

AN ACT

To amend sections 9.833, 149.431, 311.29, 2744.081, 3301.079, 3301.0711, 3301.0712, 3301.0715, 3302.034, 3302.13, 3311.19, 3311.191, 3313.46, 3313.482, 3313.5311, 3313.603, 3313.6013, 3313.618, 3313.6110, 3314.02, 3314.03, 3314.06, 3319.111, 3319.223, 3319.26, 3319.271, 3326.03, 3326.032, 3326.11, 3328.24, 3333.93, 3345.202, and 5709.084; to amend, for the purpose of adopting a new section number as indicated in parentheses, section 3319.271 (3319.272); to enact sections 3301.0729, 3302.151, 3311.051, 3313.5314, 3313.6111, 3313.903, and 3345.203 of the Revised Code; to amend Section 733.40 of Am. Sub. H.B. 59 of the 130th General Assembly, as subsequently amended; to amend Section 369.473 of Am. Sub. H.B. 64 of the 131st General Assembly; and to amend Section 733.40 of Am. Sub. H.B. 59 of the 130th General Assembly, as subsequently amended, to codify it as section 3319.271 of the Revised Code to exempt from certain education laws school districts that meet specified benchmarks; to revise the administration of state assessments; to make other revisions regarding the operation of primary and secondary schools; to authorize county sheriffs to contract to provide services to community schools, nonpublic schools, and private higher education institutions; to revise the Workforce Grant Program; to validate a tax levy question the ballot for which stated an erroneous term; to exempt an arena owned by a convention facilities authority from property taxation; and to enable state colleges and universities to establish joint self-insurance pools and make other changes regarding joint self-insurance pools.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That sections 9.833, 149.431, 311.29, 2744.081, 3301.079, 3301.0711, 3301.0712, 3301.0715, 3302.034, 3302.13, 3311.19, 3311.191, 3313.46, 3313.482, 3313.5311, 3313.603, 3313.6013, 3313.618, 3313.6110, 3314.02, 3314.03, 3314.06, 3319.111, 3319.223, 3319.26, 3319.271, 3326.03, 3326.032, 3326.11, 3328.24, 3333.93, 3345.202, and 5709.084 be amended; section 3319.271_(3319.272) be amended for the purpose of adopting a new section number as indicated in parentheses; and sections 3301.0729, 3302.151, 3311.051, 3313.5314, 3313.6111, 3313.903, and 3345.203 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 9.833. (A) As used in this section, "political subdivision" has the meaning defined in sections 2744.01 and 3905.36 of the Revised Code. For purposes of this section, "political

subdivision" includes municipal corporations as defined in section 5705.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) Political subdivisions that provide health care benefits for their officers or employees may do any of the following:

(1) Establish and maintain an individual self-insurance program with public moneys to provide authorized health care benefits, including but not limited to, health care, prescription drugs, dental care, and vision care, in accordance with division (C) of this section;

(2) Establish and maintain a health savings account program whereby employees or officers may establish and maintain health savings accounts in accordance with section 223 of the Internal Revenue Code. Public moneys may be used to pay for or fund federally qualified high deductible health plans that are linked to health savings accounts or to make contributions to health savings accounts. A health savings account program may be a part of a self-insurance program.

(3) After establishing an individual self-insurance program, agree with other political subdivisions that have established individual self-insurance programs for health care benefits, that their programs will be jointly administered in a manner specified in the agreement;

(4) Pursuant to a written agreement and in accordance with division (C) of this section, join in any combination with other political subdivisions to establish and maintain a joint self-insurance program to provide health care benefits;

(5) Pursuant to a written agreement, join in any combination with other political subdivisions to procure or contract for policies, contracts, or plans of insurance to provide health care benefits, which may include a health savings account program for their officers and employees subject to the agreement;

(6) Use in any combination any of the policies, contracts, plans, or programs authorized under this division.

(7) Any agreement made under division (B)(3), (4), (5), or (6) of this section shall be in writing, comply with division (C) of this section, and contain best practices established in consultation with and approved by the department of administrative services. The best practices may be reviewed and amended at the discretion of the political subdivisions in consultation with the department. Detailed information regarding the best practices shall be made available to any employee upon that employee's request.

(8) Purchase plans containing best practices identified by the department of administrative services under section 9.901 of the Revised Code.

(C) Except as otherwise provided in division (E) of this section, the following apply to individual or joint self-insurance programs established pursuant to this section:

(1) Such funds shall be reserved as are necessary, in the exercise of sound and prudent actuarial judgment, to cover potential cost of health care benefits for the officers and employees of the political subdivision. A ~~certified audited~~ financial statement and a report of aggregate amounts so reserved and aggregate disbursements made from such funds, together with a written report of a member of the American academy of actuaries certifying whether the amounts reserved conform to the requirements of this division, are computed in accordance with accepted loss reserving standards, and are fairly stated in accordance with sound loss reserving principles, shall be prepared and maintained, within ninety days after the last day of the fiscal year of the entity for which the report is provided for that fiscal year, in the office of the program administrator described in division (C)(3) of

this section.

The report required by division (C)(1) of this section shall include, but not be limited to, the aggregate of disbursements made for the administration of the program, including claims paid, costs of the legal representation of political subdivisions and employees, and fees paid to consultants.

The program administrator described in division (C)(3) of this section shall make the report required by this division available for inspection by any person at all reasonable times during regular business hours, and, upon the request of such person, shall make copies of the report available at cost within a reasonable period of time. The program administrator shall further provide the report to the auditor of state under Chapter 117. of the Revised Code. The report required by this division is in lieu of the records required by division (A) of section 149.431 of the Revised Code.

(2) Each political subdivision shall reserve funds necessary for an individual or joint self-insurance program in a special fund that may be established for political subdivisions other than an agency or instrumentality pursuant to an ordinance or resolution of the political subdivision and not subject to section 5705.12 of the Revised Code. An agency or instrumentality shall reserve the funds necessary for an individual or joint self-insurance program in a special fund established pursuant to a resolution duly adopted by the agency's or instrumentality's governing board. The political subdivision may allocate the costs of insurance or any self-insurance program, or both, among the funds or accounts established under this division on the basis of relative exposure and loss experience.

(3) A contract may be awarded, without the necessity of competitive bidding, to any person, political subdivision, nonprofit corporation organized under Chapter 1702. of the Revised Code, or regional council of governments created under Chapter 167. of the Revised Code for purposes of administration of an individual or joint self-insurance program. No such contract shall be entered into without full, prior, public disclosure of all terms and conditions. The disclosure shall include, at a minimum, a statement listing all representations made in connection with any possible savings and losses resulting from the contract, and potential liability of any political subdivision or employee. The proposed contract and statement shall be disclosed and presented at a meeting of the political subdivision not less than one week prior to the meeting at which the political subdivision authorizes the contract.

A contract awarded to a nonprofit corporation or a regional council of governments under this division may provide that all employees of the nonprofit corporation or regional council of governments, the employees of all entities related to the nonprofit corporation or regional council of governments, and the employees of other nonprofit corporations that have fifty or fewer employees and have been organized for the primary purpose of representing the interests of political subdivisions, may be covered by the individual or joint self-insurance program under the terms and conditions set forth in the contract.

(4) The individual or joint self-insurance program shall include a contract with a certified public accountant and a member of the American academy of actuaries for the preparation of the written evaluations required under division (C)(1) of this section.

(5) A joint self-insurance program may allocate the costs of funding the program among the funds or accounts established under this division to the participating political subdivisions on the basis of their relative exposure and loss experience.

(6) An individual self-insurance program may allocate the costs of funding the program among the funds or accounts established under this division to the political subdivision that established the program.

(7) Two or more political subdivisions may also authorize the establishment and maintenance of a joint health care cost containment program, including, but not limited to, the employment of risk managers, health care cost containment specialists, and consultants, for the purpose of preventing and reducing health care costs covered by insurance, individual self-insurance, or joint self-insurance programs.

(8) A political subdivision is not liable under a joint self-insurance program for any amount in excess of amounts payable pursuant to the written agreement for the participation of the political subdivision in the joint self-insurance program. Under a joint self-insurance program agreement, a political subdivision may, to the extent permitted under the written agreement, assume the risks of any other political subdivision. A joint self-insurance program established under this section is deemed a separate legal entity for the public purpose of enabling the members of the joint self-insurance program to obtain insurance or to provide for a formalized, jointly administered self-insurance fund for its members. An entity created pursuant to this section is exempt from all state and local taxes.

(9) Any political subdivision, other than an agency or instrumentality, may issue general obligation bonds, or special obligation bonds that are not payable from real or personal property taxes, and may also issue notes in anticipation of such bonds, pursuant to an ordinance or resolution of its legislative authority or other governing body for the purpose of providing funds to pay expenses associated with the settlement of claims, whether by way of a reserve or otherwise, and to pay the political subdivision's portion of the cost of establishing and maintaining an individual or joint self-insurance program or to provide for the reserve in the special fund authorized by division (C)(2) of this section.

In its ordinance or resolution authorizing bonds or notes under this section, a political subdivision may elect to issue such bonds or notes under the procedures set forth in Chapter 133. of the Revised Code. In the event of such an election, notwithstanding Chapter 133. of the Revised Code, the maturity of the bonds may be for any period authorized in the ordinance or resolution not exceeding twenty years, which period shall be the maximum maturity of the bonds for purposes of section 133.22 of the Revised Code.

Bonds and notes issued under this section shall not be considered in calculating the net indebtedness of the political subdivision under sections 133.04, 133.05, 133.06, and 133.07 of the Revised Code. Sections 9.98 to 9.983 of the Revised Code are hereby made applicable to bonds or notes authorized under this section.

(10) A joint self-insurance program is not an insurance company. Its operation does not constitute doing an insurance business and is not subject to the insurance laws of this state.

(11) A joint self-insurance program shall pay the run-off expenses of a participating political subdivision that terminates its participation in the program if the political subdivision has accumulated funds in the reserves for incurred but not reported claims. The run-off payment, at minimum, shall be limited to an actuarially determined cap or sixty days, whichever is reached first. This provision shall not apply during the term of a specific, separate agreement with a political

subdivision to maintain enrollment for a specified period, not to exceed three years.

(D) A political subdivision may procure group life insurance for its employees in conjunction with an individual or joint self-insurance program authorized by this section, provided that the policy of group life insurance is not self-insured.

(E) This section does not apply to individual self-insurance programs created solely by municipal corporations as defined in section 5705.01 of the Revised Code.

