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S. B. No. 276

### **Senator Hottinger**

Cosponsors: Senators Uecker, Gardner, LaRose

## A BILL

| То | amend sections 3313.66 and 3313.661 of the       | 1 |
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|    | Revised Code with respect to the expulsion of a  | 2 |
|    | student from a school district, community        | 3 |
|    | school, or STEM school for actions that endanger | 4 |
|    | the health and safety of other students or       | 5 |
|    | school employees.                                | 6 |

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

| Section 1. That sections 3313.66 and 3313.661 of the             | 7  |
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| Revised Code be amended to read as follows:                      | 8  |
| Sec. 3313.66. (A) Except as provided under division (B)(2)       | 9  |
| of this section, and subject to section 3313.668 of the Revised  | 10 |
| Code, the superintendent of schools of a city, exempted village, | 11 |
| or local school district, or the principal of a public school    | 12 |
| may suspend a pupil from school for not more than ten school     | 13 |
| days. The board of education of a city, exempted village, or     | 14 |
| local school district may adopt a policy granting assistant      | 15 |
| principals and other administrators the authority to suspend a   | 16 |
| pupil from school for a period of time as specified in the       | 17 |
| policy of the board of education, not to exceed ten school days. | 18 |

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| If at the time an out-of-school suspension is imposed there are  | 19 |
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| fewer than ten school days remaining in the school year in which | 20 |
| the incident that gives rise to the suspension takes place, the  | 21 |
| superintendent shall not apply any remaining part of the period  | 22 |
| of the suspension to the following school year. The              | 23 |
| superintendent may instead require the pupil to participate in a | 24 |
| community service program or another alternative consequence for | 25 |
| a number of hours equal to the remaining part of the period of   | 26 |
| the suspension. The pupil shall be required to begin the pupil's | 27 |
| community service or alternative consequence during the first    | 28 |
| full week day of summer break. Each school district, in its      | 29 |
| discretion, may develop an appropriate list of alternative       | 30 |
| consequences. In the event that a pupil fails to complete        | 31 |
| community service or the assigned alternative consequence, the   | 32 |
| school district may determine the next course of action, which   | 33 |
| shall not include requiring the pupil to serve the remaining     | 34 |
| time of the out-of-school suspension at the beginning of the     | 35 |
| following school year.   | 36 |

Except in the case of a pupil given an in-school suspension, no pupil shall be suspended unless prior to the suspension the superintendent or principal does both of the following:

(1) Gives the pupil written notice of the intention to 41 suspend the pupil and the reasons for the intended suspension 42 and, if the proposed suspension is based on a violation listed 43 in division (A) of section 3313.662 of the Revised Code and if 44 the pupil is sixteen years of age or older, includes in the 45 notice a statement that the superintendent may seek to 46 permanently exclude the pupil if the pupil is convicted of or 47 adjudicated a delinquent child for that violation; 48

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| (2) Provides the pupil an opportunity to appear at an            | 49 |
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| informal hearing before the principal, assistant principal,      | 50 |
| superintendent, or superintendent's designee and challenge the   | 51 |
| reason for the intended suspension or otherwise to explain the   | 52 |
| pupil's actions.   | 53 |
| If a pupil is suspended pursuant to division (A) of this         | 54 |
| section, the school district board may, in its discretion,       | 55 |
| permit the pupil to complete any classroom assignments missed    | 56 |
| because of the suspension.                                       | 57 |
| (D) (1) Event or provided under division (D) (2) (2)             | 58 |
| (B) (1) Except as provided under division (B) (2), (3), or       |    |
| (4), $(5)$ , or $(6)$ of this section, and subject to section    | 59 |
| 3313.668 of the Revised Code, the superintendent of schools of a | 60 |
| city, exempted village, or local school district may expel a     | 61 |
| pupil from school for a period not to exceed the greater of      | 62 |
| eighty school days or the number of school days remaining in the | 63 |
| semester or term in which the incident that gives rise to the    | 64 |
| expulsion takes place, unless the expulsion is extended pursuant | 65 |
| to division (F) of this section. If at the time an expulsion is  | 66 |
| imposed there are fewer than eighty school days remaining in the | 67 |
| school year in which the incident that gives rise to the         | 68 |
| expulsion takes place, the superintendent may apply any          | 69 |
| remaining part or all of the period of the expulsion to the      | 70 |
| following school year.   | 71 |
| (2)(a) Unless a pupil is permanently excluded pursuant to        | 72 |
| section 3313.662 of the Revised Code, the superintendent of      | 73 |
| schools of a city, exempted village, or local school district    | 74 |
| shall expel a pupil from school for a period of one year for     | 75 |
| bringing a firearm to a school operated by the board of          | 76 |
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education of the district or onto any other property owned or

controlled by the board, except that the superintendent may

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reduce this requirement on a case-by-case basis in accordance with the policy adopted by the board under section 3313.661 of the Revised Code.

