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A BILL

To amend sections 3301.0711, 3301.163, and 3313.608	1
of the Revised Code to eliminate retention under	2
the Third Grade Reading Guarantee.	3

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

Section 1. That sections 3301.0711, 3301.163, and 3313.608	4
of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows:	5
Sec. 3301.0711. (A) The department of education shall:	6
(1) Annually furnish to, grade, and score all assessments	7
required by divisions (A)(1) and (B)(1) of section 3301.0710 of	8
the Revised Code to be administered by city, local, exempted	9
village, and joint vocational school districts, except that each	10
district shall score any assessment administered pursuant to	11
division (B)(10) of this section. Each assessment so furnished	12
shall include the data verification code of the student to whom	13
the assessment will be administered, as assigned pursuant to	14
division (D)(2) of section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code. In	15

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furnishing the practice versions of Ohio graduation tests 16 prescribed by division (D) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised 17 Code, the department shall make the tests available on its web 18 site for reproduction by districts. In awarding contracts for 19 grading assessments, the department shall give preference to 20 Ohio-based entities employing Ohio residents. 21

(2) Adopt rules for the ethical use of assessments and
prescribing the manner in which the assessments prescribed by
section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code shall be administered to
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students.

(B) Except as provided in divisions (C) and (J) of this
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section, the board of education of each city, local, and
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exempted village school district shall, in accordance with rules
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adopted under division (A) of this section:

(1) Administer Until the 2020-2021 school year, administer 30 the English language arts assessments prescribed under division 31 (A) (1) (a) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code twice 32 annually to all students in the third grade who have not 33 attained the score designated for that assessment under division 34 (A) (2) (c) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code. Beginning 35 with the 2021-2022 school year, the English language arts 36 assessment shall be administered only once to all students in 37 the third grade. 38

(2) Administer the mathematics assessment prescribed underdivision (A)(1)(a) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code atleast once annually to all students in the third grade.

(3) Administer the assessments prescribed under division
(A) (1) (b) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code at least once
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annually to all students in the fourth grade.
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(4) Administer the assessments prescribed under division
(A) (1) (c) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code at least once
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(5) Administer the assessments prescribed under division
(A) (1) (d) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code at least once
49 annually to all students in the sixth grade.
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(6) Administer the assessments prescribed under division
(A) (1) (e) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code at least once
annually to all students in the seventh grade.
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(7) Administer the assessments prescribed under division
(A) (1) (f) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code at least once
annually to all students in the eighth grade.

(8) Except as provided in division (B) (9) of this section, administer any assessment prescribed under division (B) (1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code as follows:

(a) At least once annually to all tenth grade students and at least twice annually to all students in eleventh or twelfth grade who have not yet attained the score on that assessment designated under that division;

(b) To any person who has successfully completed the
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curriculum in any high school or the individualized education
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program developed for the person by any high school pursuant to
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section 3323.08 of the Revised Code but has not received a high
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school diploma and who requests to take such assessment, at any
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time such assessment is administered in the district.

(9) In lieu of the board of education of any city, local,
or exempted village school district in which the student is also
enrolled, the board of a joint vocational school district shall
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administer any assessment prescribed under division (B)(1) of
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has not yet attained the score on that assessment designated
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district may also administer such an assessment to any student
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described in division (B) (8) (b) of this section.

(10) If the district has a three-year average graduation 80 rate of not more than seventy-five per cent, administer each 81 assessment prescribed by division (D) of section 3301.0710 of 82 the Revised Code in September to all ninth grade students who 83 entered ninth grade prior to July 1, 2014. 84

Except as provided in section 3313.614 of the Revised Code for administration of an assessment to a person who has fulfilled the curriculum requirement for a high school diploma but has not passed one or more of the required assessments, the assessments prescribed under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code shall not be administered after the date specified in the rules adopted by the state board of education under division (D)(1) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code.

(11) (a) Except as provided in divisions (B) (11) (b) and (c) 94 of this section, administer the assessments prescribed by 95 division (B) (2) of section 3301.0710 and section 3301.0712 of 96 the Revised Code in accordance with the timeline and plan for 97 implementation of those assessments prescribed by rule of the 98 state board adopted under division (D) (1) of section 3301.0712 99 of the Revised Code; 100

(b) A student who has presented evidence to the district
or school of having satisfied the condition prescribed by
division (A) (1) of section 3313.618 of the Revised Code to
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qualify for a high school diploma prior to the date of the104administration of the assessment prescribed under division (B)105(1) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code shall not be106required to take that assessment. However, no board shall107prohibit a student who is not required to take such assessment108from taking the assessment.109

(c) A student shall not be required to retake the Algebra 110 I end-of-course examination or the English language arts II end-111 of-course examination prescribed under division (B)(2) of 112 section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code in grades nine through 113 twelve if the student demonstrates at least a proficient level 114 115 of skill, as prescribed under division (B)(5)(a) of that section, or achieves a competency score, as prescribed under 116 division (B)(10) of that section, in an administration of the 117 examination prior to grade nine. 118

(C)(1)(a) In the case of a student receiving special 119 education services under Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code, the 120 individualized education program developed for the student under 121 that chapter shall specify the manner in which the student will 122 participate in the assessments administered under this section, 123 except that a student with significant cognitive disabilities to 124 125 whom an alternate assessment is administered in accordance with division (C)(1) of this section and a student determined to have 126 a disability that includes an intellectual disability as 127 outlined in guidance issued by the department shall not be 128 required to take the assessment prescribed under division (B) (1) 129 of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code. The individualized 130 education program may excuse the student from taking any 131 particular assessment required to be administered under this 132 section if it instead specifies an alternate assessment method 133 approved by the department of education as conforming to 134

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requirements of federal law for receipt of federal funds for 135 disadvantaged pupils. To the extent possible, the individualized 136 education program shall not excuse the student from taking an 137 assessment unless no reasonable accommodation can be made to 138 enable the student to take the assessment. No board shall 139 prohibit a student who is not required to take an assessment 140 under division (C)(1) of this section from taking the 141 assessment. 142

(b) Any alternate assessment approved by the department
for a student under this division shall produce measurable
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results comparable to those produced by the assessment it
replaces in order to allow for the student's results to be
included in the data compiled for a school district or building
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under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code.