(F) A public official or employee of a political subdivision who is or becomes a member of the governing body of the program administrator of a joint self-insurance program in which the political subdivision participates is not in violation of division (D) or (E) of section 102.03, division (C) of section 102.04, or section 2921.42 of the Revised Code as a result of either of the following:

(1) The political subdivision's entering under this section into the written agreement to participate in the joint self-insurance program;

(2) The political subdivision's entering under this section into any other contract with the joint self-insurance program.

Sec. 149.431. (A) Except as provided in sections ~~9.833 and 2744.081~~, and ~~3345.203~~ of the Revised Code, any governmental entity or agency and any nonprofit corporation or association, except a corporation organized pursuant to Chapter 1719. of the Revised Code prior to January 1, 1980 or organized pursuant to Chapter 3941. of the Revised Code, that enters into a contract or other agreement with the federal government, a unit of state government, or a political subdivision or taxing unit of this state for the provision of services shall keep accurate and complete financial records of any moneys expended in relation to the performance of the services pursuant to such contract or agreement according to generally accepted accounting principles. Such contract or agreement and such financial records shall be deemed to be public records as defined in division (A) (1) of section 149.43 of the Revised Code and are subject to the requirements of division (B) of that section, except that:

(1) Any information directly or indirectly identifying a present or former individual patient or client or such an individual patient's or client's diagnosis, prognosis, or medical treatment, treatment for a mental or emotional disorder, treatment for a developmental disability, treatment for drug abuse or alcoholism, or counseling for personal or social problems is not a public record;

(2) If disclosure of the contract or agreement or financial records is requested at a time when confidential professional services are being provided to a patient or client whose confidentiality might be violated if disclosure were made at that time, disclosure may be deferred if reasonable times are established when the contract or agreement or financial records will be disclosed.

(3) Any nonprofit corporation or association that receives both public and private funds in fulfillment of any such contract or other agreement is not required to keep as public records the financial records of any private funds expended in relation to the performance of services pursuant to the contract or agreement.

(B) Any nonprofit corporation or association that receives more than fifty per cent of its gross receipts excluding moneys received pursuant to Title XVIII of the "Social Security Act," 49 Stat. 620 (1935), 42 U.S.C. 301, as amended, in a calendar year in fulfillment of a contract or other agreement for services with a governmental entity shall maintain information setting forth the compensation of any individual serving the nonprofit corporation or association in an executive or administrative

capacity. Such information shall be deemed to be public records as defined in division (A)(1) of section 149.43 of the Revised Code and is subject to the requirements of division (B) of that section.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to otherwise limit the provisions of section 149.43 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 311.29. (A) As used in this section, ~~"Chautauqua~~:

(1) "Chartered nonpublic school" has the same meaning defined in section 3310.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Chautauqua assembly" has the same meaning as in section 4511.90 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Community preventative education program" has the meaning defined in division (D) of section 2981.13 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Community school" means a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code.

(B) The sheriff may, from time to time, enter into contracts with any municipal corporation, township, township police district, joint police district, metropolitan housing authority, port authority, water or sewer district, school district, community school governing authority, library district, health district, park district created pursuant to section 511.18 or 1545.01 of the Revised Code, soil and water conservation district, water conservancy district, or other taxing district or with the board of county commissioners of any contiguous county with the concurrence of the sheriff of the other county, and such subdivisions, authorities, and counties may enter into agreements with the sheriff pursuant to which the sheriff undertakes and is authorized by the contracting subdivision, authority, or county to perform any police function, exercise any police power, or render any police service in behalf of the contracting subdivision, authority, or county, or its legislative authority, that the subdivision, authority, or county, or its legislative authority, may perform, exercise, or render.

Upon the execution of an agreement under this division and within the limitations prescribed by it, the sheriff may exercise the same powers as the contracting subdivision, authority, or county possesses with respect to such policing that by the agreement the sheriff undertakes to perform or render, and all powers necessary or incidental thereto, as amply as such powers are possessed and exercised by the contracting subdivision, authority, or county directly.

Any agreement authorized by division (A), (B), or (C) of this section shall not suspend the possession by a contracting subdivision, authority, or county of any police power performed or exercised or police service rendered in pursuance to the agreement nor limit the authority of the sheriff.

(C) The sheriff may enter into contracts with any Chautauqua assembly that has grounds located within the county, and the Chautauqua assembly may enter into agreements with the sheriff pursuant to which the sheriff undertakes to perform any police function, exercise any police power, or render any police service upon the grounds of the Chautauqua assembly that the sheriff is authorized by law to perform, exercise, or render in any other part of the county within the sheriff's territorial jurisdiction. Upon the execution of an agreement under this division, the sheriff may, within the limitations prescribed by the agreement, exercise such powers with respect to such policing upon the grounds of the Chautauqua assembly, provided that any limitation contained in the agreement shall not be construed to limit the authority of the sheriff.

(D) Contracts entered into under division (A), (B), ~~or (C)~~, or (E) of this section shall provide

for the reimbursement of the county for the costs incurred by the sheriff for such policing including, but not limited to, the salaries of deputy sheriffs assigned to such policing, the current costs of funding retirement pensions and of providing workers' compensation, the cost of training, and the cost of equipment and supplies used in such policing, to the extent that such equipment and supplies are not directly furnished by the contracting subdivision, authority, county, or Chautauqua assembly. Each such contract shall provide for the ascertainment of such costs and shall be of any duration, not in excess of four years, and may contain any other terms that may be agreed upon. All payments pursuant to any such contract in reimbursement of the costs of such policing shall be made to the treasurer of the county to be credited to a special fund to be known as the "sheriff's policing revolving fund," hereby created. Any moneys coming into the fund shall be used for the purposes provided in divisions (A) to (D) and (F) of this section and paid out on vouchers by the county commissioners as other funds coming into their possession. Any moneys credited to the fund and not obligated at the termination of the contract shall be credited to the county general fund.

The sheriff shall assign the number of deputies as may be provided for in any contract made pursuant to division (A), (B), ~~or (C)~~, or (F) of this section. The number of deputies regularly assigned to such policing shall be in addition to and an enlargement of the sheriff's regular number of deputies. Nothing in divisions (A) to (D) or (F) of this section shall preclude the sheriff from temporarily increasing or decreasing the deputies so assigned as emergencies indicate a need for shifting assignments to the extent provided by the contracts.

All such deputies shall have the same powers and duties, the same qualifications, and be appointed and paid and receive the same benefits and provisions and be governed by the same laws as all other deputy sheriffs.

Contracts under division (A), (B), ~~or (C)~~, or (F) of this section may be entered into jointly with the board of county commissioners, and sections 307.14 to 307.19 of the Revised Code apply to this section insofar as they may be applicable.

(E)(1) As used in division (E) of this section:

(a) "Ohio prisoner" has the same meaning as in section 5120.64 of the Revised Code.
(b) "Out-of-state prisoner" and "private contractor" have the same meanings as in section 9.07 of the Revised Code.

(2) The sheriff may enter into a contract with a private person or entity for the return of Ohio prisoners who are the responsibility of the sheriff from outside of this state to a location in this state specified by the sheriff, if there are adequate funds appropriated by the board of county commissioners and there is a certification pursuant to division (D) of section 5705.41 of the Revised Code that the funds are available for this purpose. A contract entered into under this division is within the coverage of section 325.07 of the Revised Code. If a sheriff enters into a contract as described in this division, subject to division (E)(3) of this section, the private person or entity in accordance with the contract may return Ohio prisoners from outside of this state to locations in this state specified by the sheriff. A contract entered into under this division shall include all of the following:

(a) Specific provisions that assign the responsibility for costs related to medical care of prisoners while they are being returned that is not covered by insurance of the private person or entity;

(b) Specific provisions that set forth the number of days, not exceeding ten, within which the

private person or entity, after it receives the prisoner in the other state, must deliver the prisoner to the location in this state specified by the sheriff, subject to the exceptions adopted as described in division (E)(2)(c) of this section;

(c) Any exceptions to the specified number of days for delivery specified as described in division (E)(2)(b) of this section;

(d) A requirement that the private person or entity immediately report all escapes of prisoners who are being returned to this state, and the apprehension of all prisoners who are being returned and who have escaped, to the sheriff and to the local law enforcement agency of this state or another state that has jurisdiction over the place at which the escape occurs;

(e) A schedule of fines that the sheriff shall impose upon the private person or entity if the private person or entity fails to perform its contractual duties, and a requirement that, if the private person or entity fails to perform its contractual duties, the sheriff shall impose a fine on the private person or entity from the schedule of fines and, in addition, may exercise any other rights the sheriff has under the contract.

(f) If the contract is entered into on or after the effective date of the rules adopted by the department of rehabilitation and correction under section 5120.64 of the Revised Code, specific provisions that comport with all applicable standards that are contained in those rules.

(3) If the private person or entity that enters into the contract fails to perform its contractual duties, the sheriff shall impose upon the private person or entity a fine from the schedule, the money paid in satisfaction of the fine shall be paid into the county treasury, and the sheriff may exercise any other rights the sheriff has under the contract. If a fine is imposed under this division, the sheriff may reduce the payment owed to the private person or entity pursuant to any invoice in the amount of the fine.

(4) Upon the effective date of the rules adopted by the department of rehabilitation and correction under section 5120.64 of the Revised Code, notwithstanding the existence of a contract entered into under division (E)(2) of this section, in no case shall the private person or entity that is a party to the contract return Ohio prisoners from outside of this state into this state for a sheriff unless the private person or entity complies with all applicable standards that are contained in the rules.

(5) Divisions (E)(1) to (4) of this section do not apply regarding any out-of-state prisoner who is brought into this state to be housed pursuant to section 9.07 of the Revised Code in a correctional facility in this state that is managed and operated by a private contractor.

(F)(1) A sheriff may enter into contracts with a chartered nonpublic school, located in the sheriff's territorial jurisdiction, to provide community preventive education programs.

(2) A sheriff may enter into contracts with a private institution of higher education, located in the sheriff's territorial jurisdiction, to provide police services.

Under these contracts, the sheriff may undertake to perform any police function, exercise any police power, or render any police service upon the grounds of the chartered nonpublic school or private institution of higher education that the sheriff is authorized by law to perform, exercise, or render in any other part of the county within the sheriff's territorial jurisdiction. Upon the execution of a contract under this division, the sheriff may, within the limitations prescribed by the contract, exercise such powers with respect to such policing provided that any limitation contained in the contract shall not be construed to limit the authority of the sheriff.

Sec. 2744.081. (A) Regardless of whether a political subdivision, under section 2744.08 of the Revised Code, secures a policy or policies of liability insurance, establishes and maintains a self-insurance program, or enters into an agreement for the joint administration of a self-insurance program, the political subdivision may, pursuant to a written agreement and to the extent that it considers necessary, join with other political subdivisions in establishing and maintaining a joint self-insurance pool to provide for the payment of judgments, settlement of claims, expense, loss, and damage that arises, or is claimed to have arisen, from an act or omission of the political subdivision or any of its employees in connection with a governmental or proprietary function and to indemnify or hold harmless the subdivision's employees against such loss or damage.