- (b) The superintendent of schools of a city, exempted village, or local school district may expel a pupil from school for a period of one year for bringing a firearm to an interscholastic competition, an extracurricular event, or any other school program or activity that is not located in a school or on property that is owned or controlled by the district. The superintendent may reduce this disciplinary action on a case-by-case basis in accordance with the policy adopted by the board under section 3313.661 of the Revised Code.
- (c) Any expulsion pursuant to division (B)(2) of this section shall extend, as necessary, into the school year following the school year in which the incident that gives rise to the expulsion takes place. As used in this division, "firearm" has the same meaning as provided pursuant to the "Gun-Free Schools Act," 115 Stat. 1762, 20 U.S.C. 7151.
- (3) The board of education of a city, exempted village, or local school district may adopt a resolution authorizing the superintendent of schools to expel a pupil from school for a period not to exceed one year for bringing a knife to a school operated by the board, onto any other property owned or controlled by the board, or to an interscholastic competition, an extracurricular event, or any other program or activity sponsored by the school district or in which the district is a participant, or for possessing a firearm or knife at a school, on any other property owned or controlled by the board, or at an interscholastic competition, an extracurricular event, or any other school program or activity, which firearm or knife was

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initially brought onto school board property by another person.

The resolution may authorize the superintendent to extend such
an expulsion, as necessary, into the school year following the
school year in which the incident that gives rise to the
expulsion takes place.

- (4) The board of education of a city, exempted village, or 114 local school district may adopt a resolution establishing a 115 policy under section 3313.661 of the Revised Code that 116 authorizes the superintendent of schools to expel a pupil from 117 school for a period not to exceed one year for committing an act 118 that is a criminal offense when committed by an adult and that 119 results in serious physical harm to persons as defined in 120 division (A)(5) of section 2901.01 of the Revised Code or 121 serious physical harm to property as defined in division (A)(6) 122 of section 2901.01 of the Revised Code while the pupil is at 123 school, on any other property owned or controlled by the board, 124 or at an interscholastic competition, an extracurricular event, 125 or any other school program or activity. Any expulsion under 126 this division shall extend, as necessary, into the school year 127 following the school year in which the incident that gives rise 128 to the expulsion takes place. 129
- (5) The board of education of any city, exempted village, 130 or local school district may adopt a resolution establishing a 131 policy under section 3313.661 of the Revised Code that 132 authorizes the superintendent of schools to expel a pupil from 133 school for a period not to exceed one year for making a bomb 134 threat to a school building or to any premises at which a school 135 activity is occurring at the time of the threat. Any expulsion 136 under this division shall extend, as necessary, into the school 137 year following the school year in which the incident that gives 138 rise to the expulsion takes place. 139

| (6) The board of education of any city, exempted village,        | 140 |
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| or local school district may adopt a resolution establishing a   | 141 |
| policy under section 3313.661 of the Revised Code that           | 142 |
| authorizes the superintendent of schools to expel a pupil from   | 143 |
| school for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty school days | 144 |
| for actions that the superintendent determines pose imminent and | 145 |
| severe endangerment to the health and safety of other pupils or  | 146 |
| school employees, even though the pupil's actions may not        | 147 |
| qualify for permanent exclusion under section 3313.662 of the    | 148 |
| Revised Code. Upon the expulsion of a pupil pursuant to this     | 149 |
| division, the superintendent shall develop conditions for that   | 150 |
| pupil to satisfy prior to the pupil's reinstatement. The         | 151 |
| superintendent shall provide a copy of these conditions in       | 152 |
| writing to the district board, the pupil, and the pupil's        | 153 |
| parent, guardian, or custodian at the beginning of the expulsion | 154 |
| period.  | 155 |
| One of the conditions developed by the superintendent            | 156 |
| shall be an assessment to determine whether the pupil poses a    | 157 |
| danger to the pupil's self or to other pupils or school          | 158 |
| employees. The assessment shall be completed by a psychiatrist,  | 159 |
| psychologist, or school psychologist. The psychiatrist,          | 160 |
| psychologist, or school psychologist shall be agreed upon by     | 161 |
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| both the district board and the pupil's parent, guardian, or     | 162 |
| custodian. If the psychiatrist, psychologist, or school          | 163 |
| psychologist is not employed or contracted by the district, the  | 164 |
| cost of the assessment shall be referred for payment to the      | 165 |
| pupil's health insurance. Any costs not covered by the pupil's   | 166 |
| health insurance shall be split equally between the district and | 167 |
| the pupil's parent, guardian, or custodian. The district shall   | 168 |
| pay in full for an assessment completed by a psychiatrist,       | 169 |
| psychologist, or school psychologist that is employed or         | 170 |