(c) (i) Any student enrolled in a chartered nonpublic 149 school who has been identified, based on an evaluation conducted 150 in accordance with section 3323.03 of the Revised Code or 151 section 504 of the "Rehabilitation Act of 1973," 87 Stat. 355, 1.52 29 U.S.C.A. 794, as amended, as a child with a disability shall 153 be excused from taking any particular assessment required to be 154 administered under this section if either of the following 155 156 apply:

(I) A plan developed for the student pursuant to rules
adopted by the state board excuses the student from taking that
assessment.

(II) The chartered nonpublic school develops a written 160 plan in which the school, in consultation with the student's 161 parents, determines that an assessment or alternative assessment 162 with accommodations does not accurately assess the student's 163 academic performance. The plan shall include an academic profile 164 of the student's academic performance and shall be reviewed 165 annually to determine if the student's needs continue to require 166 excusal from taking the assessment. 167

(ii) A student with significant cognitive disabilities to 168 whom an alternate assessment is administered in accordance with 169 division (C)(1) of this section and a student determined to have 170 a disability that includes an intellectual disability as 171 outlined in guidance issued by the department shall not be 172 required to take the assessment prescribed under division (B)(1) 173 of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code. 174

(iii) In the case of any student so excused from taking an 175 assessment under division (C)(1)(c) of this section, the 176 chartered nonpublic school shall not prohibit the student from 177 taking the assessment. 178

(2) A district board may, for medical reasons or other 179 good cause, excuse a student from taking an assessment 180 administered under this section on the date scheduled, but that 181 assessment shall be administered to the excused student not 182 later than nine days following the scheduled date. The district 183 board shall annually report the number of students who have not 184 taken one or more of the assessments required by this section to 185 the state board not later than the thirtieth day of June. 186

(3) As used in this division, "English learner" has the187same meaning as in 20 U.S.C. 7801.188

No school district board shall excuse any English learner189from taking any particular assessment required to be190administered under this section, except as follows:191

(a) Any English learner who has been enrolled in UnitedStates schools for less than two years and for whom no193

appropriate accommodations are available based on guidance194issued by the department shall not be required to take the195assessment prescribed under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0712196of the Revised Code.197

(b) Any English learner who has been enrolled in United States schools for less than one full school year shall not be required to take any reading, writing, or English language arts assessment.

However, no board shall prohibit an English learner who is not required to take an assessment under division (C)(3) of this section from taking the assessment. A board may permit any English learner to take an assessment required to be administered under this section with appropriate accommodations, as determined by the department. For each English learner, each school district shall annually assess that student's progress in learning English, in accordance with procedures approved by the department.

(4) (a) The governing authority of a chartered nonpublic school may excuse an English learner from taking any assessment administered under this section.

(b) No governing authority shall require an English 214 learner who has been enrolled in United States schools for less 215 than two years and for whom no appropriate accommodations are 216 available based on guidance issued by the department to take the 217 assessment prescribed under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0712 218 of the Revised Code. 219

(c) No governing authority shall prohibit an English
learner from taking an assessment from which the student was
excused under division (C) (4) of this section.
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(D) (1) In the school year next succeeding the school year 223 in which the assessments prescribed by division (A)(1) or (B)(1) 224 of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code or former division (A) 225 (1), (A)(2), or (B) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code as 226 it existed prior to September 11, 2001, are administered to any 227 student, the board of education of any school district in which 228 the student is enrolled in that year shall provide to the 229 student intervention services commensurate with the student's 230 performance, including any intensive intervention required under 231 section 3313.608 of the Revised Code, in any skill in which the 232 student failed to demonstrate at least a score at the proficient 233 level on the assessment. 234

235 (2) Following any administration of the assessments prescribed by division (D) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised 236 Code to ninth grade students, each school district that has a 237 three-year average graduation rate of not more than seventy-five 238 per cent shall determine for each high school in the district 239 whether the school shall be required to provide intervention 240 services to any students who took the assessments. In 241 determining which high schools shall provide intervention 242 services based on the resources available, the district shall 243 consider each school's graduation rate and scores on the 244 practice assessments. The district also shall consider the 245 scores received by ninth grade students on the English language 246 arts and mathematics assessments prescribed under division (A) 247 (1) (f) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code in the eighth 248 grade in determining which high schools shall provide 249 intervention services. 250

Each high school selected to provide intervention services251under this division shall provide intervention services to any252student whose results indicate that the student is failing to253

make satisfactory progress toward being able to attain scores at 254 the proficient level on the Ohio graduation tests. Intervention 255 services shall be provided in any skill in which a student 256 demonstrates unsatisfactory progress and shall be commensurate 257 with the student's performance. Schools shall provide the 2.58 intervention services prior to the end of the school year, 259 during the summer following the ninth grade, in the next 260 succeeding school year, or at any combination of those times. 261

(E) Except as provided in section 3313.608 of the Revised 262 Code and division (N) of this section, no school district board 263 of education shall utilize any student's failure to attain a 264 specified score on an assessment administered under this section 265 as a factor in any decision to deny the student promotion to a 266 higher grade level. However, a district board may choose not to 267 promote to the next grade level any student who does not take an 268 assessment administered under this section or make up an 269 assessment as provided by division (C)(2) of this section and 270 who is not exempt from the requirement to take the assessment 271 under division (C)(3) of this section. 272

(F) No person shall be charged a fee for taking anyassessment administered under this section.274

(G) (1) Each school district board shall designate one 275 location for the collection of assessments administered in the 276 spring under division (B) (1) of this section and those 277 administered under divisions (B) (2) to (7) of this section. Each 278 district board shall submit the assessments to the entity with 279 which the department contracts for the scoring of the 280 assessments as follows: 281

