to each school district and school all incidents 716  
that shall be reported to the department through the threat 717  
management portal. 718

(H) Quarterly, the department of public safety shall 719  
review and audit the program. Each school district or 720  
participating nonpublic school shall comply with the the 721  
department's requirements for the review and audit. 722

(I) Not later than the fifteenth day of March of each 723  
year, the department of public safety shall issue a report to 724  
the governor and, in accordance with section 101.68 of the 725  
Revised Code, the general assembly on the activities of the 726  
program and fund established under this section. 727

(J) The behavioral threat assessment and management 728  
program fund is created in the state treasury. The fund shall 729  
consist of such amounts designated for the purposes of the fund 730  
by the general assembly. The department of public safety may 731  
also receive funds from other sources to support the program. 732  
The department shall administer the fund. The department shall 733  
use the money in the fund to develop and implement the program 734  
as described under this section. Interest and investment 735  
earnings of the fund shall be credited to the fund. 736

**Section 2.** That existing sections 3313.669, 3314.03, 737  
3326.11, and 5502.263 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 738

**Section 3.** All items in this act are hereby appropriated 739  
as designated out of any moneys in the state treasury to the 740  
credit of the designated fund. For all operating appropriations 741  
made in this act, those in the first column are for fiscal year 742  
2026 and those in the second column are for fiscal year 2027. 743

The operating appropriations made in this act are in addition to 744  
any other operating appropriations made for these fiscal years. 745

**Section 4.** 746  
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| A | DPS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY                         |     |             |   |
| B | Dedicated Purpose Fund Group                            |     |             |   |
| C | 5BL1 769413 Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management | \$0 | \$9,000,000 |   |
| D | TOTAL Dedicated Purpose Fund Group                      | \$0 | \$9,000,000 |   |
| E | TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS                            | \$0 | \$9,000,000 |   |

BEHAVIORAL THREAT ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT 748

On the effective date of this section, or as soon as 749  
possible thereafter, the Director of Budget and Management shall 750  
transfer \$9,000,000 cash from the General Revenue Fund to the 751  
Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management Program Fund (Fund 752  
5BL1) to support the appropriation made in this act. 753

The foregoing appropriation item 769413, Behavioral Threat 754  
Assessment and Management, shall be used to support the 755  
statewide, connected behavioral threat assessment and management 756  
program developed by the department of public safety as 757  
described in section 5502.264 of the Revised Code. 758

**Section 5.** Within the limits set forth in this act, the 759  
Director of Budget and Management shall establish accounts 760  
indicating the source and amount of funds for each appropriation 761

made in this act, and shall determine the manner in which 762  
appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures from 763  
operating appropriations contained in this act shall be 764  
accounted for as though made in, and are subject to all 765  
applicable provisions of, H.B. 96 of the 136th General Assembly. 766

**Section 6.** Section 3326.11 of the Revised Code is 767  
presented in this act as a composite of the section as amended 768  
by both H.B. 10 and H.B. 96 of the 136th General Assembly. The 769  
General Assembly, applying the principle stated in division (B) 770  
of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments are to be 771  
harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous operation, 772  
finds that the composite is the resulting version of the section 773  
in effect prior to the effective date of the section as 774  
presented in this act. 775