| contracted by the district.  | 171 |
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| (a) At the end of the expulsion period, the superintendent         | 172 |
| shall assess the pupil and determine whether the pupil has shown   | 173 |
| sufficient rehabilitation to be reinstated. The superintendent     | 174 |
| shall take into consideration both the assessment by the           | 175 |
| psychiatrist, psychologist, or school psychologist and whether     | 176 |
| or not the pupil has met the conditions developed by the           | 177 |
| superintendent at the beginning of the expulsion period.           | 178 |
| In making any determination under division (B)(6) of this          | 179 |
| section, the superintendent shall comply with the procedures       | 180 |
| prescribed by divisions (B)(7) and (D) of this section.            | 181 |
| (i) Upon the assessment of a pupil as required by division         | 182 |
| (B) (6) (a) of this section, if the superintendent determines that | 183 |
| the pupil has shown sufficient rehabilitation, the                 | 184 |
| superintendent may reinstate that pupil.                           | 185 |
| (ii) Upon the assessment of a pupil as required by                 | 186 |
| division (B)(6)(a) of this section, if the superintendent          | 187 |
| determines that the pupil has not shown sufficient                 | 188 |
| rehabilitation, the superintendent may extend the expulsion for    | 189 |
| an additional period not to exceed ninety school days.             | 190 |
| (b) If the superintendent extends the expulsion period             | 191 |
| under division (B)(6)(a)(ii) of this section, the superintendent   | 192 |
| shall develop conditions for that pupil to satisfy prior to that   | 193 |
| pupil's reinstatement, which may be the same as those developed    | 194 |
| for the original expulsion period. The superintendent shall        | 195 |
| provide a copy of these conditions in writing to the district      | 196 |
| board, the pupil, and the pupil's parent, guardian, or custodian   | 197 |
| at the beginning of the extended expulsion period. At the end of   | 198 |
| the extended expulsion period, the superintendent shall reassess   | 199 |

| the pupil in the manner prescribed by division (B)(6)(a) of this | 200 |
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| section and may reinstate the pupil or may extend the expulsion  | 201 |
| for another term, not to exceed ninety school days, in the same  | 202 |
| manner as provided in divisions (B)(6)(a)(i) and (ii) of this    | 203 |
| section. There is no limit on the number of times the            | 204 |
| superintendent may extend an expulsion under division (B)(6)(a)  | 205 |
| (ii) of this section.  | 206 |
| (c) Prior to the end of the original expulsion period or         | 207 |
| of an extended expulsion period, if the pupil has met all of the | 208 |
| conditions developed by the superintendent at the beginning of   | 209 |
| the expulsion period, the superintendent may reduce the          | 210 |
| expulsion on a case-by-case basis. In making the determination,  | 211 |
| the superintendent shall comply with the district's policy       | 212 |
| regarding the reduction of an expulsion period, adopted pursuant | 213 |
| to section 3313.661 of the Revised Code.                         | 214 |
| (d) Prior to the end of the original expulsion period or         | 215 |
| of an extended expulsion period, the pupil or the pupil's        | 216 |
| parent, guardian, or custodian may request the superintendent to | 217 |
| complete an early assessment of the pupil. If requested, the     | 218 |
| superintendent shall assess the pupil and make a determination   | 219 |
| in the manner prescribed by division (B)(6)(a) of this section.  | 220 |
| In making the determination, the superintendent shall comply     | 221 |
| with the district's policy regarding the reduction of an         | 222 |
| expulsion period, adopted pursuant to section 3313.661 of the    | 223 |
| Revised Code. A pupil or pupil's parent, guardian, or custodian  | 224 |
| may request one early assessment for the original expulsion      | 225 |
| period and for each extended expulsion period under this         | 226 |
| division.  | 227 |
| (e) Not later than five days after the beginning of the          | 228 |
| original expulsion period or of any extended expulsion period    | 229 |