(a) If the district's total enrollment in grades282kindergarten through twelve during the first full school week of283

October was less than two thousand five hundred, not later than 284 the Friday after all of the assessments have been administered; 285 (b) If the district's total enrollment in grades 286 kindergarten through twelve during the first full school week of 287 October was two thousand five hundred or more, but less than 288 seven thousand, not later than the Monday after all of the 289 assessments have been administered; 290 291 (c) If the district's total enrollment in grades 292 kindergarten through twelve during the first full school week of October was seven thousand or more, not later than the Tuesday 293 after all of the assessments have been administered. 294 However, any assessment that a student takes during the 295 make-up period described in division (C)(2) of this section 296 shall be submitted not later than the Friday following the day 297 the student takes the assessment. 298 (2) The department or an entity with which the department 299 contracts for the scoring of the assessment shall send to each 300 school district board a list of the individual scores of all 301 persons taking a state achievement assessment as follows: 302 (a) Except as provided in division (G)(2)(b) or (c) of 303 this section, within forty-five days after the administration of 304

the assessments prescribed by sections 3301.0710 and 3301.0712 305 of the Revised Code, but in no case shall the scores be returned 306 later than the thirtieth day of June following the 307 administration; 308

(b) In the case of the third-grade English language arts
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assessment, within forty-five days after the administration of
that assessment, but in no case shall the scores be returned
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later than the fifteenth day of June following the
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(c) In the case of the writing component of an assessment
or end-of-course examination in the area of English language
arts, except for the third-grade English language arts
assessment, the results may be sent after forty-five days of the
administration of the writing component, but in no case shall
the scores be returned later than the thirtieth day of June
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(3) For assessments administered under this section by a
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joint vocational school district, the department or entity shall
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also send to each city, local, or exempted village school
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district a list of the individual scores of any students of such
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city, local, or exempted village school district who are
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attending school in the joint vocational school district.

(4) Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, a school 327 district, other public school, or chartered nonpublic school may 328 administer the third-grade English language arts or mathematics 329 assessment, or both, in a paper format in any school year for 330 which the district board of education or school governing body 331 adopts a resolution indicating that the district or school 332 chooses to administer the assessment in a paper format. The 333 board or governing body shall submit a copy of the resolution to 334 the department of education not later than the first day of May 335 prior to the school year for which it will apply. If the 336 resolution is submitted, the district or school shall administer 337 the assessment in a paper format to all students in the third 338 grade, except that any student whose individualized education 339 program or plan developed under section 504 of the 340 "Rehabilitation Act of 1973," 87 Stat. 355, 29 U.S.C. 794, as 341 amended, specifies that taking the assessment in an online 342

format is an appropriate accommodation for the student may take the assessment in an online format.

(H) Individual scores on any assessments administered 345 under this section shall be released by a district board only in 346 accordance with section 3319.321 of the Revised Code and the 347 rules adopted under division (A) of this section. No district 348 board or its employees shall utilize individual or aggregate 349 results in any manner that conflicts with rules for the ethical 350 use of assessments adopted pursuant to division (A) of this 351 section. 352

(I) Except as provided in division (G) of this section, 353 the department or an entity with which the department contracts 354 for the scoring of the assessment shall not release any 355 individual scores on any assessment administered under this 356 section. The state board shall adopt rules to ensure the 357 protection of student confidentiality at all times. The rules 358 may require the use of the data verification codes assigned to 359 students pursuant to division (D)(2) of section 3301.0714 of the 360 Revised Code to protect the confidentiality of student scores. 361

(J) Notwithstanding division (D) of section 3311.52 of the
Revised Code, this section does not apply to the board of
education of any cooperative education school district except as
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provided under rules adopted pursuant to this division.

(1) In accordance with rules that the state board shall 366 adopt, the board of education of any city, exempted village, or 367 local school district with territory in a cooperative education 368 school district established pursuant to divisions (A) to (C) of 369 section 3311.52 of the Revised Code may enter into an agreement 370 with the board of education of the cooperative education school 371 district for administering any assessment prescribed under this 372

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section to students of the city, exempted village, or local373school district who are attending school in the cooperative374education school district.375

(2) In accordance with rules that the state board shall
adopt, the board of education of any city, exempted village, or
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school district established pursuant to section 3311.521 of the
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Revised Code shall enter into an agreement with the cooperative
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prescribed under this section to both of the following:

(a) Students who are attending school in the cooperative
district and who, if the cooperative district were not
astablished, would be entitled to attend school in the city,
local, or exempted village school district pursuant to section
astablished or 3313.65 of the Revised Code;

(b) Persons described in division (B)(8)(b) of this 388 section. 389

Any assessment of students pursuant to such an agreement shall be in lieu of any assessment of such students or persons pursuant to this section.

(K) (1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (K) (1) 393 or (2) of this section, each chartered nonpublic school for 394 which at least sixty-five per cent of its total enrollment is 395 made up of students who are participating in state scholarship 396 programs shall administer the assessments prescribed by division 397 (A) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code or an alternative 398 standardized assessment determined by the department. In 399 accordance with procedures and deadlines prescribed by the 400 department, the parent or guardian of a student enrolled in the 401

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school who is not participating in a state scholarship program 402 may submit notice to the chief administrative officer of the 403 school that the parent or guardian does not wish to have the 404 student take the assessments prescribed for the student's grade 405 level under division (A) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised 406 Code. If a parent or guardian submits an opt-out notice, the 407 408 school shall not administer the assessments to that student. This option does not apply to any assessment required for a high 409 school diploma under section 3313.612 of the Revised Code. 410

(b) Any chartered nonpublic school that enrolls students
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who are participating in state scholarship programs may
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(A) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code.
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Each chartered nonpublic school subject to division (K) (1)416(a) or (b) of this section shall report the results of each417assessment administered under those divisions to the department.418