All of the following apply to a joint self-insurance pool under this section:

(1) Such funds shall be reserved as are necessary, in the exercise of sound and prudent actuarial judgment, to cover potential political subdivision and employee liability, expense, loss, and damage. A report of aggregate amounts so reserved and aggregate disbursements made from such funds, together with a written report of a member of the American academy of actuaries certifying whether the amounts reserved conform to the requirements of this division, are computed in accordance with accepted loss reserving standards, and are fairly stated in accordance with sound loss reserving principles, shall be prepared and maintained in the office of the pool administrator described in division (A)(2) of this section. The report shall be prepared and maintained on or before the last day of March for the preceding calendar year or, if the joint self-insurance pool's fiscal year is other than a calendar year, not later than ninety days after the close of the pool's fiscal year.

The report required by this division shall include, but not be limited to, the aggregate of disbursements made for the administration of the pool, including claims paid, costs of the legal representation of political subdivisions and employees, and fees paid to consultants.

The pool administrator described in division (A)(2) of this section shall make the report required by this division available for inspection by any person at all reasonable times during regular business hours, and, upon the request of such person, shall make copies of the report available at cost within a reasonable period of time. ~~The~~ The pool administrator also shall submit a copy of the report to the auditor of state.

The report required by this division is in lieu of the records required by division (A) of section 149.431 of the Revised Code.

(2) A contract may be awarded, without the necessity of competitive bidding, to any person, political subdivision, nonprofit corporation organized under Chapter 1702. of the Revised Code, or regional council of governments created under Chapter 167. of the Revised Code for purposes of administration of a joint self-insurance pool. No such contract shall be entered into without full, prior, public disclosure of all terms and conditions. Such disclosure shall include, at a minimum, a statement listing all representations made in connection with any possible savings and losses resulting from such contract, and potential liability of any political subdivision or employee. The proposed contract and statement shall be disclosed and presented at a meeting of the political subdivision not less than one week prior to the meeting at which the political subdivision authorizes the contract.

(3) A joint self-insurance pool shall include a contract with a member of the American academy of actuaries for the preparation of the written evaluation of the reserve funds required under

division (A)(1) of this section.

(4) A joint self-insurance pool may allocate the costs of funding the pool among the funds or accounts in the treasuries of the political subdivisions on the basis of their relative exposure and loss experience. A joint self-insurance program may require any deductible under the program to be paid from funds or accounts in the treasury of the political subdivision from which a loss was directly attributable.

(B) Two or more political subdivisions may also authorize the establishment and maintenance of a joint risk-management program, including but not limited to the employment of risk managers and consultants, for the purpose of preventing and reducing the risks covered by insurance, self-insurance, or joint self-insurance programs.

(C) A political subdivision is not liable under a joint self-insurance pool for any amount in excess of amounts payable pursuant to the written agreement for the participation of the political subdivision in the joint self-insurance pool. Under a joint self-insurance pool agreement a political subdivision may, to the extent permitted under the written agreement, assume the risks of any other political subdivision, including the indemnification of its employees. A joint self-insurance pool, established under this section, is deemed a separate legal entity for the public purpose of enabling the members of the joint self-insurance pool to obtain insurance or to provide for a formalized, jointly administered self-insurance fund for its members. An entity created pursuant to this section is exempt from all state and local taxes.

(D) Any political subdivision may issue general obligation bonds, or special obligation bonds which are not payable from real or personal property taxes, and may also issue notes in anticipation of such bonds, pursuant to an ordinance or resolution of its legislative authority or other governing body for the purpose of providing funds to pay judgments, losses, damages, and the expenses of litigation or settlement of claims, whether by way of a reserve or otherwise, and to pay the political subdivision's portion of the cost of establishing and maintaining a joint self-insurance pool or to provide for the reserve in the special fund authorized by division (A)(2)(a) of section 2744.08 of the Revised Code.

In its ordinance or resolution authorizing bonds or notes under this section, a political subdivision may elect to issue such bonds or notes under the procedures set forth in Chapter 133. of the Revised Code. In the event of such an election, notwithstanding Chapter 133. of the Revised Code, the maturity of the bonds may be for any period authorized in the ordinance or resolution not exceeding twenty years, which period shall be the maximum maturity of the bonds for purposes of section 133.22 of the Revised Code.

Bonds and notes issued under this section shall not be considered in calculating the net indebtedness of the political subdivision under sections 133.04, 133.05, 133.06, and 133.07 of the Revised Code. Sections 9.98 to 9.983 of the Revised Code apply to bonds or notes authorized under this section.

(E)(1) A joint self-insurance pool, in addition to its powers to provide self-insurance against any and all liabilities under this chapter, may also include any one or more of the following forms of property or casualty self-insurance for the purpose of covering any other liabilities or risks of the members of the pool:

(a) Public general liability, professional liability, or employees liability;

(b) Individual or fleet motor vehicle or automobile liability and protection against other liability and loss associated with the ownership, maintenance, and use of motor vehicles;

(c) Aircraft liability and protection against other liability and loss associated with the ownership, maintenance, and use of aircraft;

(d) Fidelity, surety, and guarantee;

(e) Loss or damage to property and loss of use and occupancy of property by fire, lightning, hail, tempest, flood, earthquake, or snow, explosion, accident, or other risk;

(f) Marine, inland transportation and navigation, boiler, containers, pipes, engines, flywheels, elevators, and machinery;

(g) Environmental impairment;

(h) Loss or damage by any hazard upon any other risk to which political subdivisions are subject, which is not prohibited by statute or at common law from being the subject of casualty or property insurance.

(2) A joint self-insurance pool is not an insurance company. Its operation does not constitute doing an insurance business and is not subject to the insurance laws of this state.

(F) A public official or employee of a political subdivision who is or becomes a member of the governing body of a joint self-insurance pool in which the political subdivision participates is not in violation of division (D) or (E) of section 102.03, division (C) of section 102.04, or section 2921.42 of the Revised Code as a result of the political subdivision's entering under this section into the written agreement to participate in the pool or into any contract with the pool.

(G) This section shall not be construed to affect the ability of any political subdivision to self-insure under the authority conferred by any other section of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3301.079. (A)(1) The state board of education periodically shall adopt statewide academic standards with emphasis on coherence, focus, and essential knowledge and that are more challenging and demanding when compared to international standards for each of grades kindergarten through twelve in English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies.

(a) The state board shall ensure that the standards do all of the following:

(i) Include the essential academic content and skills that students are expected to know and be able to do at each grade level that will allow each student to be prepared for postsecondary instruction and the workplace for success in the twenty-first century;

(ii) Include the development of skill sets that promote information, media, and technological literacy;

(iii) Include interdisciplinary, project-based, real-world learning opportunities;

(iv) Instill life-long learning by providing essential knowledge and skills based in the liberal arts tradition, as well as science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and career-technical education;

(v) Be clearly written, transparent, and understandable by parents, educators, and the general public.

(b) Not later than July 1, 2012, the state board shall incorporate into the social studies standards for grades four to twelve academic content regarding the original texts of the Declaration of Independence, the Northwest Ordinance, the Constitution of the United States and its amendments, with emphasis on the Bill of Rights, and the Ohio Constitution, and their original

context. The state board shall revise the model curricula and achievement assessments adopted under divisions (B) and (C) of this section as necessary to reflect the additional American history and American government content. The state board shall make available a list of suggested grade-appropriate supplemental readings that place the documents prescribed by this division in their historical context, which teachers may use as a resource to assist students in reading the documents within that context.

(c) When the state board adopts or revises academic content standards in social studies, American history, American government, or science under division (A)(1) of this section, the state board shall develop such standards independently and not as part of a multistate consortium.

(2) After completing the standards required by division (A)(1) of this section, the state board shall adopt standards and model curricula for instruction in technology, financial literacy and entrepreneurship, fine arts, and foreign language for grades kindergarten through twelve. The standards shall meet the same requirements prescribed in division (A)(1)(a) of this section.

(3) The state board shall adopt the most recent standards developed by the national association for sport and physical education for physical education in grades kindergarten through twelve or shall adopt its own standards for physical education in those grades and revise and update them periodically.

The department of education shall employ a full-time physical education coordinator to provide guidance and technical assistance to districts, community schools, and STEM schools in implementing the physical education standards adopted under this division. The superintendent of public instruction shall determine that the person employed as coordinator is qualified for the position, as demonstrated by possessing an adequate combination of education, license, and experience.

(4) When academic standards have been completed for any subject area required by this section, the state board shall inform all school districts, all community schools established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, all STEM schools established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code, and all nonpublic schools required to administer the assessments prescribed by sections 3301.0710 and 3301.0712 of the Revised Code of the content of those standards. Additionally, upon completion of any academic standards under this section, the department shall post those standards on the department's web site.

(B)(1) The state board shall adopt a model curriculum for instruction in each subject area for which updated academic standards are required by division (A)(1) of this section and for each of grades kindergarten through twelve that is sufficient to meet the needs of students in every community. The model curriculum shall be aligned with the standards, to ensure that the academic content and skills specified for each grade level are taught to students, and shall demonstrate vertical articulation and emphasize coherence, focus, and rigor. When any model curriculum has been completed, the state board shall inform all school districts, community schools, and STEM schools of the content of that model curriculum.

(2) Not later than June 30, 2013, the state board, in consultation with any office housed in the governor's office that deals with workforce development, shall adopt model curricula for grades kindergarten through twelve that embed career connection learning strategies into regular classroom instruction.

(3) All school districts, community schools, and STEM schools may utilize the state standards and the model curriculum established by the state board, together with other relevant resources, examples, or models to ensure that students have the opportunity to attain the academic standards. Upon request, the department shall provide technical assistance to any district, community school, or STEM school in implementing the model curriculum.

Nothing in this section requires any school district to utilize all or any part of a model curriculum developed under this section.

(C) The state board shall develop achievement assessments aligned with the academic standards and model curriculum for each of the subject areas and grade levels required by divisions (A)(1) and (B)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code.

When any achievement assessment has been completed, the state board shall inform all school districts, community schools, STEM schools, and nonpublic schools required to administer the assessment of its completion, and the department shall make the achievement assessment available to the districts and schools.

(D)(1) The state board shall adopt a diagnostic assessment aligned with the academic standards and model curriculum for each of grades kindergarten through two in reading, writing, and mathematics and for grade three in reading and writing. The diagnostic assessment shall be designed to measure student comprehension of academic content and mastery of related skills for the relevant subject area and grade level. Any diagnostic assessment shall not include components to identify gifted students. Blank copies of diagnostic assessments shall be public records.

