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**Senator Johnson**

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To amend sections 3301.0732, 3313.60, and 3313.6024  
and to enact sections 3301.0722, 3301.165,  
3313.6031, 3314.0311, 3326.092, and 3328.60 of  
the Revised Code regarding instruction for  
students in the harmful effects of substance  
use.

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

**Section 1.** That sections 3301.0732, 3313.60, and 3313.6024  
be amended and sections 3301.0722, 3301.165, 3313.6031,  
3314.0311, 3326.092, and 3328.60 of the Revised Code be enacted  
to read as follows:

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

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

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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. 3301.0732.** The minimum education standards prescribed 26  
by the director of education and workforce for nonchartered 27  
nonpublic schools under section 3301.07 of the Revised Code 28  
shall comply with and shall be limited to this section. 29

(A) A nonchartered nonpublic school that is not seeking a 30  
charter from the department of education and workforce because 31  
of truly held religious beliefs shall annually certify in a 32  
report to the parents of its pupils that the school meets 33  
minimum education standards for nonchartered nonpublic schools 34  
as described in this section. A copy of the report shall be 35  
filed with the department of education and workforce on or 36  
before the thirtieth day of September of each year. 37

(B) A nonchartered nonpublic school shall be open for 38  
instruction with pupils in attendance for not less than four 39  
hundred fifty-five hours in the case of pupils in kindergarten 40  
unless such pupils are provided all-day kindergarten, in which 41  
case the pupils shall be in attendance for nine hundred ten 42  
hours; nine hundred ten hours in the case of pupils in grades 43  
one through six; and one thousand one hours in the case of 44  
pupils in grades seven through twelve in each school year. 45

(C) The parents of a child enrolled in a nonchartered 46  
nonpublic school shall be responsible for reporting their 47  
child's enrollment or withdrawal from that school to the 48  
treasurer of the board of education of the city, exempted 49

village, or local school district in which the pupil resides. 50  
Pupil attendance is reported for the purposes of facilitating 51  
the administration of laws relating to compulsory education and 52  
the employment of minors. An individual in charge of the 53  
nonchartered nonpublic school may, as a matter of convenience, 54  
provide the report to the treasurer on behalf of the parents. 55

The attendance report shall include the name, age, and 56  
place of residence of each pupil below eighteen years of age. 57  
The report shall be made within the first two weeks of the 58  
beginning of each school year. In the case of pupil withdrawal 59  
or entrance during the school year, notice shall be given to the 60  
treasurer of the appropriate board of education within the first 61  
week of the next school month. 62

(D) Teachers and administrators at nonchartered nonpublic 63  
schools shall hold at least a bachelor's degree, or the 64  
equivalent, from a recognized college or university. 65

(E) The curriculum of each nonchartered nonpublic school 66  
shall include the study of the following subjects: 67

(1) Language arts; 68

(2) Geography, the history of the United States and Ohio, 69  
and national, state, and local government; 70

(3) Mathematics; 71

(4) Science; 72

(5) Health, which may include age and developmentally 73  
appropriate instruction about how short-term or chronic 74  
substance use, as defined in section 3313.6031 of the Revised 75  
Code, to alter an individual's mood is harmful to an 76  
individual's health; 77

(6) Physical education;	78
(7) The fine arts, including music;	79
(8) First aid, safety, and fire prevention;	80
(9) Other subjects as prescribed by the nonchartered nonpublic school.	81 82
(F) Each nonchartered nonpublic school shall follow regular procedures for promotion from grade to grade for pupils who have met the school's educational requirements.	83 84 85
(G) Each nonchartered nonpublic school shall comply with all applicable health, fire, and safety laws.	86 87
(H) Pupils attending a nonchartered nonpublic school shall not be entitled to pupil transportation or auxiliary services. A nonchartered nonpublic school is not entitled to reimbursement for administrative costs.	88 89 90 91
<u>Sec. 3301.165. The governing authority of each chartered nonpublic school annually may provide instruction to students in the grade levels the school serves about how short-term or chronic substance use, as defined in section 3313.6031 of the Revised Code, to alter one's mood is harmful to an individual's health. Each governing authority may do all of the following with regard to the instruction:</u>	92 93 94 95 96 97 98
<u>(A) Determine the manner in which the instruction is provided to students;</u>	99 100
<u>(B) Ensure the instruction is age and developmentally appropriate;</u>	101 102
<u>(C) Conform the instruction to prevention best-practice frameworks;</u>	103 104

(D) Focus the instruction on addressing changes in 105  
knowledge, attitude, and skills as a child develops. 106

**Sec. 3313.60.** Notwithstanding division (D) of section 107  
3311.52 of the Revised Code, divisions (A) to (E) of this 108  
section do not apply to any cooperative education school 109  
district established pursuant to divisions (A) to (C) of section 110  
3311.52 of the Revised Code. 111