| under division (B)(6) of this section, the superintendent, in   | 230 |
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| consultation with the pupil, and the pupil's parent, guardian,  | 231 |
| or custodian, shall develop a plan for the continued education  | 232 |
| of the pupil, which may include education by the district in an   | 233 |
| alternative setting under division (I) of this section,   | 234 |
| including instruction at home, enrollment in another district or  | 235 |
| other type of public or nonpublic school, or any other form of  | 236 |
| instruction that complies with Chapter 3321. of the Revised   | 237 |
| Code.   | 238 |
| (f) The pupil or the pupil's parent, guardian, or   | 239 |
| custodian may appeal any determination made by the  | 240 |
| superintendent pursuant to division (B)(6) of this section in   | 241 |
| the manner prescribed by division (E) of this section.  | 242 |
| (7) No pupil shall be expelled under division (B)(1), (2),  | 243 |
| (3), (4), $\frac{\text{or}}{\text{or}}$ (5), $\frac{\text{or}}{\text{or}}$ (6) of this section unless, prior to the | 244 |
| pupil's expulsion, the superintendent does both of the  | 245 |
| following:  | 246 |
| (a) Gives the pupil and the pupil's parent, guardian, or  | 247 |
| custodian written notice of the intention to expel the pupil;   | 248 |
| (b) Provides the pupil and the pupil's parent, guardian,  | 249 |
| custodian, or representative an opportunity to appear in person   | 250 |
| before the superintendent or the superintendent's designee to   | 251 |
| challenge the reasons for the intended expulsion or otherwise to  | 252 |
| explain the pupil's actions.  | 253 |
| The notice required in this division shall include the  | 254 |
| reasons for the intended expulsion, notification of the   | 255 |
| opportunity of the pupil and the pupil's parent, guardian,  | 256 |
| custodian, or representative to appear before the superintendent  | 257 |
| or the superintendent's designed to challenge the reasons for   | 259 |

| the intended expulsion or otherwise to explain the pupil's       | 259 |
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| action, and notification of the time and place to appear. The    | 260 |
| time to appear shall not be earlier than three nor later than    | 261 |
| five school days after the notice is given, unless the           | 262 |
| superintendent grants an extension of time at the request of the | 263 |
| pupil or the pupil's parent, guardian, custodian, or             | 264 |
| representative. If an extension is granted after giving the      | 265 |
| original notice, the superintendent shall notify the pupil and   | 266 |
| the pupil's parent, guardian, custodian, or representative of    | 267 |
| the new time and place to appear. If the proposed expulsion is   | 268 |
| based on a violation listed in division (A) of section 3313.662  | 269 |
| of the Revised Code and if the pupil is sixteen years of age or  | 270 |
| older, the notice shall include a statement that the             | 271 |
| superintendent may seek to permanently exclude the pupil if the  | 272 |
| pupil is convicted of or adjudicated a delinquent child for that | 273 |
| violation.   | 274 |
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(7) A superintendent of schools of a city, exempted 275 village, or local school district shall initiate expulsion 276 proceedings pursuant to this section with respect to any pupil 277 who has committed an act warranting expulsion under the 278 district's policy regarding expulsion even if the pupil has 279 withdrawn from school for any reason after the incident that 280 gives rise to the hearing but prior to the hearing or decision 281 to impose the expulsion. If, following the hearing, the pupil 282 would have been expelled for a period of time had the pupil 283 still been enrolled in the school, the expulsion shall be 284 imposed for the same length of time as on a pupil who has not 285 withdrawn from the school. 286