(2) When each diagnostic assessment has been completed, the state board shall inform all school districts of its completion and the department shall make the diagnostic assessment available to the districts at no cost to the district. ~~School-~~

~~(3) School~~ districts shall administer the diagnostic assessment pursuant to section 3301.0715 of the Revised Code beginning the first school year following the development of the assessment.

However, beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, both of the following shall apply:

(a) In the case of the diagnostic assessments for grades one or two in writing or mathematics or for grade three in writing, a school district shall not be required to administer any such assessment, but may do so at the discretion of the district board;

(b) In the case of any diagnostic assessment that is not for the grade levels and subject areas specified in division (D)(3)(a) of this section, each school district shall administer the assessment in the manner prescribed by section 3301.0715 of the Revised Code.

(E) The state board shall not adopt a diagnostic or achievement assessment for any grade level or subject area other than those specified in this section.

(F) Whenever the state board or the department consults with persons for the purpose of drafting or reviewing any standards, diagnostic assessments, achievement assessments, or model curriculum required under this section, the state board or the department shall first consult with parents of students in kindergarten through twelfth grade and with active Ohio classroom teachers, other school personnel, and administrators with expertise in the appropriate subject area. Whenever practicable, the state board and department shall consult with teachers recognized as outstanding in their fields.

If the department contracts with more than one outside entity for the development of the

achievement assessments required by this section, the department shall ensure the interchangeability of those assessments.

(G) Whenever the state board adopts standards or model curricula under this section, the department also shall provide information on the use of blended or digital learning in the delivery of the standards or curricula to students in accordance with division (A)(4) of this section.

(H) The fairness sensitivity review committee, established by rule of the state board of education, shall not allow any question on any achievement or diagnostic assessment developed under this section or any proficiency test prescribed by former section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code, as it existed prior to September 11, 2001, to include, be written to promote, or inquire as to individual moral or social values or beliefs. The decision of the committee shall be final. This section does not create a private cause of action.

(I)(1)(a) The English language arts academic standards review committee is hereby created to review academic content standards in the subject of English language arts. The committee shall consist of the following members:

(i) Three experts who are residents of this state and who primarily conduct research, provide instruction, currently work in, or possess an advanced degree in the subject area. One expert shall be appointed by each of the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the governor;

(ii) One parent or guardian appointed by the president of the senate;

(iii) One educator who is currently teaching in a classroom, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

(iv) The chancellor of the Ohio board of regents, or the chancellor's designee;

(v) The state superintendent, or the superintendent's designee, who shall serve as the chairperson of the committee.

(b) The mathematics academic standards review committee is hereby created to review academic content standards in the subject of mathematics. The committee shall consist of the following members:

(i) Three experts who are residents of this state and who primarily conduct research, provide instruction, currently work in, or possess an advanced degree in the subject area. One expert shall be appointed by each of the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the governor;

(ii) One parent or guardian appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

(iii) One educator who is currently teaching in a classroom, appointed by the president of the senate;

(iv) The chancellor, or the chancellor's designee;

(v) The state superintendent, or the superintendent's designee, who shall serve as the chairperson of the committee.

(c) The science academic standards review committee is hereby created to review academic content standards in the subject of science. The committee shall consist of the following members:

(i) Three experts who are residents of this state and who primarily conduct research, provide instruction, currently work in, or possess an advanced degree in the subject area. One expert shall be appointed by each of the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the

governor;

(ii) One parent or guardian appointed by the president of the senate;

(iii) One educator who is currently teaching in a classroom, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

(iv) The chancellor, or the chancellor's designee;

(v) The state superintendent, or the superintendent's designee, who shall serve as the chairperson of the committee.

(d) The social studies academic standards review committee is hereby created to review academic content standards in the subject of social studies. The committee shall consist of the following members:

(i) Three experts who are residents of this state and who primarily conduct research, provide instruction, currently work in, or possess an advanced degree in the subject area. One expert shall be appointed by each of the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the governor;

(ii) One parent or guardian appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

(iii) One educator who is currently teaching in a classroom, appointed by the president of the senate;

(iv) The chancellor, or the chancellor's designee;

(v) The state superintendent, or the superintendent's designee, who shall serve as the chairperson of the committee.

(2)(a) Each committee created in division (I)(1) of this section shall review the academic content standards for its respective subject area to ensure that such standards are clear, concise, and appropriate for each grade level and promote higher student performance, learning, subject matter comprehension, and improved student achievement. Each committee also shall review whether the standards for its respective subject area promote essential knowledge in the subject, lifelong learning, the liberal arts tradition, and college and career readiness and whether the standards reduce remediation.

(b) Each committee shall determine whether the assessments submitted to that committee under division (I)(4) of this section are appropriate for the committee's respective subject area and meet the academic content standards adopted under this section and community expectations.

(3) The department of education shall provide administrative support for each committee created in division (I)(1) of this section. Members of each committee shall be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses related to the operations of the committee. Members of each committee shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

(4) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in division (O) of section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code, the department shall submit to the appropriate committee created under division (I)(1) of this section copies of the questions and corresponding answers on the relevant assessments required by section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code on the first day of July following the school year that the assessments were administered. The department shall provide each committee with the entire content of each relevant assessment, including corresponding answers.

The assessments received by the committees are not public records of the committees and are not subject to release by the committees to any other person or entity under section 149.43 of the

Revised Code. However, the assessments shall become public records in accordance with division (O) of section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code.

(J) Not later than sixty days prior to the adoption by the state board of updated academic standards under division (A)(1) of this section or updated model curricula under division (B)(1) of this section, the superintendent of public instruction shall present the academic standards or model curricula, as applicable, in person at a public hearing of the respective committees of the house of representatives and senate that consider education legislation.

(K) As used in this section:

(1) "Blended learning" means the delivery of instruction in a combination of time in a supervised physical location away from home and online delivery whereby the student has some element of control over time, place, path, or pace of learning.

(2) "Coherence" means a reflection of the structure of the discipline being taught.

(3) "Digital learning" means learning facilitated by technology that gives students some element of control over time, place, path, or pace of learning.

(4) "Focus" means limiting the number of items included in a curriculum to allow for deeper exploration of the subject matter.

(5) "Vertical articulation" means key academic concepts and skills associated with mastery in particular content areas should be articulated and reinforced in a developmentally appropriate manner at each grade level so that over time students acquire a depth of knowledge and understanding in the core academic disciplines.

Sec. 3301.0711. (A) The department of education shall:

(1) Annually furnish to, grade, and score all assessments required by divisions (A)(1) and (B)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code to be administered by city, local, exempted village, and joint vocational school districts, except that each district shall score any assessment administered pursuant to division (B)(10) of this section. Each assessment so furnished shall include the data verification code of the student to whom the assessment will be administered, as assigned pursuant to division (D)(2) of section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code. In furnishing the practice versions of Ohio graduation tests prescribed by division (D) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code, the department shall make the tests available on its web site for reproduction by districts. In awarding contracts for grading assessments, the department shall give preference to Ohio-based entities employing Ohio residents.

(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 students.

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

(1) Administer the English language arts assessments prescribed under division (A)(1)(a) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code twice annually to all students in the third grade who have not attained the score designated for that assessment under division (A)(2)(c) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code.

(2) Administer the mathematics assessment prescribed under division (A)(1)(a) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code at least 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 annually to all students in the fourth grade.

(4) Administer the assessments prescribed under division (A)(1)(c) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code at least once annually to all students in the fifth grade.

(5) Administer the assessments prescribed under division (A)(1)(d) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code at least once annually to all students in the sixth grade.

(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.

(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 curriculum in any high school or the individualized education program developed for the person by any high school pursuant to section 3323.08 of the Revised Code but has not received a high school diploma and who requests to take such assessment, at any 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 administer any assessment prescribed under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code at least twice annually to any student enrolled in the joint vocational school district who has not yet attained the score on that assessment designated under that division. A board of a joint vocational school district may also administer such an assessment to any student described in division (B)(8)(b) of this section.

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

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) Administer (a) Except as provided in division (B)(11)(b) of this section, administer the assessments prescribed by division (B)(2) of section 3301.0710 and section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code in accordance with the timeline and plan for implementation of those assessments prescribed by rule of the state board adopted under division (D)(1) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code;~~

~~(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 qualify for a high school diploma prior to the date of the administration of the assessment prescribed under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code shall not be required to take that assessment. However,~~

no board shall prohibit a student who is not required to take such assessment from taking the assessment.

(C)(1)(a) In the case of a student receiving special education services under Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code, the individualized education program developed for the student under that chapter shall specify the manner in which the student will participate in the assessments administered under this section, except that a student with significant cognitive disabilities to whom an alternate assessment is administered in accordance with division (C)(1) of this section and a student determined to have a disability that includes an intellectual disability as outlined in guidance issued by the department shall not be required to take the assessment prescribed under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code. The individualized education program may excuse the student from taking any particular assessment required to be administered under this section if it instead specifies an alternate assessment method approved by the department of education as conforming to requirements of federal law for receipt of federal funds for disadvantaged pupils. To the extent possible, the individualized education program shall not excuse the student from taking an assessment unless no reasonable accommodation can be made to enable the student to take the assessment. No board shall prohibit a student who is not required to take an assessment under division (C)(1) of this section from taking the assessment.

(b) Any alternate assessment approved by the department for a student under this division shall produce measurable 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 under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code.

(c)(i) Any student enrolled in a chartered nonpublic school who has been identified, based on an evaluation conducted in accordance with section 3323.03 of the Revised Code or section 504 of the "Rehabilitation Act of 1973," 87 Stat. 355, 29 U.S.C.A. 794, as amended, as a child with a disability shall be excused from taking any particular assessment required to be administered under this section if a plan developed for the student pursuant to rules adopted by the state board excuses the student from taking that assessment. ~~It~~

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

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

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

(3) As used in this division, "limited English proficient student" has the same meaning as in 20 U.S.C. 7801.

No school district board shall excuse any limited English proficient student from taking any particular assessment required to be administered under this section, except ~~that any~~ as follows:

(a) Any limited English proficient student who has been enrolled in United States schools for less than two years and for whom no appropriate accommodations are available based on guidance issued by the department shall not be required to take the assessment prescribed under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code.

(b) Any limited English proficient student 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

However, no board shall prohibit a limited English proficient student who is not required to take an assessment under ~~this division (C)(3) of this section~~ from taking the assessment. A board may permit any limited English proficient student to take an assessment required to be administered under this section with appropriate accommodations, as determined by the department. For each limited English proficient student, 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 a limited English proficient student from taking any assessment administered under this section. However, no

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

(c) No governing authority shall prohibit a limited English proficient student from taking the an assessment from which the student was excused under division (C)(4) of this section.