(A) The board of education of each city, exempted village, 112  
and local school district and the board of each cooperative 113  
education school district established, pursuant to section 114  
3311.521 of the Revised Code, shall prescribe a curriculum for 115  
all schools under its control. Except as provided in division 116  
(E) of this section, in any such curriculum there shall be 117  
included the study of the following subjects: 118

(1) The language arts, including reading, writing, 119  
spelling, oral and written English, and literature; 120

(2) Geography, the history of the United States and of 121  
Ohio, and national, state, and local government in the United 122  
States, including a balanced presentation of the relevant 123  
contributions to society of men and women of African, Mexican, 124  
Puerto Rican, and American Indian descent as well as other 125  
ethnic and racial groups in Ohio and the United States; 126

(3) Mathematics; 127

(4) Natural science, including instruction in the 128  
conservation of natural resources; 129

(5) Health education, which shall include instruction in: 130

(a) The nutritive value of foods, including natural and 131  
organically produced foods, the relation of nutrition to health, 132

and the use and effects of food additives; 133

(b) The harmful effects of and legal restrictions against 134  
the use of drugs of abuse, including marijuana, opioids, 135  
opiates, alcoholic beverages, and tobacco, including electronic 136  
smoking devices; 137

(c) Sexually transmitted infection education, except that 138  
upon written request of the student's parent or guardian, a 139  
student shall be excused from taking instruction in sexually 140  
transmitted infection education; 141

(d) In grades kindergarten through six, annual 142  
developmentally appropriate instruction in child sexual abuse 143  
prevention, including information on available counseling and 144  
resources for children who are sexually abused. Such instruction 145  
and information provided shall not be connected in any way to 146  
any individual, entity, or organization that provides, promotes, 147  
counsels, or makes referrals for abortion or abortion-related 148  
services. Upon written request of the student's parent or 149  
guardian, a student shall be excused from taking instruction in 150  
child sexual abuse prevention. 151

(e) In grades kindergarten through six, instruction in 152  
personal safety and assault prevention, except that upon written 153  
request of the student's parent or guardian, a student shall be 154  
excused from taking instruction in personal safety and assault 155  
prevention; 156

(f) In grades seven through twelve, developmentally 157  
appropriate instruction in dating violence prevention education 158  
and sexual violence prevention education, which shall include 159  
instruction in recognizing dating violence warning signs and 160  
characteristics of healthy relationships, except that upon 161

written request of the student's parent or guardian a student 162  
shall be excused from taking instruction in sexual violence 163  
prevention. 164

In order to assist school districts in developing a dating 165  
violence prevention education and sexual violence prevention 166  
education curriculum, the department of education and workforce 167  
shall provide on its web site links to free curricula addressing 168  
dating violence prevention and sexual violence prevention 169  
education. Such instruction and information shall not be 170  
connected in any way to any individual, entity, or organization 171  
that provides, promotes, counsels, or makes referrals for 172  
abortion or abortion-related services. 173

Each school district shall notify the parents and legal 174  
guardians of students who receive instruction related to child 175  
sexual abuse prevention and sexual violence prevention, as 176  
described under divisions (A) (5) (d) and (f) of this section, of 177  
all of the following: 178

(i) That instruction in child sexual abuse prevention and 179  
sexual violence prevention is a required part of the district's 180  
curriculum; 181

(ii) That upon request, parents and legal guardians may 182  
examine such instructional materials in accordance with this 183  
section; 184

(iii) That upon written request of the student's parent or 185  
guardian, a student shall be excused from taking instruction in 186  
child sexual abuse prevention and sexual violence prevention. 187

If the parent or legal guardian of a student less than 188  
eighteen years of age submits to the principal of the student's 189  
school a written request to examine the dating violence 190

prevention and sexual violence prevention instruction materials 191  
used at that school, the principal, within forty-eight hours 192  
after the request is made, shall allow the parent or guardian to 193  
examine those materials at that school. 194

(g) Prescription opioid abuse prevention, with an emphasis 195  
on the prescription drug epidemic and the connection between 196  
prescription opioid abuse and addiction to other drugs, such as 197  
heroin; 198

(h) The process of making an anatomical gift under Chapter 199  
2108. of the Revised Code, with an emphasis on the life-saving 200  
and life-enhancing effects of organ and tissue donation; 201

(i) Beginning with the first day of the next school year 202  
that begins at least two years after March 24, 2021, in grades 203  
six through twelve, at least one hour or one standard class 204  
period per school year of evidence-based suicide awareness and 205  
prevention and at least one hour or one standard class period 206  
per school year of safety training and violence prevention, 207  
except that upon written request of the student's parent or 208  
guardian, a student shall be excused from taking instruction in 209  
suicide awareness and prevention or safety training and violence 210  
prevention; 211