(C) If a pupil's presence poses a continuing danger to
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persons or property or an ongoing threat of disrupting the
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academic process taking place either within a classroom or
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| elsewhere on the school premises, the superintendent or a        | 290 |
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| principal or assistant principal may remove a pupil from         | 291 |
| curricular activities or from the school premises, and a teacher | 292 |
| may remove a pupil from curricular activities under the          | 293 |
| teacher's supervision, without the notice and hearing            | 294 |
| requirements of division (A) or (B) of this section. As soon as  | 295 |
| practicable after making such a removal, the teacher shall       | 296 |
| submit in writing to the principal the reasons for such removal. | 297 |
| If a pupil is removed under this division from a                 | 298 |
| curricular activity or from the school premises, written notice  | 299 |
| of the hearing and of the reason for the removal shall be given  | 300 |
| to the pupil as soon as practicable prior to the hearing, which  | 301 |
| shall be held within three school days from the time the initial | 302 |
| removal is ordered. The hearing shall be held in accordance with | 303 |
| division (A) of this section unless it is probable that the      | 304 |
| pupil may be subject to expulsion, in which case a hearing in    | 305 |
| accordance with division (B) of this section shall be held,      | 306 |
| except that the hearing shall be held within three school days   | 307 |
| of the initial removal. The individual who ordered, caused, or   | 308 |
| requested the removal to be made shall be present at the         | 309 |
| hearing.   | 310 |
| If the superintendent or the principal reinstates a pupil        | 311 |
| in a curricular activity under the teacher's supervision prior   | 312 |
| to the hearing following a removal under this division, the      | 313 |
| teacher, upon request, shall be given in writing the reasons for | 314 |
| such reinstatement.  | 315 |
| (D) The superintendent or principal, within one school day       | 316 |
| after the time of a pupil's expulsion or suspension, shall       | 317 |
| notify in writing the parent, guardian, or custodian of the      | 318 |

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pupil and the treasurer of the board of education of the

| expulsion or suspension. The notice shall include the reasons    | 320 |
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| for the expulsion or suspension, notification of the right of    | 321 |
| the pupil or the pupil's parent, guardian, or custodian to       | 322 |
| appeal the expulsion or suspension to the board of education or  | 323 |
| to its designee, to be represented in all appeal proceedings, to | 324 |
| be granted a hearing before the board or its designee in order   | 325 |
| to be heard against the suspension or expulsion, and to request  | 326 |
| that the hearing be held in executive session, notification that | 327 |
| the expulsion may be subject to extension pursuant to division   | 328 |
| (F) of this section if the pupil is sixteen years of age or      | 329 |
| older, and notification that the superintendent may seek the     | 330 |
| pupil's permanent exclusion if the suspension or expulsion was   | 331 |
| based on a violation listed in division (A) of section 3313.662  | 332 |
| of the Revised Code that was committed when the child was        | 333 |
| sixteen years of age or older and if the pupil is convicted of   | 334 |
| or adjudicated a delinquent child for that violation.            | 335 |

In accordance with the policy adopted by the board of education under section 3313.661 of the Revised Code, the notice provided under this division shall specify the manner and date by which the pupil or the pupil's parent, guardian, or custodian shall notify the board of the pupil's, parent's, guardian's, or custodian's intent to appeal the expulsion or suspension to the board or its designee.

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Any superintendent expelling a pupil under this section 343 for more than twenty school days or for any period of time if 344 the expulsion will extend into the following semester or school 345 year shall, in the notice required under this division, provide 346 the pupil and the pupil's parent, guardian, or custodian with 347 information about services or programs offered by public and 348 private agencies that work toward improving those aspects of the 349 pupil's attitudes and behavior that contributed to the incident 350

| that gave rise to the pupil's expulsion. The information shall | 351 |
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| include the names, addresses, and phone numbers of the         | 352 |
| appropriate public and private agencies.                       | 353 |
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(E) A pupil or the pupil's parent, guardian, or custodian 354 may appeal the pupil's expulsion by a superintendent or 355 suspension by a superintendent, principal, assistant principal, 356 or other administrator to the board of education or to its 357 designee. If the pupil or the pupil's parent, quardian, or 358 custodian intends to appeal the expulsion or suspension to the 359 360 board or its designee, the pupil or the pupil's parent, quardian, or custodian shall notify the board in the manner and 361 by the date specified in the notice provided under division (D) 362 of this section. The pupil or the pupil's parent, quardian, or 363 custodian may be represented in all appeal proceedings and shall 364 be granted a hearing before the board or its designee in order 365 to be heard against the suspension or expulsion. At the request 366 of the pupil or of the pupil's parent, guardian, custodian, or 367 attorney, the board or its designee may hold the hearing in 368 executive session but shall act upon the suspension or expulsion 369 only at a public meeting. The board, by a majority vote of its 370 full membership or by the action of its designee, may affirm the 371 order of suspension or expulsion, reinstate the pupil, or 372 otherwise reverse, vacate, or modify the order of suspension or 373 expulsion. 374

The board or its designee shall make a verbatim record of hearings held under this division. The decisions of the board or its designee may be appealed under Chapter 2506. of the Revised Code.

