

As Introduced

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H. B. No. 135

Representatives Hall, Creech

A BILL

To enact section 3321.043 of the Revised Code to
require school districts to grant students
excused absences from school for participation
in 4-H and FFA programs and activities.

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

Section 1. That section 3321.043 of the Revised Code be
enacted to read as follows:

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Sec. 3321.043. (A) Subject to division (C) (1) of section
3321.191 of the Revised Code, school districts shall grant
students in any of grades kindergarten through twelve excused
absences for participation in scheduled 4-H and FFA activities
or programs in the following manner:

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(1) A 4-H or FFA educator shall submit written
documentation to a school principal or attendance officer as
proof of student participation in such an activity or program.

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(2) The district shall give the student the opportunity to
make up any school work missed during the absence, and class
grades shall not be adversely affected for such an absence.

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(B) A school principal or a designee of the school

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principal shall not grant a student an excused absence under 19
this section if the absence occurs during either of the 20
following: 21

(1) A scheduled administration of state assessments; 22

(2) Any period of time for which the student has been 23
disciplined, suspended, or expelled, if the terms of such 24
punishment would preclude the student from otherwise 25
participating in an educational field trip or extracurricular 26
activity. 27