(D)(1) In the school year next succeeding the school year in which the assessments prescribed by division (A)(1) or (B)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code or former division (A)(1), (A)(2), or (B) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to September 11, 2001, are administered to any student, the board of education of any school district in which the student is enrolled in that year shall provide to the student intervention services commensurate with the student's performance, including any intensive intervention required under section 3313.608 of the Revised Code, in any skill in which the student failed to demonstrate at least a score at the proficient level on the assessment.

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

Each high school selected to provide intervention services under this division shall provide

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

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

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

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

(a) If the district's total enrollment in grades kindergarten through twelve during the first full school week of October was less than two thousand five hundred, not later than the Friday after all of the assessments have been administered;

(b) If the district's total enrollment in grades kindergarten through twelve during the first full school week of October was two thousand five hundred or more, but less than seven thousand, not later than the Monday after all of the assessments have been administered;

(c) If the district's total enrollment in grades kindergarten through twelve during the first full school week of October was seven thousand or more, not later than the Tuesday after all of the assessments have been administered.

However, any assessment that a student takes during the make-up period described in division (C)(2) of this section shall be submitted not later than the Friday following the day the student takes the assessment.

(2) The department or an entity with which the department contracts for the scoring of the assessment shall send to each school district board a list of the individual scores of all persons taking a state achievement assessment as follows:

(a) Except as provided in division (G)(2)(b) or (c) of this section, within forty-five days after the administration of the assessments prescribed by sections 3301.0710 and 3301.0712 of the Revised Code, but in no case shall the scores be returned later than the thirtieth day of June following the administration;

(b) In the case of the third-grade English language arts assessment, within forty-five days after the administration of that assessment, but in no case shall the scores be returned later than the fifteenth day of June following the administration;

(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 following the administration.

(3) For assessments administered under this section by a joint vocational school district, the department or entity shall also send to each city, local, or exempted village school district a list of the individual scores of any students of such city, local, or exempted village school district who are attending school in the joint vocational school district.

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

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

(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 provided under rules adopted pursuant to this division.

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

(2) In accordance with rules that the state board shall adopt, the board of education of any city, exempted village, or local school district with territory in a cooperative education school district established pursuant to section 3311.521 of the Revised Code shall enter into an agreement with the cooperative district that provides for the administration of any assessment 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 established, would be entitled to attend school in the city, local, or exempted village school district pursuant to section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code;

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

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) Except as otherwise provided in division (K)(1) or (2) of this section, each chartered nonpublic school for which at least sixty-five per cent of its total enrollment is made up of students who are participating in state scholarship programs shall administer the elementary assessments prescribed by section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code. In accordance with procedures and deadlines

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

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

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

(a) At least ninety-five per cent of the students enrolled in the school are children with disabilities, as defined under section 3323.01 of the Revised Code, or have received a diagnosis by a school district or from a physician, including a neuropsychiatrist or psychiatrist, or a psychologist who is authorized to practice in this or another state as having a condition that impairs academic performance, such as dyslexia, dyscalculia, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, or Asperger's syndrome.

(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 measure reading and math skills.

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

(4) The department of education shall furnish the assessments prescribed by section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code to each chartered nonpublic school that is subject to division (K)(1) of this section or participates under division (K)(3) of this section.

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

(1) For a student who is enrolled in a chartered nonpublic school that is accredited through the independent schools association of the central states and who is attending the school under a state scholarship program, the student shall either take all of the assessments prescribed by division (B) of

section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code or take an alternative assessment approved by the department under section 3313.619 of the Revised Code. However, a student who is excused from taking an assessment under division (C) of this section or has presented evidence to the chartered nonpublic school of having satisfied the condition prescribed by division (A)(1) of section 3313.618 of the Revised Code to qualify for a high school diploma prior to the date of the administration of the assessment prescribed under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code shall not be required to take that assessment. No governing authority of a chartered nonpublic school shall prohibit a student who is not required to take such assessment from taking the assessment.

(2) For a student who is enrolled in a chartered nonpublic school that is accredited through the independent schools association of the central states, and who is not attending the school under a state scholarship program, the student shall not be required to take any assessment prescribed under section 3301.0712 or 3313.619 of the Revised Code.

(3) ~~For (a)~~ Except as provided in division (L)(3)(b) of this section, for a student who is enrolled in a chartered nonpublic school that is not accredited through the independent schools association of the central states, regardless of whether the student is attending or is not attending the school under a state scholarship program, the student shall do one of the following:

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

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

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

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

(M)(1) The superintendent of the state school for the blind and the superintendent of the state school for the deaf shall administer the assessments described by sections 3301.0710 and 3301.0712 of the Revised Code. Each superintendent shall administer the assessments in the same manner as district boards are required to do under this section and rules adopted by the department of education and in conformity with division (C)(1)(a) of this section.

(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 district may use a student's failure to attain a score in at least the proficient range on the mathematics assessment described by division (A)(1)(a) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code or on an assessment described by division (A)(1)

(b), (c), (d), (e), or (f) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code as a factor in retaining that student in the current grade level.

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

(2) The department may field test proposed questions with 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 on assessments to ensure that different versions of the same assessment are of comparable difficulty.

Field test questions and anchor questions shall not be considered in computing scores for individual students. Field test questions and anchor questions may be included as part of the administration of any assessment required by division (A)(1) or (B) of section 3301.0710 and division (B) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code.

(3) Any field test question or anchor question administered under division (O)(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 (O)(1) of this section.

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

(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 prior to the 2011-2012 school year, not less than forty per cent of the questions on the assessment that are used to compute a student's score shall be a public record. The department shall determine which questions will be needed for reuse on a future assessment and those questions shall not be public records and shall be redacted from the assessment prior to its release as a public record. However, for each redacted question, the department shall inform each city, local, and exempted village school district of the statewide academic standard adopted by the state board under section 3301.079 of the Revised Code and the corresponding benchmark to which the question relates. The preceding sentence does not apply to field test questions that are redacted under division (O)(3) of this section.

(c) The administrations of each assessment in the 2011-2012, 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) Beginning with the spring administration for the 2014-2015 school year, 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:

(a) Forty per cent of the questions and preferred answers on the assessments on the thirty-first day of July following the administration of the assessment;

(b) 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;

(c) 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 public record within three years of its administration.

The department shall make the questions that become a public record under this division readily accessible to the public on the department's web site. Questions on the spring administration of each assessment shall be released on an annual basis, in accordance with this division.

(P) As used in this section:

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

(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 country.

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

Sec. 3301.0712. (A) The state board of education, the superintendent of public instruction, and the chancellor of higher education shall develop a system of college and work ready assessments as described in division (B) of this section to assess whether each student upon graduating from high school is ready to enter college or the workforce. Beginning with students who enter the ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2014, the system shall replace the Ohio graduation tests prescribed in division (B)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code as a measure of student academic performance and one determinant of eligibility for a high school diploma in the manner prescribed by rule of the state board adopted under division (D) of this section.

(B) The college and work ready assessment system shall consist of the following:

(1) Nationally standardized assessments that measure college and career readiness and are used for college admission. The assessments shall be selected jointly by the state superintendent and the chancellor, and one of which shall be selected by each school district or school to administer to its students. The assessments prescribed under division (B)(1) of this section shall be administered to all eleventh-grade students in the spring of the school year.

(2) Seven end-of-course examinations, one in each of the areas of English language arts I, English language arts II, science, Algebra I, geometry, American history, and American government.

The end-of-course examinations shall be selected jointly by the state superintendent and the chancellor in consultation with faculty in the appropriate subject areas at institutions of higher education of the university system of Ohio. Advanced placement examinations and international baccalaureate examinations, as prescribed under section 3313.6013 of the Revised Code, in the areas of science, American history, and American government may be used as end-of-course examinations in accordance with division (B)(4)(a)(i) of this section. Final course grades for courses taken under any other advanced standing program, as prescribed under section 3313.6013 of the Revised Code, in the areas of science, American history, and American government may be used in lieu of end-of-course examinations in accordance with division (B)(4)(a)(ii) of this section.

(3)(a) Not later than July 1, 2013, each school district board of education shall adopt interim end-of-course examinations that comply with the requirements of divisions (B)(3)(b)(i) and (ii) of this section to assess mastery of American history and American government standards adopted under division (A)(1)(b) of section 3301.079 of the Revised Code and the topics required under division (M) of section 3313.603 of the Revised Code. Each high school of the district shall use the interim examinations until the state superintendent and chancellor select end-of-course examinations in American history and American government under division (B)(2) of this section.

(b) Not later than July 1, 2014, the state superintendent and the chancellor shall select the end-of-course examinations in American history and American government.

(i) The end-of-course examinations in American history and American government shall require demonstration of mastery of the American history and American government content for social studies standards adopted under division (A)(1)(b) of section 3301.079 of the Revised Code and the topics required under division (M) of section 3313.603 of the Revised Code.

(ii) At least twenty per cent of the end-of-course examination in American government shall address the topics on American history and American government described in division (M) of section 3313.603 of the Revised Code.

(4)(a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this section, beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, both of the following shall apply:

(i) If a student is enrolled in an appropriate advanced placement or international baccalaureate course, that student shall take the advanced placement or international baccalaureate examination in lieu of the science, American history, or American government end-of-course examinations prescribed under division (B)(2) of this section. The state board shall specify the score levels for each advanced placement examination and international baccalaureate examination for purposes of calculating the minimum cumulative performance score that demonstrates the level of academic achievement necessary to earn a high school diploma.

(ii) If a student is enrolled in an appropriate course under any other advanced standing program, as described in section 3313.6013 of the Revised Code, that student shall not be required to take the science, American history, or American government end-of-course examination, whichever is applicable, prescribed under division (B)(2) of this section. Instead, that student's final course grade shall be used in lieu of the applicable end-of-course examination prescribed under that section. The state superintendent, in consultation with the chancellor, shall adopt guidelines for purposes of calculating the corresponding final course grades that demonstrate the level of academic achievement necessary to earn a high school diploma.

Division (B)(4)(a)(ii) of this section shall apply only to courses for which students receive transcribed credit, as defined in division (U) of section 3365.01 of the Revised Code. It shall not apply to remedial or developmental courses.

(b) No student shall take a substitute examination or examination prescribed under division (B)(4)(a) of this section in place of the end-of-course examinations in English language arts I, English language arts II, Algebra I, or geometry prescribed under division (B)(2) of this section.

(c) The state board shall consider additional assessments that may be used, beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, as substitute examinations in lieu of the end-of-course examinations prescribed under division (B)(2) of this section.