This section shall not be construed to require notice and
hearing in accordance with division (A), (B), or (C) of this
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| section in the case of normal disciplinary procedures in which a | 381 |
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| pupil is removed from a curricular activity for a period of less | 382 |
| than one school day and is not subject to suspension or          | 383 |
| expulsion.   | 384 |

- (F)(1) If a pupil is expelled pursuant to division (B) of 385 this section for committing any violation listed in division (A) 386 of section 3313.662 of the Revised Code and the pupil was 387 sixteen years of age or older at the time of committing the 388 violation, if a complaint, indictment, or information is filed 389 390 alleging that the pupil is a delinquent child based upon the commission of the violation or the pupil is prosecuted as an 391 adult for the commission of the violation, and if the resultant 392 juvenile court or criminal proceeding is pending at the time 393 that the expulsion terminates, the superintendent of schools 394 that expelled the pupil may file a motion with the court in 395 which the proceeding is pending requesting an order extending 396 the expulsion for the lesser of an additional eighty days or the 397 number of school days remaining in the school year. Upon the 398 filing of the motion, the court immediately shall schedule a 399 hearing and give written notice of the time, date, and location 400 of the hearing to the superintendent and to the pupil and the 401 pupil's parent, quardian, or custodian. At the hearing, the 402 court shall determine whether there is reasonable cause to 403 believe that the pupil committed the alleged violation that is 404 the basis of the expulsion and, upon determining that reasonable 405 cause to believe the pupil committed the violation does exist, 406 shall grant the requested extension. 407
- (2) If a pupil has been convicted of or adjudicated a 408 delinquent child for a violation listed in division (A) of 409 section 3313.662 of the Revised Code for an act that was 410 committed when the child was sixteen years of age or older, if 411

| the pupil has been expelled pursuant to division (B) of this     | 412 |
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| section for that violation, and if the board of education of the | 413 |
| school district of the school from which the pupil was expelled  | 414 |
| has adopted a resolution seeking the pupil's permanent           | 415 |
| exclusion, the superintendent may file a motion with the court   | 416 |
| that convicted the pupil or adjudicated the pupil a delinquent   | 417 |
| child requesting an order to extend the expulsion until an       | 418 |
| adjudication order or other determination regarding permanent    | 419 |
| exclusion is issued by the superintendent of public instruction  | 420 |
| pursuant to section 3301.121 and division (D) of section         | 421 |
| 3313.662 of the Revised Code. Upon the filing of the motion, the | 422 |
| court immediately shall schedule a hearing and give written      | 423 |
| notice of the time, date, and location of the hearing to the     | 424 |
| superintendent of the school district, the pupil, and the        | 425 |
| pupil's parent, guardian, or custodian. At the hearing, the      | 426 |
| court shall determine whether there is reasonable cause to       | 427 |
| believe the pupil's continued attendance in the public school    | 428 |
| system may endanger the health and safety of other pupils or     | 429 |
| school employees and, upon making that determination, shall      | 430 |
| grant the requested extension.                                   | 431 |
| (G) The failure of the superintendent or the board of            | 432 |
| education to provide the information regarding the possibility   | 433 |
| of permanent exclusion in the notice required by divisions (A),  | 434 |
| (B), and (D) of this section is not jurisdictional, and the      | 435 |
| failure shall not affect the validity of any suspension or       | 436 |
| expulsion procedure that is conducted in accordance with this    | 437 |

(H) With regard to suspensions and expulsions pursuant to 441 divisions (A) and (B) of this section by the board of education 442

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section or the validity of a permanent exclusion procedure that

is conducted in accordance with sections 3301.121 and 3313.662

of the Revised Code.

