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A BILL

To amend sections 3313.60 and 3313.6024 and to 1
enact sections 3301.0722, 3301.165, 3313.6031, 2
3314.0311, 3326.092, and 3328.60 of the Revised 3
Code regarding instruction for public and 4
chartered nonpublic school students in the 5
harmful effects of substance use. 6

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

Section 1. That sections 3313.60 and 3313.6024 be amended 7
and sections 3301.0722, 3301.165, 3313.6031, 3314.0311, 8
3326.092, and 3328.60 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as 9
follows: 10

Sec. 3301.0722. (A) As used in this section, "evidence- 11
based" has the same meaning as in section 3301.221 of the 12
Revised Code. 13

(B) The department of education and workforce, in 14
collaboration with the department of mental health and addiction 15
services, shall conduct a review of available resources and 16
develop a list of curricula, materials, programs, and 17
instructional strategies related to the instruction required 18
under divisions (A) (5) (b) and (g) of section 3313.60 of the 19

Revised Code and section 3313.6031 of the Revised Code, that 20
districts or schools may utilize. The department of education 21
and workforce shall highlight any evidence-based resources that 22
exist on its list. Periodically, the department of education and 23
workforce shall review and update the list developed under this 24
section. 25

Sec. 3301.165. The governing authority of each chartered 26
nonpublic school annually shall provide instruction to students 27
in the grade levels the school serves about how short-term or 28
chronic substance use, as defined in section 3313.6031 of the 29
Revised Code, to alter one's mood is harmful to an individual's 30
health. Each governing authority shall do all of the following 31
with regard to the instruction: 32

(A) Determine the manner in which the instruction is 33
provided to students; 34

(B) Ensure the instruction is age and developmentally 35
appropriate; 36

(C) Conform the instruction to prevention best-practice 37
frameworks; 38

(D) Focus the instruction on addressing changes in 39
knowledge, attitude, and skills as a child develops. 40

Sec. 3313.60. Notwithstanding division (D) of section 41
3311.52 of the Revised Code, divisions (A) to (E) of this 42
section do not apply to any cooperative education school 43
district established pursuant to divisions (A) to (C) of section 44
3311.52 of the Revised Code. 45

(A) The board of education of each city, exempted village, 46
and local school district and the board of each cooperative 47
education school district established, pursuant to section 48

3311.521 of the Revised Code, shall prescribe a curriculum for 49
all schools under its control. Except as provided in division 50
(E) of this section, in any such curriculum there shall be 51
included the study of the following subjects: 52

(1) The language arts, including reading, writing, 53
spelling, oral and written English, and literature; 54

(2) Geography, the history of the United States and of 55
Ohio, and national, state, and local government in the United 56
States, including a balanced presentation of the relevant 57
contributions to society of men and women of African, Mexican, 58
Puerto Rican, and American Indian descent as well as other 59
ethnic and racial groups in Ohio and the United States; 60

(3) Mathematics; 61

(4) Natural science, including instruction in the 62
conservation of natural resources; 63

(5) Health education, which shall include instruction in: 64

(a) The nutritive value of foods, including natural and 65
organically produced foods, the relation of nutrition to health, 66
and the use and effects of food additives; 67

(b) The harmful effects of and legal restrictions against 68
the use of drugs of abuse, including marijuana, alcoholic 69
beverages, and tobacco, including electronic smoking devices; 70

(c) Sexually transmitted infection education, except that 71
upon written request of the student's parent or guardian, a 72
student shall be excused from taking instruction in sexually 73
transmitted infection education; 74

(d) In grades kindergarten through six, annual 75
developmentally appropriate instruction in child sexual abuse 76

prevention, including information on available counseling and 77
resources for children who are sexually abused. Such instruction 78
and information provided shall not be connected in any way to 79
any individual, entity, or organization that provides, promotes, 80
counsels, or makes referrals for abortion or abortion-related 81
services. Upon written request of the student's parent or 82
guardian, a student shall be excused from taking instruction in 83
child sexual abuse prevention. 84