(5) The state board shall do all of the following:

(a) Determine and designate at least five ranges of scores on each of the end-of-course examinations prescribed under division (B)(2) of this section, and substitute examinations prescribed under division (B)(4) of this section. Each range of scores shall be considered to demonstrate a level of achievement so that any student attaining a score within such range has achieved one of the following:

- (i) An advanced level of skill;
- (ii) An accelerated level of skill;
- (iii) A proficient level of skill;
- (iv) A basic level of skill;
- (v) A limited level of skill.

(b) Determine a method by which to calculate a cumulative performance score based on the results of a student's end-of-course examinations or substitute examinations;

(c) Determine the minimum cumulative performance score that demonstrates the level of academic achievement necessary to earn a high school diploma;

(d) Develop a table of corresponding score equivalents for the end-of-course examinations and substitute examinations in order to calculate student performance consistently across the different examinations.

A score of two on an advanced placement examination or a score of two or three on an international baccalaureate examination shall be considered equivalent to a proficient level of skill as specified under division (B)(5)(a)(iii) of this section.

(6)(a) A student who meets both of the following conditions shall not be required to take an end-of-course examination:

(i) The student received high school credit prior to July 1, 2015, for a course for which the end-of-course examination is prescribed.

(ii) The examination was not available for administration prior to July 1, 2015.

Receipt of credit for the course described in division (B)(6)(a)(i) of this section shall satisfy the requirement to take the end-of-course examination. A student exempted under division (B)(6)(a) of this section may take the applicable end-of-course examination at a later date.

(b) For purposes of determining whether a student who is exempt from taking an end-of-course examination under division (B)(6)(a) of this section has attained the cumulative score prescribed by division (B)(5)(c) of this section, such student shall select either of the following:

(i) The student is considered to have attained a proficient score on the end-of-course

examination from which the student is exempt;

(ii) The student's final course grade shall be used in lieu of a score on the end-of-course examination from which the student is exempt.

The state superintendent, in consultation with the chancellor, shall adopt guidelines for purposes of calculating the corresponding final course grades and the minimum cumulative performance score that demonstrates the level of academic achievement necessary to earn a high school diploma.

(7)(a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this section, the state board may replace the algebra I end-of-course examination prescribed under division (B)(2) of this section with an algebra II end-of-course examination, beginning with the 2016-2017 school year for students who enter ninth grade on or after July 1, 2016.

(b) If the state board replaces the algebra I end-of-course examination with an algebra II end-of-course examination as authorized under division (B)(7)(a) of this section, both of the following shall apply:

(i) A student who is enrolled in an advanced placement or international baccalaureate course in algebra II shall take the advanced placement or international baccalaureate examination in lieu of the algebra II end-of-course examination.

(ii) A student who is enrolled in an algebra II course under any other advanced standing program, as described in section 3313.6013 of the Revised Code, shall not be required to take the algebra II end-of-course examination. Instead, that student's final course grade shall be used in lieu of the examination.

(c) If a school district or school utilizes an integrated approach to mathematics instruction, the district or school may do either or both of the following:

(i) Administer an integrated mathematics I end-of-course examination in lieu of the prescribed algebra I end-of-course examination;

(ii) Administer an integrated mathematics II end-of-course examination in lieu of the prescribed geometry end-of-course examination.

(8)(a) For students entering the ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2014, but prior to July 1, 2015, the assessment in the area of science shall be physical science or biology. For students entering the ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2015, the assessment in the area of science shall be biology.

(b) Until July 1, 2019, the department of education shall make available the end-of-course examination in physical science for students who entered the ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2014, but prior to July 1, 2015, and who wish to retake the examination.

(c) Not later than July 1, 2016, the state board shall adopt rules prescribing the requirements for the end-of-course examination in science for students who entered the ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2014, but prior to July 1, 2015, and who have not met the requirement prescribed by section 3313.618 of the Revised Code by July 1, 2019, due to a student's failure to satisfy division (A)(2) of section 3313.618 of the Revised Code.

(9) Neither the state board nor the department of education shall develop or administer an end-of-course examination in the area of world history.

(C) The state board shall convene a group of national experts, state experts, and local

practitioners to provide advice, guidance, and recommendations for the alignment of standards and model curricula to the assessments and in the design of the end-of-course examinations prescribed by this section.

(D) Upon completion of the development of the assessment system, the state board shall adopt rules prescribing all of the following:

(1) A timeline and plan for implementation of the assessment system, including a phased implementation if the state board determines such a phase-in is warranted;

(2) The date after which a person shall meet the requirements of the entire assessment system as a prerequisite for a diploma of adult education under section 3313.611 of the Revised Code;

(3) Whether and the extent to which a person may be excused from an American history end-of-course examination and an American government end-of-course examination under division (H) of section 3313.61 and division (B)(3) of section 3313.612 of the Revised Code;

(4) The date after which a person who has fulfilled the curriculum requirement for a diploma but has not passed one or more of the required assessments at the time the person fulfilled the curriculum requirement shall meet the requirements of the entire assessment system as a prerequisite for a high school diploma under division (B) of section 3313.614 of the Revised Code;

(5) The extent to which the assessment system applies to students enrolled in a dropout recovery and prevention program for purposes of division (F) of section 3313.603 and section 3314.36 of the Revised Code.

(E) Not later than forty-five days prior to the state board's adoption of a resolution directing the department to file the rules prescribed by division (D) of this section in final form under section 119.04 of the Revised Code, the superintendent of public instruction shall present the assessment system developed under this section to the respective committees of the house of representatives and senate that consider education legislation.

(F)(1) Any person enrolled in a nonchartered nonpublic school or any person who has been excused from attendance at school for the purpose of home instruction under section 3321.04 of the Revised Code may choose to participate in the system of assessments administered under divisions (B)(1) and (2) of this section. However, no such person shall be required to participate in the system of assessments.

(2) The department shall adopt rules for the administration and scoring of any assessments under division (F)(1) of this section.

(G) Not later than December 31, 2014, the state board shall select at least one nationally recognized job skills assessment. Each school district shall administer that assessment to those students who opt to take it. The state shall reimburse a school district for the costs of administering that assessment. The state board shall establish the minimum score a student must attain on the job skills assessment in order to demonstrate a student's workforce readiness and employability. The administration of the job skills assessment to a student under this division shall not exempt a school district from administering the assessments prescribed in division (B) of this section to that student.

Sec. 3301.0715. (A) Except as ~~otherwise~~ required under division (B)(1) of section 3313.608 or as specified in division (D)(3) of section 3301.079 of the Revised Code, the board of education of each city, local, and exempted village school district shall administer each applicable diagnostic assessment developed and provided to the district in accordance with section 3301.079 of the

Revised Code to the following:

(1) Any student who transfers into the district or to a different school within the district if each applicable diagnostic assessment was not administered by the district or school the student previously attended in the current school year, within thirty days after the date of transfer. If the district or school into which the student transfers cannot determine whether the student has taken any applicable diagnostic assessment in the current school year, the district or school may administer the diagnostic assessment to the student. However, if a student transfers into the district prior to the administration of the diagnostic assessments to all students under division (B) of this section, the district may administer the diagnostic assessments to that student on the date or dates determined under that division.

(2) Each kindergarten student, not earlier than the first day of the school year and not later than the first day of November.

For the purpose of division (A)(2) of this section, the district shall administer the kindergarten readiness assessment provided by the department of education. In no case shall the results of the readiness assessment be used to prohibit a student from enrolling in kindergarten.

(3) Each student enrolled in first, second, or third grade.

Division (A) of this section does not apply to students with significant cognitive disabilities, as defined by the department of education.

(B) Each district board shall administer each diagnostic assessment when the board deems appropriate, provided the administration complies with section 3313.608 of the Revised Code. However, the board shall administer any diagnostic assessment at least once annually to all students in the appropriate grade level. A district board may administer any diagnostic assessment in the fall and spring of a school year to measure the amount of academic growth attributable to the instruction received by students during that school year.

(C) Any district that received a grade of "A" or "B" for the performance index score under division (A)(1)(b), (B)(1)(b), or (C)(1)(b) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code or for the value-added progress dimension under division (A)(1)(e), (B)(1)(e), or (C)(1)(e) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code for the immediately preceding school year may use different diagnostic assessments from those adopted under division (D) of section 3301.079 of the Revised Code in order to satisfy the requirements of division (A)(3) of this section.

(D) Each district board shall utilize and score any diagnostic assessment administered under division (A) of this section in accordance with rules established by the department. After the administration of any diagnostic assessment, each district shall provide a student's completed diagnostic assessment, the results of such assessment, and any other accompanying documents used during the administration of the assessment to the parent of that student, and shall include all such documents and information in any plan developed for the student under division (C) of section 3313.608 of the Revised Code. Each district shall submit to the department, in the manner the department prescribes, the results of the diagnostic assessments administered under this section, regardless of the type of assessment used under section 3313.608 of the Revised Code. The department may issue reports with respect to the data collected. The department may report school and district level kindergarten diagnostic assessment data and use diagnostic assessment data to calculate the measure prescribed by divisions (B)(1)(g) and (C)(1)(g) of section 3302.03 of the

Revised Code.

(E) Each district board shall provide intervention services to students whose diagnostic assessments show that they are failing to make satisfactory progress toward attaining the academic standards for their grade level.

(F) Beginning in the 2018-2019 school year, any chartered nonpublic school may elect to administer the kindergarten readiness assessment to all kindergarten students enrolled in the school. If the school so elects, the chief administrator of the school shall notify the superintendent of public instruction not later than the thirty-first day of March prior to any school year in which the school will administer the assessment. The department shall furnish the assessment to the school at no cost to the school. In administering the assessment, the school shall do all of the following:

(1) Enter into a written agreement with the department specifying that the school will share each participating student's assessment data with the department and, that for the purpose of reporting the data to the department, each participating student will be assigned a data verification code as described in division (D)(2) of section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code;

(2) Require the assessment to be administered by a teacher certified under section 3301.071 of the Revised Code who either has completed training on administering the kindergarten readiness assessment provided by the department or has been trained by another person who has completed such training;

(3) Administer the assessment in the same manner as school districts are required to do under this section and the rules established under division (D) of this section.

Sec. 3301.0729. (A) Except as provided for in divisions (B) and (C) of this section, beginning with assessments administered on or after July 1, 2017, the board of education of each city, local, and exempted village school district shall ensure that no student is required to do either of the following:

(1) Spend a cumulative amount of time in excess of two per cent of the school year taking the following assessments combined:

(a) The applicable state assessments prescribed by division (A) of section 3301.0710 and division (B)(2) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code;

(b) Any assessment required by the district board to be administered district-wide to all students in a specified subject area or grade level.