(j) Beginning with the first day of the next school year 212  
that begins at least two years after March 24, 2021, in grades 213  
six through twelve, at least one hour or one standard class 214  
period per school year of evidence-based social inclusion 215  
instruction, except that upon written request of the student's 216  
parent or guardian, a student shall be excused from taking 217  
instruction in social inclusion. 218

For the instruction required under divisions (A) (5) (i) and 219



(j) of this section, the board shall use a training program 220  
approved by the department of education and workforce under 221  
section 3301.221 of the Revised Code. 222

Schools may use student assemblies, digital learning, and 223  
homework to satisfy the instruction requirements under divisions 224  
(A) (5) (i) and (j) of this section. 225

(k) Instruction in bullying and hazing. 226

(6) Physical education; 227

(7) The fine arts, including music; 228

(8) First aid, including a training program in 229  
cardiopulmonary resuscitation, which shall comply with section 230  
3313.6021 of the Revised Code when offered in any of grades nine 231  
through twelve, safety, and fire prevention. However, upon 232  
written request of the student's parent or guardian, a student 233  
shall be excused from taking instruction in cardiopulmonary 234  
resuscitation. 235

(B) Except as provided in division (E) of this section, 236  
every school or school district shall include in the 237  
requirements for promotion from the eighth grade to the ninth 238  
grade one year's course of study of American history. A board 239  
may waive this requirement for academically accelerated students 240  
who, in accordance with procedures adopted by the board, are 241  
able to demonstrate mastery of essential concepts and skills of 242  
the eighth grade American history course of study. 243

(C) As specified in divisions (B) (6) and (C) (6) of section 244  
3313.603 of the Revised Code, except as provided in division (E) 245  
of this section, every high school shall include in the 246  
requirements for graduation from any curriculum one-half unit 247  
each of American history and government. 248

(D) Except as provided in division (E) of this section, 249  
basic instruction or demonstrated mastery in geography, United 250  
States history, the government of the United States, the 251  
government of the state of Ohio, local government in Ohio, the 252  
Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, and 253  
the Constitution of the state of Ohio shall be required before 254  
pupils may participate in courses involving the study of social 255  
problems, economics, foreign affairs, United Nations, world 256  
government, socialism, and communism. 257

(E) For each cooperative education school district 258  
established pursuant to section 3311.521 of the Revised Code and 259  
each city, exempted village, and local school district that has 260  
territory within such a cooperative district, the curriculum 261  
adopted pursuant to divisions (A) to (D) of this section shall 262  
only include the study of the subjects that apply to the grades 263  
operated by each such school district. The curricula for such 264  
schools, when combined, shall provide to each student of these 265  
districts all of the subjects required under divisions (A) to 266  
(D) of this section. 267

(F) The board of education of any cooperative education 268  
school district established pursuant to divisions (A) to (C) of 269  
section 3311.52 of the Revised Code shall prescribe a curriculum 270  
for the subject areas and grade levels offered in any school 271  
under its control. 272

(G) Upon the request of any parent or legal guardian of a 273  
student, the board of education of any school district shall 274  
permit the parent or guardian to promptly examine, with respect 275  
to the parent's or guardian's own child: 276

(1) Any survey or questionnaire, prior to its 277  
administration to the child; 278

(2) Any textbook, workbook, software, video, or other 279  
instructional materials being used by the district in connection 280  
with the instruction of the child; 281

(3) Any completed and graded test taken or survey or 282  
questionnaire filled out by the child; 283

(4) Copies of the statewide academic standards and each 284  
model curriculum developed pursuant to section 3301.079 of the 285  
Revised Code, which copies shall be available at all times 286  
during school hours in each district school building. 287

**Sec. 3313.6024.** (A) Annually each school district and 288  
other public school, as defined in section 3301.0711 of the 289  
Revised Code, shall report to the department of education and 290  
workforce, ~~in the manner prescribed~~ a survey established by the 291  
department, the types of prevention-focused programs, services, 292  
and supports used to assist students in developing the knowledge 293  
and skills to engage in healthy behaviors and decision-making 294  
and to increase their awareness of the dangers and consequences 295  
of risky behaviors, including substance abuse, suicide, 296  
bullying, and other harmful behaviors. ~~The~~ Each district or 297  
school shall report on the survey the following information 298  
regarding such programs, services, and supports for each 299  
building operated by the district or school and for each of 300  
grades kindergarten through twelve served by the building: 301

(1) Curriculum and instruction provided during the school 302  
day; 303

(2) Programs and supports provided outside of the 304  
classroom or outside of the school day; 305

(3) Professional development for teachers, administrators, 306  
and other staff; 307