(e) In grades kindergarten through six, instruction in 85
personal safety and assault prevention, except that upon written 86
request of the student's parent or guardian, a student shall be 87
excused from taking instruction in personal safety and assault 88
prevention; 89

(f) In grades seven through twelve, developmentally 90
appropriate instruction in dating violence prevention education 91
and sexual violence prevention education, which shall include 92
instruction in recognizing dating violence warning signs and 93
characteristics of healthy relationships, except that upon 94
written request of the student's parent or guardian a student 95
shall be excused from taking instruction in sexual violence 96
prevention. 97

In order to assist school districts in developing a dating 98
violence prevention education and sexual violence prevention 99
education curriculum, the department of education and workforce 100
shall provide on its web site links to free curricula addressing 101
dating violence prevention and sexual violence prevention 102
education. Such instruction and information shall not be 103
connected in any way to any individual, entity, or organization 104
that provides, promotes, counsels, or makes referrals for 105
abortion or abortion-related services. 106

Each school district shall notify the parents and legal guardians of students who receive instruction related to child sexual abuse prevention and sexual violence prevention, as described under divisions (A) (5) (d) and (f) of this section, of all of the following:

(i) That instruction in child sexual abuse prevention and sexual violence prevention is a required part of the district's curriculum;

(ii) That upon request, parents and legal guardians may examine such instructional materials in accordance with this section;

(iii) That upon written request of the student's parent or guardian, a student shall be excused from taking instruction in child sexual abuse prevention and sexual violence prevention.

If the parent or legal guardian of a student less than eighteen years of age submits to the principal of the student's school a written request to examine the dating violence prevention and sexual violence prevention instruction materials used at that school, the principal, within forty-eight hours after the request is made, shall allow the parent or guardian to examine those materials at that school.

(g) Prescription opioid abuse prevention, with an emphasis on the prescription drug epidemic and the connection between prescription opioid abuse and addiction to other drugs, such as heroin;

(h) The process of making an anatomical gift under Chapter 2108. of the Revised Code, with an emphasis on the life-saving and life-enhancing effects of organ and tissue donation;

(i) Beginning with the first day of the next school year

that begins at least two years after March 24, 2021, in grades 136
six through twelve, at least one hour or one standard class 137
period per school year of evidence-based suicide awareness and 138
prevention and at least one hour or one standard class period 139
per school year of safety training and violence prevention, 140
except that upon written request of the student's parent or 141
guardian, a student shall be excused from taking instruction in 142
suicide awareness and prevention or safety training and violence 143
prevention; 144

(j) Beginning with the first day of the next school year 145
that begins at least two years after March 24, 2021, in grades 146
six through twelve, at least one hour or one standard class 147
period per school year of evidence-based social inclusion 148
instruction, except that upon written request of the student's 149
parent or guardian, a student shall be excused from taking 150
instruction in social inclusion. 151

For the instruction required under divisions (A) (5) (i) and 152
(j) of this section, the board shall use a training program 153
approved by the department of education and workforce under 154
section 3301.221 of the Revised Code. 155

Schools may use student assemblies, digital learning, and 156
homework to satisfy the instruction requirements under divisions 157
(A) (5) (i) and (j) of this section. 158

(6) Physical education; 159

(7) The fine arts, including music; 160

(8) First aid, including a training program in 161
cardiopulmonary resuscitation, which shall comply with section 162
3313.6021 of the Revised Code when offered in any of grades nine 163
through twelve, safety, and fire prevention. However, upon 164

written request of the student's parent or guardian, a student 165
shall be excused from taking instruction in cardiopulmonary 166
resuscitation. 167

(B) Except as provided in division (E) of this section, 168
every school or school district shall include in the 169
requirements for promotion from the eighth grade to the ninth 170
grade one year's course of study of American history. A board 171
may waive this requirement for academically accelerated students 172
who, in accordance with procedures adopted by the board, are 173
able to demonstrate mastery of essential concepts and skills of 174
the eighth grade American history course of study. 175