(2) Spend a cumulative amount of time in excess of one per cent of the school year taking practice or diagnostic assessments used to prepare for assessments described in divisions (A)(1)(a) and (b) of this section.

(B) The limitations prescribed by division (A) of this section shall not apply to assessments for students with disabilities, any related diagnostic assessment for students who failed to attain a passing score on the English language arts achievement assessment prescribed by division (A)(1)(a) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code, substitute examinations as prescribed by division (B)(4) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code, or additional assessments administered to identify a student as gifted under Chapter 3324. of the Revised Code.

(C) The board of education of each city, exempted village, and local school district may exceed the limitations prescribed by division (A) of this section by resolution of the district board. However, prior to the adoption of such a resolution, the board shall conduct at least one public hearing on the proposed resolution.

Sec. 3302.034. (A) Not later than December 31, 2013, the state board of education shall adopt and specify measures in addition to those included on the report card issued under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code. The measures adopted under this section shall be reported separately, as specified under division (B) of this section, for each school district, each building in a district, each community school established under Chapter 3314., each STEM school established under Chapter 3326., and each college-preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code. The measures shall include at least the following:

(1) Data for students who have passed over a grade or subject area under an acceleration policy prescribed under section 3324.10 of the Revised Code;

(2) The number of students who are economically disadvantaged as determined by the department of education;

(3) The number of lead teachers employed by each district and each building once the data is available through the education management information system established under section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code;

(4) The amount of students screened and identified as gifted under Chapter 3324. of the Revised Code;

(5) Postgraduate student outcome data as described under division (E)(2)(d)(ii) of section 3314.017 of the Revised Code;

(6) Availability of courses in fine arts;

(7) Participation with other school districts to provide career-technical education services to students;

~~(8) The amount of extracurricular services offered to students.~~

(B) The department shall report this information annually beginning with the 2013-2014 school year and make this information available on its web site for comparison purposes.

Sec. 3302.13. (A) This section applies to any school district or community school that meets both of the following criteria, as reported on the past two consecutive report cards issued for that district or school under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code:

(1) The district or school received a grade of "D" or "F" on the kindergarten through third-grade literacy progress measure under division (C)(3)(e) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code.

(2) Less than sixty per cent of the district's students who took the third grade English language arts assessment prescribed under section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code ~~during the most recent fall and spring administrations of that assessment~~ for that school year attained at least a proficient score on that assessment.

(B) By December 31, 2016, and by the thirty-first day of each December thereafter, any school district or community school that meets the criteria set forth in division (A) of this section shall submit to the department of education a school or district reading achievement improvement plan, which shall include all requirements prescribed by the state board of education pursuant to division (C) of this section.

(C) Not later than December 31, 2014, the state board shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code prescribing the content of and deadlines for the reading achievement improvement plans required under division (B) of this section. The rules shall prescribe that each plan include, at a minimum, an analysis of relevant student performance data, measurable

student performance goals, strategies to meet specific student needs, a staffing and professional development plan, and instructional strategies for improving literacy.

(D) Any school district or community school to which this section applies shall no longer be required to submit an improvement plan pursuant to division (B) of this section when that district or school meets either of the following criteria, as reported on the most recent report card issued for that district or school under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code:

(1) The district or school received a grade of "C" or higher on the kindergarten through third-grade literacy progress measure under division (C)(3)(e) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code.

(2) Not less than sixty per cent of the district's students who took the third grade English language arts assessment prescribed under section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code ~~during the most recent fall and spring administrations of that assessment~~ attain for that school year attained at least a proficient score on that assessment.

(E) The department of education shall post in a prominent location on its web site all plans submitted pursuant to this section.

Sec. 3302.151. (A) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Revised Code, a school district that qualifies under division (D) of this section shall be exempt from all of the following:

(1) The teacher qualification requirements under the third-grade reading guarantee, as prescribed under divisions (B)(3)(c) and (H) of section 3313.608 of the Revised Code. This exemption does not relieve a teacher from holding a valid Ohio license in a subject area and grade level determined appropriate by the board of education of that district.

(2) The mentoring component of the Ohio teacher residency program established under division (A)(1) of section 3319.223 of the Revised Code, so long as the district utilizes a local approach to train and support new teachers;

(3) Any provision of the Revised Code or rule or standard of the state board of education prescribing a minimum or maximum class size;

(4) Any provision of the Revised Code or rule or standard of the state board requiring teachers to be licensed specifically in the grade level in which they are teaching, except unless otherwise prescribed by federal law. This exemption does not apply to special education teachers. Nor does this exemption relieve a teacher from holding a valid Ohio license in the subject area in which that teacher is teaching and at least some grade level determined appropriate by the district board.

(B)(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Revised Code, including sections 3319.30 and 3319.36 of the Revised Code, the superintendent of a school district that qualifies under division (D) of this section may employ an individual who is not licensed as required by sections 3319.22 to 3319.30 of the Revised Code, but who is otherwise qualified based on experience, to teach classes in the district, so long as the board of education of the school district approves the individual's employment and provides mentoring and professional development opportunities to that individual, as determined necessary by the board.

(2) As a condition of employment under this section, an individual shall be subject to a criminal records check as prescribed by section 3319.391 of the Revised Code. In the manner prescribed by the department of education, the individual shall submit the criminal records check to the department and shall register with the department during the period in which the individual is

employed by the district. The department shall use the information submitted to enroll the individual in the retained applicant fingerprint database, established under section 109.5721 of the Revised Code, in the same manner as any teacher licensed under sections 3319.22 to 3319.31 of the Revised Code.

(3) An individual employed pursuant to this division is subject to Chapter 3307. of the Revised Code.

If the department receives notification of the arrest or conviction of an individual employed under division (B) of this section, the department shall promptly notify the employing district and may take any action authorized under sections 3319.31 and 3319.311 of the Revised Code that it considers appropriate. No district shall employ any individual under division (B) of this section if the district learns that the individual has plead guilty to, has been found guilty by a jury or court of, or has been convicted of any of the offenses listed in division (C) of section 3319.31 of the Revised Code.

(C) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Revised Code, noncompliance with any of the requirements listed in divisions (A) or (B) of this section shall not disqualify a school district that qualifies under division (D) of this section from receiving funds under Chapter 3317. of the Revised Code.

(D) In order for a city, local, or exempted village school district to qualify for the exemptions described in this section, the school district shall meet all of the following benchmarks on the most recent report card issued for that district under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code:

(1) The district received at least eighty-five per cent of the total possible points for the performance index score calculated under division (C)(1)(b) of that section;

(2) The district received a grade of an "A" for performance indicators met under division (C) (1)(c) of that section;

(3) The district has a four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate of at least ninety-three per cent and a five-year adjusted cohort graduation rate of at least ninety-five per cent, as calculated under division (C)(1)(d) of that section.

(E) A school district that meets the requirements prescribed by division (D) of this section shall be qualified for the exemptions prescribed by this section for three school years, beginning with the school year in which the qualifying report card is issued.

(F) As used in this section, "license" has the same meaning as in section 3319.31 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3311.051. The auditor of state, on the auditor of state's initiative, may conduct a performance audit of an educational service center.

Sec. 3311.19. (A) The management and control of a joint vocational school district shall be vested in the joint vocational school district board of education which, beginning on September 29, 2013, shall be appointed under division (C) of this section.

All members of a joint vocational school district board serving unexpired terms on September 29, 2013, may continue in office until the expiration of their terms. If a member leaves office for any reason prior to the expiration of that member's term, the vacancy shall be filled only in the manner provided in division (C) of this section.

(B) Except as provided in section 3311.191 of the Revised Code, members of the joint

vocational school district board appointed on or after September 29, 2013, shall serve for three-year terms of office. ~~No member shall hold office for a period of longer than two consecutive terms. Terms shall be considered consecutive unless separated by three or more years.~~

~~Members of the board shall be selected based on the diversity of the employers from the geographical region of the state in which the territory of the joint vocational school district is located represented by the members. Not less than three-fifths of the members of the board shall reside in or be employed within the territory of the joint vocational school district board upon which the member serves.~~

(C) The manner of appointment and the total number of members appointed to the joint vocational school district board shall be in accordance with the most recent plan for the joint vocational school district on file with the department of education. ~~An individual shall not be a member of an appointing board, unless the individual meets the criteria in division (C)(2) of this section.~~

(1) Appointments under this section shall be made as the terms of members of each joint vocational school district board who are serving unexpired terms on September 29, 2013, expire or as those offices are otherwise vacated prior to the expiration date.

(2) ~~Members of the joint vocational board shall have experience as chief financial officers, chief executive officers, human resources managers, or other business, industry, or career counseling professionals who are qualified to discuss the labor needs of the region with respect to the regional economy. The appointing board shall appoint individuals who represent employers in the region served by the joint vocational school district who are qualified to consider the state's workforce needs be appointed by the member school district boards of education. Members of a joint vocational school district board may either be a current elected board member of a school district board that is a member of the joint vocational school district or an individual who has experience or knowledge regarding the labor needs of the state and region with an understanding of the skills, training, and education needed for current and future employment opportunities in the state. The appointing board may give preference to individuals who have served as members on a joint vocational school business advisory committee who meet the qualifications in division (C)(2) of this section.~~

(D) The vocational schools in the joint vocational school district shall be available to all youth of school age within the joint vocational school district subject to the rules adopted by the joint vocational school district board of education in regard to the standards requisite to admission. A joint vocational school district board of education shall have the same powers, duties, and authority for the management and operation of such joint vocational school district as is granted by law, except by this chapter and Chapters 124., 3317., 3323., and 3331. of the Revised Code, to a board of education of a city school district, and shall be subject to all the provisions of law that apply to a city school district, except such provisions in this chapter and Chapters 124., 3317., 3323., and 3331. of the Revised Code.

(E) The superintendent of schools of a joint vocational school district shall exercise the duties and authority vested by law in a superintendent of schools pertaining to the operation of a school district and the employment and supervision of its personnel. The joint vocational school district board of education shall appoint a treasurer of the joint vocational school district who shall be the fiscal officer for such district and who shall have all the powers, duties, and authority vested by law

in a treasurer of a board of education.

(F) Each member of a joint vocational school district board of education may be paid such compensation as the board provides by resolution, but it shall not exceed one hundred twenty-five dollars per member for each meeting attended plus mileage, at the rate per mile provided by resolution of the board, to and from meetings of the board.

The board may provide by resolution for the deduction of amounts payable for benefits under section 3313.202 of the Revised Code.