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| of any city, exempted village, of local school district, this    | 443 |
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| section shall apply to any student, whether or not the student   | 444 |
| is enrolled in the district, attending or otherwise              | 445 |
| participating in any curricular program provided in a school     | 446 |
| operated by the board or provided on any other property owned or | 447 |
| controlled by the board.   | 448 |
| (I) Whenever a student is expelled under this section, the       | 449 |
| expulsion shall result in removal of the student from the        | 450 |
| student's regular school setting. However, during the period of  | 451 |
| the expulsion, the board of education of the school district     | 452 |
| that expelled the student or any board of education admitting    | 453 |
| the student during that expulsion period may provide educational | 454 |
| services to the student in an alternative setting.               | 455 |
| (J)(1) Notwithstanding sections 3109.51 to 3109.80,              | 456 |
| 3313.64, and 3313.65 of the Revised Code, any school district,   | 457 |
| after offering an opportunity for a hearing, may temporarily     | 458 |
| deny admittance to any pupil if one of the following applies:    | 459 |
| (a) The pupil has been suspended from the schools of             | 460 |
| another district under division (A) of this section and the      | 461 |
| period of suspension, as established under that division, has    | 462 |
| not expired;   | 463 |
| (b) The pupil has been expelled from the schools of              | 464 |
| another district under division (B) of this section and the      | 465 |
| period of the expulsion, as established under that division or   | 466 |
| as extended under division (F) of this section, has not expired. | 467 |
| If a pupil is temporarily denied admission under this            | 468 |
| division, the pupil shall be admitted to school in accordance    | 469 |
| with sections 3109.51 to 3109.80, 3313.64, or 3313.65 of the     | 470 |
| Revised Code no later than upon expiration of the suspension or  | 471 |

| expulsion period, as applicable.                                 | 472 |
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| (2) Notwithstanding sections 3109.51 to 3109.80, 3313.64,        | 473 |
| and 3313.65 of the Revised Code, any school district, after      | 474 |
| offering an opportunity for a hearing, may temporarily deny      | 475 |
| admittance to any pupil if the pupil has been expelled or        | 476 |
| otherwise removed for disciplinary purposes from a public school | 477 |
| in another state and the period of expulsion or removal has not  | 478 |
| expired. If a pupil is temporarily denied admission under this   | 479 |
| division, the pupil shall be admitted to school in accordance    | 480 |
| with sections 3109.51 to 3109.80, 3313.64, or 3313.65 of the     | 481 |
| Revised Code no later than the earlier of the following:         | 482 |
| (a) Upon expiration of the expulsion or removal period           | 483 |
| <pre>imposed by the out-of-state school;</pre>                   | 484 |
| (b) Upon expiration of a period established by the               | 485 |
| district, beginning with the date of expulsion or removal from   | 486 |
| the out-of-state school, that is no greater than the period of   | 487 |
| expulsion that the pupil would have received under the policy    | 488 |
| adopted by the district under section 3313.661 of the Revised    | 489 |
| Code had the offense that gave rise to the expulsion or removal  | 490 |
| by the out-of-state school been committed while the pupil was    | 491 |
| enrolled in the district.  | 492 |
| (K) As used in this section:                                     | 493 |
| (1) "Permanently exclude" and "permanent exclusion" have         | 494 |
| the same meanings as in section 3313.662 of the Revised Code.    | 495 |
| (2) "In-school suspension" means the pupil will serve all        | 496 |
| of the suspension in a school setting.                           | 497 |
| (3) The meaning of the term "school day" shall be                | 498 |
| construed in the manner prescribed by section 3313.481 of the    | 499 |
| Revised Code.  | 500 |