(4) Partnerships with community coalitions and 308  
organizations to provide prevention services and resources to 309  
students and their families; 310

(5) School efforts to engage parents and the community; 311

(6) Activities designed to communicate with and learn from 312  
other schools or professionals with expertise in prevention 313  
education.—; 314

(7) A description of how the district or school complies 315  
with the following: 316

(a) For each school district, divisions (A) (5) (b) and (g) 317  
of section 3313.60 of the Revised Code and section 3313.6031 of 318  
the Revised Code; 319

(b) For every other public school, section 3314.0311, 320  
3326.092, or 3328.60 of the Revised Code. 321

(8) The number of substance abuse cases that occurred in 322  
the district or school. 323

(B) A chartered nonpublic school may report to the 324  
department the information described in division (A) of this 325  
section by electing to participate in the department's annual 326  
survey. 327

(C) Each year, the department shall analyze the substance 328  
abuse case data and the information on programs, services, and 329  
supports collected in the annual survey prescribed under this 330  
section for that year, and prior years, to determine the overall 331  
effectiveness of different programs, services, and supports at 332  
preventing substance abuse cases over time and identify best 333  
practices for prevention education. 334

(D) The department may use information reported under this 335

section, and any other information collected by the department 336  
pursuant to law, as a factor in the distribution of any funding 337  
available for prevention-focused programs, services, and 338  
supports. 339

Sec. 3313.6031. (A) As used in this section, "substance 340  
use" includes the use of marijuana, alcoholic beverages, 341  
opioids, opiates, and tobacco, including electronic smoking 342  
devices, and any substance derived from a source external to the 343  
human body that is not legally permitted or authorized for use 344  
without a prescription. 345

(B) In accordance with the curriculum requirement 346  
prescribed under divisions (A) (5) (b) and (g) of section 3313.60 347  
of the Revised Code, the board of education of each city, local, 348  
and exempted village school district annually shall provide 349  
instruction to students in grades kindergarten through twelve 350  
about how short-term or chronic substance use to alter one's 351  
mood is harmful to an individual's health. 352

(C) Each district board shall do all of the following with 353  
regard to the instruction: 354

(1) Determine the manner in which the instruction is 355  
provided to students; 356

(2) Ensure the instruction is age and developmentally 357  
appropriate; 358

(3) Conform the instruction to prevention best-practice 359  
frameworks; 360

(4) Focus the instruction on addressing changes in 361  
knowledge, attitude, and skills as a child develops. 362

Sec. 3314.0311. The governing authority of each community 363

school established under this chapter annually shall provide 364  
instruction to students in the grade levels the school serves 365  
about how short-term or chronic substance use, as defined in 366  
section 3313.6031 of the Revised Code, to alter one's mood is 367  
harmful to an individual's health. Each governing authority 368  
shall do all of the following with regard to the instruction: 369

(A) Determine the manner in which the instruction is 370  
provided to students; 371

(B) Ensure the instruction is age and developmentally 372  
appropriate; 373

(C) Conform the instruction to prevention best-practice 374  
frameworks; 375

(D) Focus the instruction on addressing changes in 376  
knowledge, attitude, and skills as a child develops. 377

**Sec. 3326.092.** The governing body of each each science, 378  
technology, engineering, and mathematics school established 379  
under this chapter annually shall provide instruction to 380  
students in the grade levels the school serves about how short- 381  
term or chronic substance use, as defined in section 3313.6031 382  
of the Revised Code, to alter one's mood is harmful to an 383  
individual's health. Each governing body shall do all of the 384  
following with regard to the instruction: 385

(A) Determine the manner in which the instruction is 386  
provided to students; 387

(B) Ensure the instruction is age and developmentally 388  
appropriate; 389

(C) Conform the instruction to prevention best-practice 390  
frameworks; 391

(D) Focus the instruction on addressing changes in 392  
knowledge, attitude, and skills as a child develops. 393

**Sec. 3328.60.** The board of trustees of each college- 394  
preparatory boarding school established under this chapter 395  
annually shall provide instruction to students in the grade 396  
levels the school serves about how the short-term or chronic 397  
substance use, as defined in section 3313.6031 of the Revised 398  
Code, to alter one's mood is harmful to an individual's health. 399  
Each board of trustees shall do all of the following with regard 400  
to the instruction: 401

(A) Determine the manner in which the instruction is 402  
provided to students; 403

(B) Ensure the instruction is age and developmentally 404  
appropriate; 405

(C) Conform the instruction to prevention best-practice 406  
frameworks; 407

(D) Focus the instruction on addressing changes in 408  
knowledge, attitude, and skills as a child develops. 409

**Section 2.** That existing sections 3301.0732, 3313.60, and 410  
3313.6024 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 411