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**A BILL**

To amend section 3313.60 of the Revised Code to 1  
require the health curriculum of each school 2  
district to include instruction on the positive 3  
effects of organ and tissue donation. 4

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

**Section 1.** That section 3313.60 of the Revised Code be 5  
amended to read as follows: 6

**Sec. 3313.60.** Notwithstanding division (D) of section 7  
3311.52 of the Revised Code, divisions (A) to (E) of this 8  
section do not apply to any cooperative education school 9  
district established pursuant to divisions (A) to (C) of section 10  
3311.52 of the Revised Code. 11

(A) The board of education of each city, exempted village, 12  
and local school district and the board of each cooperative 13  
education school district established, pursuant to section 14  
3311.521 of the Revised Code, shall prescribe a curriculum for 15  
all schools under its control. Except as provided in division 16  
(E) of this section, in any such curriculum there shall be 17  
included the study of the following subjects: 18

(1) The language arts, including reading, writing,	19
spelling, oral and written English, and literature;	20
(2) Geography, the history of the United States and of	21
Ohio, and national, state, and local government in the United	22
States, including a balanced presentation of the relevant	23
contributions to society of men and women of African, Mexican,	24
Puerto Rican, and American Indian descent as well as other	25
ethnic and racial groups in Ohio and the United States;	26
(3) Mathematics;	27
(4) Natural science, including instruction in the	28
conservation of natural resources;	29
(5) Health education, which shall include instruction in:	30
(a) The nutritive value of foods, including natural and	31
organically produced foods, the relation of nutrition to health,	32
and the use and effects of food additives;	33
(b) The harmful effects of and legal restrictions against	34
the use of drugs of abuse, alcoholic beverages, and tobacco;	35
(c) Venereal disease education, except that upon written	36
request of the student's parent or guardian, a student shall be	37
excused from taking instruction in venereal disease education;	38
(d) In grades kindergarten through six, instruction in	39
personal safety and assault prevention, except that upon written	40
request of the student's parent or guardian, a student shall be	41
excused from taking instruction in personal safety and assault	42
prevention;	43
(e) In grades seven through twelve, age-appropriate	44
instruction in dating violence prevention education, which shall	45
include instruction in recognizing dating violence warning signs	46

and characteristics of healthy relationships. 47

In order to assist school districts in developing a dating 48  
violence prevention education curriculum, the department of 49  
education shall provide on its web site links to free curricula 50  
addressing dating violence prevention. 51

If the parent or legal guardian of a student less than 52  
eighteen years of age submits to the principal of the student's 53  
school a written request to examine the dating violence 54  
prevention instruction materials used at that school, the 55  
principal, within a reasonable period of time after the request 56  
is made, shall allow the parent or guardian to examine those 57  
materials at that school. 58

(f) Prescription opioid abuse prevention, with an emphasis 59  
on the prescription drug epidemic and the connection between 60  
prescription opioid abuse and addiction to other drugs, such as 61  
heroin. 62

(g) The process of making an anatomical gift under Chapter 63  
2108. of the Revised Code, with an emphasis on the life-saving 64  
and life-enhancing effects of organ and tissue donation. 65

(6) Physical education; 66

(7) The fine arts, including music; 67

(8) First aid, including a training program in 68  
cardiopulmonary resuscitation, safety, and fire prevention, 69  
except that upon written request of the student's parent or 70  
guardian, a student shall be excused from taking instruction in 71  
cardiopulmonary resuscitation. 72

(B) Except as provided in division (E) of this section, 73  
every school or school district shall include in the 74

requirements for promotion from the eighth grade to the ninth 75  
grade one year's course of study of American history. A board 76  
may waive this requirement for academically accelerated students 77  
who, in accordance with procedures adopted by the board, are 78  
able to demonstrate mastery of essential concepts and skills of 79  
the eighth grade American history course of study. 80

(C) As specified in divisions (B) (6) and (C) (6) of section 81  
3313.603 of the Revised Code, except as provided in division (E) 82  
of this section, every high school shall include in the 83  
requirements for graduation from any curriculum one-half unit 84  
each of American history and government. 85

(D) Except as provided in division (E) of this section, 86  
basic instruction or demonstrated mastery in geography, United 87  
States history, the government of the United States, the 88  
government of the state of Ohio, local government in Ohio, the 89  
Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, and 90  
the Constitution of the state of Ohio shall be required before 91  
pupils may participate in courses involving the study of social 92  
problems, economics, foreign affairs, United Nations, world 93  
government, socialism, and communism. 94

(E) For each cooperative education school district 95  
established pursuant to section 3311.521 of the Revised Code and 96  
each city, exempted village, and local school district that has 97  
territory within such a cooperative district, the curriculum 98  
adopted pursuant to divisions (A) to (D) of this section shall 99  
only include the study of the subjects that apply to the grades 100  
operated by each such school district. The curriculums for such 101  
schools, when combined, shall provide to each student of these 102  
districts all of the subjects required under divisions (A) to 103  
(D) of this section. 104

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Section 2.** That existing section 3313.60 of the Revised Code is hereby repealed.

**Section 3.** Not later than July 1, 2016, the Second Chance Trust Fund Advisory Committee created under section 2108.35 of the Revised Code shall submit recommendations for the instruction in the process of making an anatomical gift that is required for a school district's health curriculum under division (A) (5) (g) of section 3313.60 of the Revised Code, as amended by this act, to the Department of Education. Upon

receiving the recommendations, the Department shall publish them	134
in a prominent location on the Department's web site for use by	135
school districts in developing their health curricula.	136