(C) As specified in divisions (B) (6) and (C) (6) of section 176
3313.603 of the Revised Code, except as provided in division (E) 177
of this section, every high school shall include in the 178
requirements for graduation from any curriculum one-half unit 179
each of American history and government. 180

(D) Except as provided in division (E) of this section, 181
basic instruction or demonstrated mastery in geography, United 182
States history, the government of the United States, the 183
government of the state of Ohio, local government in Ohio, the 184
Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, and 185
the Constitution of the state of Ohio shall be required before 186
pupils may participate in courses involving the study of social 187
problems, economics, foreign affairs, United Nations, world 188
government, socialism, and communism. 189

(E) For each cooperative education school district 190
established pursuant to section 3311.521 of the Revised Code and 191
each city, exempted village, and local school district that has 192
territory within such a cooperative district, the curriculum 193
adopted pursuant to divisions (A) to (D) of this section shall 194

only include the study of the subjects that apply to the grades 195
operated by each such school district. The curricula for such 196
schools, when combined, shall provide to each student of these 197
districts all of the subjects required under divisions (A) to 198
(D) of this section. 199

(F) The board of education of any cooperative education 200
school district established pursuant to divisions (A) to (C) of 201
section 3311.52 of the Revised Code shall prescribe a curriculum 202
for the subject areas and grade levels offered in any school 203
under its control. 204

(G) Upon the request of any parent or legal guardian of a 205
student, the board of education of any school district shall 206
permit the parent or guardian to promptly examine, with respect 207
to the parent's or guardian's own child: 208

(1) Any survey or questionnaire, prior to its 209
administration to the child; 210

(2) Any textbook, workbook, software, video, or other 211
instructional materials being used by the district in connection 212
with the instruction of the child; 213

(3) Any completed and graded test taken or survey or 214
questionnaire filled out by the child; 215

(4) Copies of the statewide academic standards and each 216
model curriculum developed pursuant to section 3301.079 of the 217
Revised Code, which copies shall be available at all times 218
during school hours in each district school building. 219

Sec. 3313.6024. (A) Annually each school district and 220
other public school, as defined in section 3301.0711 of the 221
Revised Code, shall report to the department of education and 222
~~workforce, in the manner prescribed by the department,~~ the types 223

of prevention-focused programs, services, and supports used to	224
assist students in developing the knowledge and skills to engage	225
in healthy behaviors and decision-making and to increase their	226
awareness of the dangers and consequences of risky behaviors,	227
including substance abuse, suicide, bullying, and other harmful	228
behaviors. The <u>Each district or school</u> shall report <u>on the</u>	229
<u>survey</u> the following information regarding such programs,	230
services, and supports for each building operated by the	231
<u>district or school</u> and for each of grades kindergarten through	232
twelve served by the building:	233
(1) Curriculum and instruction provided during the school	234
day;	235
(2) Programs and supports provided outside of the	236
classroom or outside of the school day;	237
(3) Professional development for teachers, administrators,	238
and other staff;	239
(4) Partnerships with community coalitions and	240
organizations to provide prevention services and resources to	241
students and their families;	242
(5) School efforts to engage parents and the community;	243
(6) Activities designed to communicate with and learn from	244
other schools or professionals with expertise in prevention	245
education. ;	246
<u>(7) A description of how the district or school complies</u>	247
<u>with the following:</u>	248
<u>(a) For each school district, divisions (A) (5) (b) and (g)</u>	249
<u>of section 3313.60 of the Revised Code and section 3313.6031 of</u>	250
<u>the Revised Code;</u>	251

(b) For every other public school, section 3314.0311, 252
3326.092, or 3328.60 of the Revised Code. 253

(B) The department annually shall conduct a survey to 254
collect the information that a district or school is required to 255
report under this section. 256