(2) A chartered nonpublic school may submit to the 419 superintendent of public instruction a request for a waiver from 420 administering the elementary assessments prescribed by division 421 (A) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code. The state 422 superintendent shall approve or disapprove a request for a 423 waiver submitted under division (K) (2) of this section. No 424 waiver shall be approved for any school year prior to the 2015-425 2016 school year. 426

To be eligible to submit a request for a waiver, a427chartered nonpublic school shall meet the following conditions:428

(a) At least ninety-five per cent of the students enrolled429in the school are children with disabilities, as defined under430

section 3323.01 of the Revised Code, or have received a 431 diagnosis by a school district or from a physician, including a 432 neuropsychiatrist or psychiatrist, or a psychologist who is 433 authorized to practice in this or another state as having a 434 condition that impairs academic performance, such as dyslexia, 435 dyscalculia, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, or 436 Asperger's syndrome. 437

(b) The school has solely served a student population
described in division (K) (1) (a) of this section for at least ten
years.

(c) The school provides to the department at least five
years of records of internal testing conducted by the school
that affords the department data required for accountability
purposes, including diagnostic assessments and nationally
standardized norm-referenced achievement assessments that
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measure reading and math skills.

(3) Any chartered nonpublic school that is not subject to 447 division (K)(1) of this section may participate in the 448 assessment program by administering any of the assessments 449 prescribed by division (A) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised 450 Code. The chief administrator of the school shall specify which 451 assessments the school will administer. Such specification shall 452 be made in writing to the superintendent of public instruction 453 prior to the first day of August of any school year in which 454 assessments are administered and shall include a pledge that the 455 nonpublic school will administer the specified assessments in 456 the same manner as public schools are required to do under this 457 section and rules adopted by the department. 458

(4) The department of education shall furnish theassessments prescribed by section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code460

to each chartered nonpublic school that is subject to division461(K) (1) of this section or participates under division (K) (3) of462this section.463

(L) If a chartered nonpublic school is educating students464in grades nine through twelve, the following shall apply:465

(1) Except as provided in division (L)(4) of this section, 466 for a student who is enrolled in a chartered nonpublic school 467 that is accredited through the independent schools association 468 of the central states and who is attending the school under a 469 state scholarship program, the student shall either take all of 470 the assessments prescribed by division (B) of section 3301.0712 471 of the Revised Code or take an alternative assessment approved 472 by the department under section 3313.619 of the Revised Code. 473 However, a student who is excused from taking an assessment 474 under division (C) of this section or has presented evidence to 475 the chartered nonpublic school of having satisfied the condition 476 prescribed by division (A)(1) of section 3313.618 of the Revised 477 Code to qualify for a high school diploma prior to the date of 478 the administration of the assessment prescribed under division 479 (B) (1) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code shall not be 480 required to take that assessment. No governing authority of a 481 chartered nonpublic school shall prohibit a student who is not 482 required to take such assessment from taking the assessment. 483

(2) For a student who is enrolled in a chartered nonpublic
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school under a state scholarship program, the student shall not
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be required to take any assessment prescribed under section
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3301.0712 or 3313.619 of the Revised Code.

(3)(a) Except as provided in divisions (L)(3)(b) and (4)

of this section, for a student who is enrolled in a chartered491nonpublic school that is not accredited through the independent492schools association of the central states, regardless of whether493the student is attending or is not attending the school under a494state scholarship program, the student shall do one of the495following:496

(i) Take all of the assessments prescribed by division (B)of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code;

(ii) Take only the assessment prescribed by division (B)
(1) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code, provided that the
500 student's school publishes the results of that assessment for
each graduating class. The published results of that assessment
502 shall include the overall composite scores, mean scores, twenty503 fifth percentile scores, and seventy-fifth percentile scores for
504 each subject area of the assessment.

(iii) Take an alternative assessment approved by the 506 department under section 3313.619 of the Revised Code. 507

(b) A student who is excused from taking an assessment 508 under division (C) of this section or has presented evidence to 509 the chartered nonpublic school of having satisfied the condition 510 prescribed by division (A)(1) of section 3313.618 of the Revised 511 Code to qualify for a high school diploma prior to the date of 512 the administration of the assessment prescribed under division 513 (B) (1) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code shall not be 514 required to take that assessment. No governing authority of a 515 chartered nonpublic school shall prohibit a student who is not 516 required to take such assessment from taking the assessment. 517

(4) The assessments prescribed by sections 3301.0712 and3313.619 of the Revised Code shall not be administered to any519

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student attending the school, if the school meets all of the 520 following conditions: 521 (a) At least ninety-five per cent of the students enrolled 522 in the school are children with disabilities, as defined under 523 section 3323.01 of the Revised Code, or have received a 524 diagnosis by a school district or from a physician, including a 525 neuropsychologist or psychiatrist, or a psychologist who is 526 authorized to practice in this or another state as having a 527 condition that impairs academic performance, such as dyslexia, 528 529 dyscalculia, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, or 530 Asperger's syndrome. (b) The school has solely served a student population 531 described in division (L)(4)(a) of this section for at least ten 532 vears. 533 (c) The school makes available to the department at least 534 five years of records of internal testing conducted by the 535 school that affords the department data required for 536 accountability purposes, including growth in student achievement 537 in reading or mathematics, or both, as measured by nationally 538 norm-referenced assessments that have developed appropriate 539 standards for students. 540 Division (L)(4) of this section applies to any student 541 attending such school regardless of whether the student receives 542

special education or related services and regardless of whether the student is attending the school under a state scholarship 544 program. 545 (M) (1) The superintendent of the state school for the 546

blind and the superintendent of the state school for the deaf 547 shall administer the assessments described by sections 3301.0710 548 and 3301.0712 of the Revised Code. Each superintendent shall549administer the assessments in the same manner as district boards550are required to do under this section and rules adopted by the551department of education and in conformity with division (C)(1)552(a) of this section.553

(2) The department of education shall furnish the assessments described by sections 3301.0710 and 3301.0712 of the Revised Code to each superintendent.

