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A BILL

To enact section 3781.60 of the Revised Code to 1
require certain baseball stadiums to install 2
protective netting. 3

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

Section 1. That section 3781.60 of the Revised Code be 4
enacted to read as follows: 5

Sec. 3781.60. (A) As used in this section, "infield wall" 6
means the wall separating a baseball field from the stadium 7
seating along both the right and the left fields. "Infield wall" 8
does not include the outfield wall. 9

(B) A baseball stadium used for major or minor league 10
baseball games shall have in place protective netting in 11
accordance with all of the following: 12

(1) The netting shall be installed from the end of the 13
dugout to the foul poles in both the left and the right fields; 14

(2) The size of the mesh of the netting shall meet the 15
standards adopted by the major baseball league; 16

(3) (a) The height of the netting shall extend from the top 17

of the infield wall to a point equal to the height of the top 18
row of seats of the section of seating being protected. 19

(b) The height of the netting may vary from one seating 20
section to another to account for differences in the 21
configuration of the existing seating structure, but must comply 22
with division (B) (3) (a) of this section. 23

(C) (1) The netting required under division (B) of this 24
section may be installed in such a way that allows it to be 25
temporarily removed or lowered. 26

(2) Notwithstanding division (C) (1) of this section, such 27
netting must be in place during all major and minor league 28
baseball games. 29

(D) The netting required under this section shall be 30
installed not later than April 1, 2021. 31