(C) A chartered nonpublic school may report to the 257
department the information described in division (A) of this 258
section, and how the school complies with section 3301.165 of 259
the Revised Code, by electing to participate in the department's 260
annual survey. 261

(D) The department may use information reported under this 262
section, and any other information collected by the department 263
pursuant to law, as a factor in the distribution of any funding 264
available for prevention-focused programs, services, and 265
supports. 266

Sec. 3313.6031. (A) As used in this section, "substance 267
use" includes the use of marijuana, alcoholic beverages, 268
opioids, and tobacco, including electronic smoking devices, and 269
any substance derived from a source external to the human body 270
that is not legally permitted or authorized for use without a 271
prescription. 272

(B) In accordance with the curriculum requirement 273
prescribed under divisions (A) (5) (b) and (g) of section 3313.60 274
of the Revised Code, the board of education of each city, local, 275
and exempted village school district annually shall provide 276
instruction to students in grades kindergarten through twelve 277
about how short-term or chronic substance use to alter one's 278
mood is harmful to an individual's health. 279

(C) Each district board shall do all of the following with 280

<u>regard to the instruction:</u>	281
<u>(1) Determine the manner in which the instruction is</u>	282
<u>provided to students;</u>	283
<u>(2) Ensure the instruction is age and developmentally</u>	284
<u>appropriate;</u>	285
<u>(3) Conform the instruction to prevention best-practice</u>	286
<u>frameworks;</u>	287
<u>(4) Focus the instruction on addressing changes in</u>	288
<u>knowledge, attitude, and skills as a child develops.</u>	289
<u>Sec. 3314.0311.</u> <u>The governing authority of each community</u>	290
<u>school established under this chapter annually shall provide</u>	291
<u>instruction to students in the grade levels the school serves</u>	292
<u>about how short-term or chronic substance use, as defined in</u>	293
<u>section 3313.6031 of the Revised Code, to alter one's mood is</u>	294
<u>harmful to an individual's health. Each governing authority</u>	295
<u>shall do all of the following with regard to the instruction:</u>	296
<u>(A) Determine the manner in which the instruction is</u>	297
<u>provided to students;</u>	298
<u>(B) Ensure the instruction is age and developmentally</u>	299
<u>appropriate;</u>	300
<u>(C) Conform the instruction to prevention best-practice</u>	301
<u>frameworks;</u>	302
<u>(D) Focus the instruction on addressing changes in</u>	303
<u>knowledge, attitude, and skills as a child develops.</u>	304
<u>Sec. 3326.092.</u> <u>The governing body of each each science,</u>	305
<u>technology, engineering, and mathematics school established</u>	306
<u>under this chapter annually shall provide instruction to</u>	307

students in the grade levels the school serves about how short- 308
term or chronic substance use, as defined in section 3313.6031 309
of the Revised Code, to alter one's mood is harmful to an 310
individual's health. Each governing body shall do all of the 311
following with regard to the instruction: 312

(A) Determine the manner in which the instruction is 313
provided to students; 314

(B) Ensure the instruction is age and developmentally 315
appropriate; 316

(C) Conform the instruction to prevention best-practice 317
frameworks; 318

(D) Focus the instruction on addressing changes in 319
knowledge, attitude, and skills as a child develops. 320

Sec. 3328.60. The board of trustees of each college- 321
preparatory boarding school established under this chapter 322
annually shall provide instruction to students in the grade 323
levels the school serves about how the short-term or chronic 324
substance use, as defined in section 3313.6031 of the Revised 325
Code, to alter one's mood is harmful to an individual's health. 326
Each board of trustees shall do all of the following with regard 327
to the instruction: 328

(A) Determine the manner in which the instruction is 329
provided to students; 330

(B) Ensure the instruction is age and developmentally 331
appropriate; 332

(C) Conform the instruction to prevention best-practice 333
frameworks; 334

(D) Focus the instruction on addressing changes in 335

knowledge, attitude, and skills as a child develops. 336

Section 2. That existing sections 3313.60 and 3313.6024 of 337
the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 338