(N) Notwithstanding division (E) of this section, a school 557 district may use a student's failure to attain a score in at 558 least the proficient range on the mathematics assessment 559 described by division (A)(1)(a) of section 3301.0710 of the 560 Revised Code or on an assessment described by division (A) (1) 561 (b), (c), (d), (e), or (f) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised 562 Code as a factor in retaining that student in the current grade 563 level. 564

(0) (1) In the manner specified in divisions (0) (3), (4),
(6), and (7) of this section, the assessments required by
(6), and (7) of this section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code shall
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(7) become public records pursuant to section 149.43 of the Revised
(8) Code on the thirty-first day of July following the school year
(9) that the assessments were administered.

(2) The department may field test proposed questions with
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samples of students to determine the validity, reliability, or
appropriateness of questions for possible inclusion in a future
year's assessment. The department also may use anchor questions
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on assessments to ensure that different versions of the same
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assessment are of comparable difficulty.

Field test questions and anchor questions shall not be

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considered in computing scores for individual students. Field578test questions and anchor questions may be included as part of579the administration of any assessment required by division (A) (1)580or (B) of section 3301.0710 and division (B) of section5813301.0712 of the Revised Code.582

(3) Any field test question or anchor question
administered under division (0) (2) of this section shall not be
a public record. Such field test questions and anchor questions
shall be redacted from any assessments which are released as a
public record pursuant to division (0) (1) of this section.

(4) This division applies to the assessments prescribed by588division (A) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code.589

(a) The first administration of each assessment, as
specified in former section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code, shall
be a public record.

(b) For subsequent administrations of each assessment 593 prior to the 2011-2012 school year, not less than forty per cent 594 of the questions on the assessment that are used to compute a 595 student's score shall be a public record. The department shall 596 597 determine which questions will be needed for reuse on a future assessment and those questions shall not be public records and 598 599 shall be redacted from the assessment prior to its release as a public record. However, for each redacted question, the 600 department shall inform each city, local, and exempted village 601 school district of the statewide academic standard adopted by 602 the state board under section 3301.079 of the Revised Code and 603 the corresponding benchmark to which the question relates. The 604 preceding sentence does not apply to field test questions that 605 are redacted under division (0)(3) of this section. 606 (c) The administrations of each assessment in the 20112012, 2012-2013, and 2013-2014 school years shall not be a
public record.

(5) Each assessment prescribed by division (B) (1) of
section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code shall not be a public
record.

(6) (a) Except as provided in division (0) (6) (b) of this
section, for the administrations in the 2014-2015, 2015-2016,
and 2016-2017 school years, questions on the assessments
prescribed under division (A) of section 3301.0710 and division
(B) (2) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code and the
corresponding preferred answers that are used to compute a
student's score shall become a public record as follows:

(i) Forty per cent of the questions and preferred answers
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on the assessments on the thirty-first day of July following the
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administration of the assessment;
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(ii) Twenty per cent of the questions and preferred
answers on the assessment on the thirty-first day of July one
year after the administration of the assessment;
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(iii) The remaining forty per cent of the questions and
preferred answers on the assessment on the thirty-first day of
July two years after the administration of the assessment.

The entire content of an assessment shall become a public629record within three years of its administration.630

The department shall make the questions that become a 631 public record under this division readily accessible to the 632 public on the department's web site. Questions on the spring 633 administration of each assessment shall be released on an annual 634 basis, in accordance with this division. 635 (b) No questions and corresponding preferred answers shall
become a public record under division (0)(6) of this section
after July 31, 2017.

(7) Division (0) (7) of this section applies to the
assessments prescribed by division (A) of section 3301.0710 and
division (B) (2) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code.
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Beginning with the assessments administered in the spring 642 of the 2017-2018 school year, not less than forty per cent of 643 the questions on each assessment that are used to compute a 644 student's score shall be a public record. The department shall 645 determine which questions will be needed for reuse on a future 646 assessment and those questions shall not be public records and 647 shall be redacted from the assessment prior to its release as a 648 public record. However, for each redacted question, the 649 department shall inform each city, local, and exempted village 650 school district of the corresponding statewide academic standard 651 adopted by the state board under section 3301.079 of the Revised 652 Code and the corresponding benchmark to which the question 653 relates. The department is not required to provide corresponding 654 standards and benchmarks to field test questions that are 655 redacted under division (0)(3) of this section. 656

(P) As used in this section:

(1) "Three-year average" means the average of the most658recent consecutive three school years of data.659

(2) "Dropout" means a student who withdraws from school
before completing course requirements for graduation and who is
not enrolled in an education program approved by the state board
of education or an education program outside the state.
"Dropout" does not include a student who has departed the

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(3) "Graduation rate" means the ratio of students 666 receiving a diploma to the number of students who entered ninth 667 grade four years earlier. Students who transfer into the 668 district are added to the calculation. Students who transfer out 669 of the district for reasons other than dropout are subtracted 670 from the calculation. If a student who was a dropout in any 671 previous year returns to the same school district, that student 672 shall be entered into the calculation as if the student had 673 entered ninth grade four years before the graduation year of the 674 675 graduating class that the student joins.

(4) "State scholarship programs" means the educational choice scholarship pilot program established under sections 3310.01 to 3310.17 of the Revised Code, the autism scholarship program established under section 3310.41 of the Revised Code, the Jon Peterson special needs scholarship program established under sections 3310.51 to 3310.64 of the Revised Code, and the pilot project scholarship program established under sections 3313.974 to 3313.979 of the Revised Code.