| Sec. 3313.661. (A) The board of education of each city,                      | 501 |
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| exempted village, and local school district shall adopt a policy             | 502 |
| regarding suspension, expulsion, removal, and permanent                      | 503 |
| exclusion that specifies the types of misconduct for which a                 | 504 |
| pupil may be suspended, expelled, or removed. The types of                   | 505 |
| misconduct may include misconduct by a pupil that occurs off of              | 506 |
| property owned or controlled by the district but that is                     | 507 |
| connected to activities or incidents that have occurred on                   | 508 |
| property owned or controlled by that district and misconduct by              | 509 |
| a pupil that, regardless of where it occurs, is directed at a                | 510 |
| district official or employee, or the property of such official              | 511 |
| or employee. The policy shall specify the reasons for which the              | 512 |
| superintendent of the district may reduce the expulsion                      | 513 |
| requirement in division (B)(2) of section 3313.66 of the Revised             | 514 |
| Code. If a board of education adopts a resolution pursuant to                | 515 |
| division (B)(3) of section 3313.66 of the Revised Code, the                  | 516 |
| policy shall define the term "knife" or "firearm," as                        | 517 |
| applicable, for purposes of expulsion under that resolution and              | 518 |
| shall specify any reasons for which the superintendent of the                | 519 |
| district may reduce any required expulsion period on a case-by-              | 520 |
| case basis. If a board of education adopts a resolution pursuant             | 521 |
| to division (B)(4) <del>or</del> (5) <u>or (6)</u> of section 3313.66 of the | 522 |
| Revised Code, the policy shall specify any reasons for which the             | 523 |
| superintendent of the district may reduce any required expulsion             | 524 |
| period on a case-by-case basis. The policy also shall set forth              | 525 |
| the acts listed in section 3313.662 of the Revised Code for                  | 526 |
| which a pupil may be permanently excluded.                                   | 527 |
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The policy adopted under this division shall specify the 528 date and manner by which a pupil or a pupil's parent, guardian, 529 or custodian may notify the board of the pupil's, parent's, 530 guardian's, or custodian's intent to appeal an expulsion or 531

| suspension to the board or its designee pursuant to division (E) | 532 |
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| of section 3313.66 of the Revised Code. In the case of any       | 533 |
| expulsion, the policy shall not specify a date that is less than | 534 |
| fourteen days after the date of the notice provided to the pupil | 535 |
| or the pupil's parent, guardian, or custodian under division (D) | 536 |
| of that section.   | 537 |

A copy of the policy shall be posted in a central location 538 in the school and made available to pupils upon request. No 539 pupil shall be suspended, expelled, or removed except in 540 accordance with the policy adopted by the board of education of 541 the school district in which the pupil attends school, and no 542 pupil shall be permanently excluded except in accordance with 543 sections 3301.121 and 3313.662 of the Revised Code. 544

- (B) A board of education may establish a program and adopt 545 quidelines under which a superintendent may require a pupil to 546 perform community service in conjunction with a suspension or 547 expulsion imposed under section 3313.66 of the Revised Code or 548 in place of a suspension or expulsion imposed under section 549 3313.66 of the Revised Code except for an expulsion imposed 550 pursuant to division (B)(2) of that section. If a board adopts 551 quidelines under this division, they shall permit, except with 552 regard to an expulsion pursuant to division (B)(2) of section 553 3313.66 of the Revised Code, a superintendent to impose a 554 community service requirement beyond the end of the school year 555 in lieu of applying an expulsion into the following school year. 556 Any guidelines adopted shall be included in the policy adopted 557 under this section. 558
- (C) The written policy of each board of education that is 559 adopted pursuant to section 3313.20 of the Revised Code shall be 560 posted in a central location in each school that is subject to 561

| the policy and shall be made available to pupils upon request.   | 562 |
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| (D) Any policy, program, or guideline adopted by a board         | 563 |
| of education under this section with regard to suspensions or    | 564 |
| expulsions pursuant to division (A) or (B) of section 3313.66 of | 565 |
| the Revised Code shall apply to any student, whether or not the  | 566 |
| student is enrolled in the district, attending or otherwise      | 567 |
| participating in any curricular program provided in a school     | 568 |
| operated by the board or provided on any other property owned or | 569 |
| controlled by the board.   | 570 |
| (E) If a board of education adopts a resolution pursuant         | 571 |
| to division (B)(6) of section 3313.66 of the Revised Code, the   | 572 |
| board shall do both of the following:                            | 573 |
| (1) Establish guidelines for appropriate conditions that         | 574 |
| the superintendent may develop pursuant to division (B)(6) of    | 575 |
| section 3313.66 of the Revised Code;                             | 576 |
| (2) Develop a list of alternative educational options of         | 577 |
| pupils who are expelled under division (B)(6) of section 3313.66 | 578 |
| of the Revised Code.   | 579 |
| (F) As used in this section, "permanently exclude" and           | 580 |
| "permanent exclusion" have the same meanings as in section       | 581 |
| 3313.662 of the Revised Code.                                    | 582 |
| Section 2. That existing sections 3313.66 and 3313.661 of        | 583 |
| the Revised Code are hereby repealed.                            | 584 |
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