(5) "Other public school" means a community school
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established under Chapter 3314., a STEM school established under
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Chapter 3326., or a college-preparatory boarding school
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established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code.
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Sec. 3301.163. (A) Beginning July 1, 2015Until the 2020-6882021 school year, any third-grade student who attends a689chartered nonpublic school with a scholarship awarded under690either the educational choice scholarship pilot program,691prescribed in sections 3310.01 to 3310.17, or the pilot project692scholarship program prescribed in sections 3313.974 to 3313.979693of the Revised Code, shall be subject to the third-grade reading694

quarantee retention provisions under division (A)(2) of section 695 3313.608 of the Revised Code, including the exemptions 696 prescribed by that division. For purposes of determining if a 697 child with a disability is exempt from retention under this 698 section, an individual services plan created for the child that 699 has been reviewed by either the student's school district of 700 residence or the school district in which the chartered 701 nonpublic school is located and that specifies that the student 702 is not subject to retention shall be considered in the same 703 manner as an individualized education program or plan under 704 section 504 of the "Rehabilitation Act of 1973," 87 Stat. 355, 705 29 U.S.C. 794, as amended, as prescribed by division (A)(2) of 706 section 3313.608 of the Revised Code. 707

As used in this section, "child with a disability" and 708 "school district of residence" have the same meanings as in 709 section 3323.01 of the Revised Code. 710

(B) (1) Each chartered nonpublic school that enrolls 711 students in any of grades kindergarten through three and that 712 accepts students under the educational choice scholarship pilot 713 program or the pilot project scholarship program shall adopt 714 policies and procedures for the annual assessment of the reading 715 skills of those students. Each school may use the diagnostic 716 assessment to measure reading ability for the appropriate grade 717 level prescribed in division (D) of section 3301.079 of the 718 Revised Code. If the school uses such assessments, the 719 department of education shall furnish them to the chartered 720 nonpublic school. 721

(2) For each student identified as having reading skillsbelow grade level, the school shall do both of the following:723

(a) Provide to the student's parent or guardian, in 724

writing, all of the following:

(i) Notification that the student has been identified ashaving a substantial deficiency in reading;727

(ii) Notification Through the 2020-2021 school year, 728 notification that if the student attains a score in the range 729 designated under division (A)(3) of section 3301.0710 of the 730 Revised Code on the assessment prescribed under that section to 731 measure skill in English language arts expected at the end of 732 third grade, the student shall be retained unless the student is 733 exempt under division (A)(1) of section 3313.608 of the Revised 734 Code. 735

(b) Provide intensive reading instruction services, as determined appropriate by the school, to each student identified under this section.

(C) Each chartered nonpublic school subject to this
section annually shall report to the department the number of
students identified as reading at grade level and the number of
students identified as reading below grade level.

Sec. 3313.608. (A) (1) Beginning with students who enter 743 third grade in the school year that starts July 1, 2009, and 744 until June 30, 2013, unless the student is excused under 745 division (C) of section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code from 746 taking the assessment described in this section, for any student 747 who does not attain at least the equivalent level of achievement 748 designated under division (A)(3) of section 3301.0710 of the 749 Revised Code on the assessment prescribed under that section to 750 measure skill in English language arts expected at the end of 751 third grade, each school district, in accordance with the policy 752 adopted under section 3313.609 of the Revised Code, shall do one 753

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of the following: 754 (a) Promote the student to fourth grade if the student's 755 principal and reading teacher agree that other evaluations of 756 the student's skill in reading demonstrate that the student is 757 academically prepared to be promoted to fourth grade; 758 (b) Promote the student to fourth grade but provide the 759 student with intensive intervention services in fourth grade; 760 761 (c) Retain the student in third grade. (2) Beginning with students who enter third grade in the 762 2013-2014 school year and until June 30, 2021, unless the 763 student is excused under division (C) of section 3301.0711 of 764 the Revised Code from taking the assessment described in this 765 section, no school district shall promote to fourth grade any 766 student who does not attain at least the equivalent level of 767 achievement designated under division (A) (3) of section 768 3301.0710 of the Revised Code on the assessment prescribed under 769 that section to measure skill in English language arts expected 770

(a) The student is an English learner who has been
enrolled in United States schools for less than three full
school years and has had less than three years of instruction in
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an English as a second language program.

at the end of third grade, unless one of the following applies:

(b) The student is a child with a disability entitled to 776
special education and related services under Chapter 3323. of 777
the Revised Code and the student's individualized education 778
program exempts the student from retention under this division. 779

(c) The student demonstrates an acceptable level of
 performance on an alternative standardized reading assessment as
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(d) All of the following apply:

(i) The student is a child with a disability entitled to
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 special education and related services under Chapter 3323. of
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 the Revised Code.
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(ii) The student has taken the third grade English
language arts achievement assessment prescribed under section
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(iii) The student's individualized education program or
plan under section 504 of the "Rehabilitation Act of 1973," 87
Stat. 355, 29 U.S.C. 794, as amended, shows that the student has
received intensive remediation in reading for two school years
but still demonstrates a deficiency in reading.

(iv) The student previously was retained in any of grades kindergarten to three.

(e) (i) The student received intensive remediation for reading for two school years but still demonstrates a deficiency in reading and was previously retained in any of grades kindergarten to three.

(ii) A student who is promoted under division (A) (2) (e) (i)
of this section shall continue to receive intensive reading
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instruction in grade four. The instruction shall include an
altered instructional day that includes specialized diagnostic
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information and specific research-based reading strategies for
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the student that have been successful in improving reading among
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low-performing readers.

(3) Beginning with students who enter the third grade in808the 2021-2022 school year, no school district shall retain a809student under this section based upon the student's score on the810assessment prescribed by section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code811

to measure skill in English language arts expected at the end of	812
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third grade. Districts shall continue to offer intervention and	
remediation services in the manner prescribed under this section	814
for students found to be reading below grade level.	815
(B)(1) Beginning in the 2012-2013 school year, to assist	816
students in meeting the third grade guarantee established by	817
this section, each school district board of education shall	818
adopt policies and procedures with which it annually shall	819
assess the reading skills of each student, except those students	820
with significant cognitive disabilities or other disabilities as	821
authorized by the department on a case-by-case basis, enrolled	822
in kindergarten to third grade and shall identify students who	823
are reading below their grade level. The reading skills	824
assessment shall be completed by the thirtieth day of September	825
for students in grades one to three, and by the first day of	826
November for students in kindergarten. Each district shall use	827
the diagnostic assessment to measure reading ability for the	828
appropriate grade level adopted under section 3301.079 of the	829
Revised Code, or a comparable tool approved by the department of	830
education, to identify such students. The policies and	831
procedures shall require the students' classroom teachers to be	832
involved in the assessment and the identification of students	833
reading below grade level. The assessment may be administered	834
electronically using live, two-way video and audio connections	835
whereby the teacher administering the assessment may be in a	836
separate location from the student.	837
(2) For each student identified by the diagnostic	838

(2) For each student identified by the diagnostic838assessment prescribed under this section as having reading839skills below grade level, the district shall do both of the840following:841

(a) Provide to the student's parent or guardian, in 842 writing, all of the following: 843 (i) Notification that the student has been identified as 844 having a substantial deficiency in reading; 845 (ii) A description of the current services that are 846 provided to the student; 847 (iii) A description of the proposed supplemental 848 instructional services and supports that will be provided to the 849 student that are designed to remediate the identified areas of 850 reading deficiency; 851 (iv) Notification that if the student attains a score in 852 the range designated under division (A) (3) of section 3301.0710 853 of the Revised Code on the assessment prescribed under that 854 section to measure skill in English language arts expected at 855 the end of third grade, the student shall be retained unless the 856 student is exempt under division (A) of this section. The 857 notification shall specify that the assessment under section 858 3301.0710 of the Revised Code is not the sole determinant of 859 promotion and that additional evaluations and assessments are 860 861 available to the student to assist parents and the district in knowing when a student is reading at or above grade level and 862 863 ready for promotion. (b) Provide intensive reading instruction services and 864 regular diagnostic assessments to the student immediately 865 following identification of a reading deficiency until the 866 development of the reading improvement and monitoring plan 867 required by division (C) of this section. These intervention

services shall include research-based reading strategies that 869 have been shown to be successful in improving reading among low-870

performing readers and instruction targeted at the student's 871 identified reading deficiencies. 872 (3) For Prior to the 2021-2022 school year, for each 873 student retained under division (A) of this section, the 874 district shall do all of the following: 875 (a) Provide intense remediation services until the student 876 is able to read at grade level. The remediation services shall 877 include intensive interventions in reading that address the 878 areas of deficiencies identified under this section including, 879 but not limited to, not less than ninety minutes of reading 880 instruction per day, and may include any of the following: 881 (i) Small group instruction; 882 (ii) Reduced teacher-student ratios; 883 (iii) More frequent progress monitoring; 884 (iv) Tutoring or mentoring; 885

(v) Transition classes containing third and fourth grade886students;887

(vi) Extended school day, week, or year;

(vii) Summer reading camps.

(b) Establish a policy for the mid-year promotion of a
student retained under division (A) of this section who
demonstrates that the student is reading at or above grade
level;

(c) Provide each student with a teacher who satisfies one
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 or more of the criteria set forth in division (H) of this
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The district shall offer the option for students to 897

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receive applicable services from one or more providers other 898 than the district. Providers shall be screened and approved by 899 the district or the department of education. If the student 900 participates in the remediation services and demonstrates 901 reading proficiency in accordance with standards adopted by the 902 department prior to the start of fourth grade, the district 903 shall promote the student to that grade. 904

(4) For each student retained under division (A) of this
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section who has demonstrated proficiency in a specific academic
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ability field, each district shall provide instruction
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commensurate with student achievement levels in that specific
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academic ability field.

As used in this division, "specific academic ability field" has the same meaning as in section 3324.01 of the Revised Code.

(C) For each student required to be provided intervention 913 services under this section, the district shall develop a 914 reading improvement and monitoring plan within sixty days after 915 receiving the student's results on the diagnostic assessment or 916 comparable tool administered under division (B)(1) of this 917 section. The district shall involve the student's parent or 918 quardian and classroom teacher in developing the plan. The plan 919 shall include all of the following: 920

(1) Identification of the student's specific reading921deficiencies;922

(2) A description of the additional instructional services
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and support that will be provided to the student to remediate
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the identified reading deficiencies;
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(3) Opportunities for the student's parent or guardian to 926

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be involved in the instructional services and support described 927 in division (C)(2) of this section; 928 (4) A process for monitoring the extent to which the 929 student receives the instructional services and support 930 described in division (C) (2) of this section; 931 (5) A reading curriculum during regular school hours that 932 does all of the following: 933 (a) Assists students to read at grade level; 934 (b) Provides scientifically based and reliable assessment; 935 (c) Provides initial and ongoing analysis of each 936 student's reading progress. 937 (6) A statement that if the student does not attain at-938 least the equivalent level of achievement designated under-939 division (A) (3) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code on the 940 assessment prescribed under that section to measure skill in 941 942 English language arts expected by the end of third grade, the student may be retained in third grade. 943 Each student with a reading improvement and monitoring 944 plan under this division who enters third grade after July 1, 945 2013, shall be assigned to a teacher who satisfies one or more 946 of the criteria set forth in division (H) of this section. 947 The district shall report any information requested by the 948 department about the reading improvement monitoring plans 949 developed under this division in the manner required by the 950 department. 951 (D) Each school district shall report annually to the 952 department on its implementation and compliance with this 953

section using guidelines prescribed by the superintendent of

public instruction. The superintendent of public instruction 955 annually shall report to the governor and general assembly the 956 number and percentage of students in grades kindergarten through 957 four reading below grade level based on the diagnostic 958 assessments administered under division (B) of this section and 959 the achievement assessments administered under divisions (A) (1) 960 (a) and (b) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code in English 961 language arts, aggregated by school district and building; the 962 types of intervention services provided to students; and, if 963 964 available, an evaluation of the efficacy of the intervention services provided. 965 (E) Any summer remediation services funded in whole or in 966 part by the state and offered by school districts to students 967 under this section shall meet the following conditions: 968 (1) The remediation methods are based on reliable 969 educational research. 970 (2) The school districts conduct assessment before and 971 after students participate in the program to facilitate 972 monitoring results of the remediation services. 973 (3) The parents of participating students are involved in 974 programming decisions. 975 (F) Any intervention or remediation services required by 976 this section shall include intensive, explicit, and systematic 977 instruction. 978 (G) This section does not create a new cause of action or 979 a substantive legal right for any person. 980 (H) (1) Except as provided under divisions (H) (2), (3), and 981

(4) of this section, each student described in division (B) (3)
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least one year of teaching experience and who satisfies one or 985 more of the following criteria: 986 (a) The teacher holds a reading endorsement on the 987 teacher's license and has attained a passing score on the 988 corresponding assessment for that endorsement, as applicable. 989 (b) The teacher has completed a master's degree program 990 991 with a major in reading. (c) The teacher was rated "most effective" for reading 992

on or after July 1, 2013, shall be assigned a teacher who has at

instruction consecutively for the most recent two years based on 993
assessments of student growth measures developed by a vendor and 994
that is on the list of student assessments approved by the state 995
board under division (B)(2) of section 3319.112 of the Revised 996
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(d) The teacher was rated "above expected value added," in reading instruction, as determined by criteria established by the department, for the most recent, consecutive two years.

(e) The teacher has earned a passing score on a rigorous
test of principles of scientifically research-based reading
instruction as approved by the state board.

(f) The teacher holds an educator license for teaching1004grades pre-kindergarten through three or four through nine1005issued on or after July 1, 2017.1006

(2) Notwithstanding division (H) (1) of this section, a
student described in division (B) (3) or (C) of this section who
enters third grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2013,
may be assigned to a teacher with less than one year of teaching
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experience provided that the teacher meets one or more of the
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criteria described in divisions (H) (1) (a) to (f) of this section

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and that teacher is assigned a teacher mentor who meets the 1013 qualifications of division (H)(1) of this section. 1014

(3) Notwithstanding division (H)(1) of this section, a 1015 student described in division (B)(3) or (C) of this section who 1016 enters third grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2013, 1017 but prior to July 1, 2016, may be assigned to a teacher who 1018 holds an alternative credential approved by the department or 1019 who has successfully completed training that is based on 1020 principles of scientifically research-based reading instruction 1021 1022 that has been approved by the department. Beginning on July 1, 1023 2014, the alternative credentials and training described in division (H)(3) of this section shall be aligned with the 1024 reading competencies adopted by the state board of education 1025 under section 3301.077 of the Revised Code. 1026

(4) Notwithstanding division (H)(1) of this section, a 1027 student described in division (B)(3) or (C) of this section who 1028 enters third grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2013, 1029 may receive reading intervention or remediation services under 1030 this section from an individual employed as a speech-language 1031 pathologist who holds a license issued by the state speech and 1032 hearing professionals board under Chapter 4753. of the Revised 1033 Code and a professional pupil services license as a school 1034 speech-language pathologist issued by the state board of 1035 education. 1036

(5) A teacher, other than a student's teacher of record,
may provide any services required under this section, so long as
that other teacher meets the requirements of division (H) of
this section and the teacher of record and the school principal
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agree to the assignment. Any such assignment shall be documented
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in the student's reading improvement and monitoring plan.

As used in this division, "teacher of record" means the 1043 classroom teacher to whom a student is assigned. 1044

(I) Notwithstanding division (H) of this section, a 1045 teacher may teach reading to any student who is an English 1046 language learner, and has been in the United States for three 1047 years or less, or to a student who has an individualized 1048 education program developed under Chapter 3323. of the Revised 1049 Code if that teacher holds an alternative credential approved by 1050 the department or has successfully completed training that is 1051 based on principles of scientifically research-based reading 1052 instruction that has been approved by the department. Beginning 1053 on July 1, 2014, the alternative credentials and training 1054 described in this division shall be aligned with the reading 1055 competencies adopted by the state board of education under 1056 section 3301.077 of the Revised Code. 1057

(J) If, on or after June 4, 2013, a school district or 1058 community school cannot furnish the number of teachers needed 1059 who satisfy one or more of the criteria set forth in division 1060 (H) of this section for the 2013-2014 school year, the school 1061 district or community school shall develop and submit a staffing 1062 plan by June 30, 2013. The staffing plan shall include criteria 1063 that will be used to assign a student described in division (B) 1064 (3) or (C) of this section to a teacher, credentials or training 1065 held by teachers currently teaching at the school, and how the 1066 school district or community school will meet the requirements 1067 of this section. The school district or community school shall 1068 post the staffing plan on its web site for the applicable school 1069 1070 year.

Not later than March 1, 2014, and on the first day of1071March in each year thereafter, a school district or community1072

school that has submitted a plan under this division shall1073submit to the department a detailed report of the progress the1074district or school has made in meeting the requirements under1075this section.1076

A school district or community school may request an1077extension of a staffing plan beyond the 2013-2014 school year.1078Extension requests must be submitted to the department not later1079than the thirtieth day of April prior to the start of the1080applicable school year.1081valid through the 2015-2016 school year.1082

Until June 30, 2015, the department annually shall review 1083 all staffing plans and report to the state board not later than 1084 the thirtieth day of June of each year the progress of school 1085 districts and community schools in meeting the requirements of 1086 this section. 1087

(K) The department of education shall designate one or 1088 more staff members to provide guidance and assistance to school 1089 districts and community schools in implementing the third grade 1090 guarantee established by this section, including any standards 1091 or requirements adopted to implement the guarantee and to 1092 provide information and support for reading instruction and 1093 achievement. 1094

Section 2. That existing sections 3301.0711, 3301.163, and 1095 3313.608 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 1096