Each member of a joint vocational school district board may be paid such compensation as the board provides by resolution for attendance at an approved training program, provided that such compensation shall not exceed sixty dollars per day for attendance at a training program three hours or fewer in length and one hundred twenty-five dollars a day for attendance at a training program longer than three hours in length. However, no board member shall be compensated for the same training program under this section and section 3313.12 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3311.191. (A)(1) Subject to division (A)(2) of this section, if a joint vocational school district has an even number of member districts each appointing a member to the joint vocational school district board of education and the joint vocational school district's plan on file with the department of education provides for one additional board member to be appointed on a rotating basis by one of the appointing boards, the term of that additional member shall be for one year. The additional member shall otherwise meet the requirements for joint vocational school board members prescribed by section 3311.19 of the Revised Code.

(2) If an additional member of a joint vocational school district board appointed on a rotating basis, as described in division (A)(1) of this section, was appointed on or after September 29, 2013, but prior to September 29, 2015, that member may continue in office until the expiration of the member's current term of office. If such member vacates that office for any reason prior to the expiration of that member's term, a new additional member shall be appointed according to the rotational basis prescribed by the district's plan, and that member shall serve for the remainder of the vacating member's term. Thereafter, the term of office of the additional member shall be as prescribed by division (A)(1) of this section.

(B) ~~If a joint vocational school district board of education has more than thirty members, the board may submit an application to the superintendent of public instruction for approval to revise its membership plan to stagger the members' terms of office. Each board eligible to submit an application under this section, may do so only one time. The application shall include the revisions proposed to be made to members' terms, the manner by which the terms shall be staggered, and any other information the state superintendent requires.~~

Sec. 3313.46. (A) In addition to any other law governing the bidding for contracts by the board of education of any school district, when any such board determines to build, repair, enlarge, improve, or demolish any school building, the cost of which will exceed ~~twenty-five~~ fifty thousand dollars, except in cases of urgent necessity, or for the security and protection of school property, and except as otherwise provided in division (D) of section 713.23 and in section 125.04 of the Revised Code, all of the following shall apply:

(1) The board shall cause to be prepared the plans, specifications, and related information as required in divisions (A)(1), (2), and (3) of section 153.01 of the Revised Code unless the board

determines that other information is sufficient to inform any bidders of the board's requirements. However, if the board determines that such other information is sufficient for bidding a project, the board shall not engage in the construction of any such project involving the practice of professional engineering, professional surveying, or architecture, for which plans, specifications, and estimates have not been made by, and the construction thereof inspected by, a licensed professional engineer, licensed professional surveyor, or registered architect.

(2) The board shall advertise for bids once each week for a period of not less than two consecutive weeks, or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, in a newspaper of general circulation in the district before the date specified by the board for receiving bids. The board may also cause notice to be inserted in trade papers or other publications designated by it or to be distributed by electronic means, including posting the notice on the board's internet web site. If the board posts the notice on its web site, it may eliminate the second notice otherwise required to be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the school district, provided that the first notice published in such newspaper meets all of the following requirements:

(a) It is published at least two weeks before the opening of bids.
(b) It includes a statement that the notice is posted on the board of education's internet web site.

(c) It includes the internet address of the board's internet web site.
(d) It includes instructions describing how the notice may be accessed on the board's internet web site.

(3) Unless the board extends the time for the opening of bids they shall be opened at the time and place specified by the board in the advertisement for the bids.

(4) Each bid shall contain the name of every person interested therein. Each bid shall meet the requirements of section 153.54 of the Revised Code.

(5) When both labor and materials are embraced in the work bid for, the board may require that each be separately stated in the bid, with the price thereof, or may require that bids be submitted without such separation.

(6) None but the lowest responsible bid shall be accepted. The board may reject all the bids, or accept any bid for both labor and material for such improvement or repair, which is the lowest in the aggregate. In all other respects, the award of contracts for improvement or repair, but not for purchases made under section 3327.08 of the Revised Code, shall be pursuant to section 153.12 of the Revised Code.

(7) The contract shall be between the board and the bidders. The board shall pay the contract price for the work pursuant to sections 153.13 and 153.14 of the Revised Code. The board shall approve and retain the estimates referred to in section 153.13 of the Revised Code and make them available to the auditor of state upon request.

(8) When two or more bids are equal, in the whole, or in any part thereof, and are lower than any others, either may be accepted, but in no case shall the work be divided between such bidders.

(9) When there is reason to believe there is collusion or combination among the bidders, or any number of them, the bids of those concerned therein shall be rejected.

(B) Division (A) of this section does not apply to the board of education of any school district in any of the following situations:

(1) The acquisition of educational materials used in teaching.

(2) If the board determines and declares by resolution adopted by two-thirds of all its members that any item is available and can be acquired only from a single source.

(3) If the board declares by resolution adopted by two-thirds of all its members that division (A) of this section does not apply to any installation, modification, or remodeling involved in any energy conservation measure undertaken through an installment payment contract under section 3313.372 of the Revised Code or undertaken pursuant to division (G) of section 133.06 of the Revised Code.

(4) The acquisition of computer software for instructional purposes and computer hardware for instructional purposes pursuant to division (B)(4) of section 3313.37 of the Revised Code.

(C) No resolution adopted pursuant to division (B)(2) or (3) of this section shall have any effect on whether sections 153.12 to 153.14 and 153.54 of the Revised Code apply to the board of education of any school district with regard to any item.

Sec. 3313.482. (A)(1) Prior to the first day of August of each school year, the board of education of any school district or the governing authority of any chartered nonpublic school may ~~submit to the department of education~~ adopt a plan to require students to access and complete classroom lessons posted on the district's or nonpublic school's web portal or web site in order to make up hours in that school year on which it is necessary to close schools for disease epidemic, hazardous weather conditions, law enforcement emergencies, inoperability of school buses or other equipment necessary to the school's operation, damage to a school building, or other temporary circumstances due to utility failure rendering the school building unfit for school use.

Prior to the first day of August of each school year, the governing authority of any community school established under Chapter 3314. that is not an internet- or computer-based community school, as defined in section 3314.02 of the Revised Code, may ~~submit to the department~~ adopt a plan to require students to access and complete classroom lessons posted on the school's web portal or web site in order to make up hours in that school year on which it is necessary to close the school for any of the reasons specified in division (H)(4) of section 3314.08 of the Revised Code so that the school is in compliance with the minimum number of hours required under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code.

A plan ~~submitted-adopted~~ by a school district board, chartered nonpublic school governing authority, or community school governing authority shall provide for making up any number of hours, up to a maximum of the number of hours that are the equivalent of three school days. ~~Provided the plan meets all requirements of this section, the department shall permit the board or governing authority to implement the plan for the applicable school year.~~

(2) Each plan ~~submitted-adopted~~ under this section by a school district board of education shall include the written consent of the teachers' employee representative designated under division (B) of section 4117.04 of the Revised Code.

(3) Each plan ~~submitted-adopted~~ under this section shall provide for the following:

(a) Not later than the first day of November of the school year, each classroom teacher shall develop a sufficient number of lessons for each course taught by the teacher that school year to cover the number of make-up hours specified in the plan. The teacher shall designate the order in which the lessons are to be posted on the district's, community school's, or nonpublic school's web portal or

web site in the event of a school closure. Teachers may be granted up to one professional development day to create lesson plans for those lessons.

(b) To the extent possible and necessary, a classroom teacher shall update or replace, based on current instructional progress, one or more of the lesson plans developed under division (A)(3)(a) of this section before they are posted on the web portal or web site under division (A)(3)(c) of this section or distributed under division (B) of this section.

(c) As soon as practicable after a school closure, a district or school employee responsible for web portal or web site operations shall make the designated lessons available to students on the district's, community school's, or nonpublic school's portal or site. A lesson shall be posted for each course that was scheduled to meet on the day or hours of the closure.

(d) Each student enrolled in a course for which a lesson is posted on the portal or site shall be granted a two-week period from the date of posting to complete the lesson. The student's classroom teacher shall grade the lesson in the same manner as other lessons. The student may receive an incomplete or failing grade if the lesson is not completed on time.

(e) If a student does not have access to a computer at the student's residence and the plan does not include blizzard bags under division (B) of this section, the student shall be permitted to work on the posted lessons at school after the student's school reopens. If the lessons were posted prior to the reopening, the student shall be granted a two-week period from the date of the reopening, rather than from the date of posting as otherwise required under division (A)(3)(d) of this section, to complete the lessons. The district board or community school or nonpublic school governing authority may provide the student access to a computer before, during, or after the regularly scheduled school day or may provide a substantially similar paper lesson in order to complete the lessons.

(B)(1) In addition to posting classroom lessons online under division (A) of this section, the board of education of any school district or governing authority of any community or chartered nonpublic school may include in the plan distribution of "blizzard bags," which are paper copies of the lessons posted online.

(2) If a school opts to use blizzard bags, teachers shall prepare paper copies in conjunction with the lessons to be posted online and update the paper copies whenever the teacher updates the online lesson plans.

(3) The board of education of any school district or governing authority of any community or chartered nonpublic school that opts to use blizzard bags shall specify in the plan the method of distribution of blizzard bag lessons, which may include, but not be limited to, requiring distribution by a specific deadline or requiring distribution prior to anticipated school closure as directed by the superintendent of a school district or the principal, director, chief administrative officer, or the equivalent, of a school.

(4) Students shall turn in completed lessons in accordance with division (A)(3)(d) of this section.

(C)(1) No school district that implements a plan in accordance with this section shall be considered to have failed to comply with division (B) of section 3317.01 of the Revised Code with respect to the number of make-up hours specified in the plan.

(2) No community school that implements a plan in accordance with this section shall be considered to have failed to comply with the minimum number of hours required under Chapter

3314. of the Revised Code with respect to the number of make-up hours specified in the plan.

Sec. 3313.5311. (A) As used in this section and in section 3313.5312 of the Revised Code, "extracurricular activity" has the same meaning as in section 3313.537 of the Revised Code.

(B) If the nonpublic school in which the student is enrolled does not offer the extracurricular activity, a student enrolled in a chartered or nonchartered nonpublic school shall be afforded, by the superintendent of the school district in which the student is entitled to attend school under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code, the opportunity to participate in that extracurricular activity at the district school to which the student otherwise would be assigned during that school year. If more than one school operated by the school district serves the student's grade level, as determined by the district superintendent based on the student's age and academic performance, the student shall be afforded the opportunity to participate in that extracurricular activity at the school to which the student would be assigned by the superintendent under section 3319.01 of the Revised Code.

(C) The superintendent of any school district may afford any student enrolled in a nonpublic school, and who is not entitled to attend school in the district under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code, the opportunity to participate in an extracurricular activity offered by a school of the district, if ~~both of the following apply~~:

~~(1) The the nonpublic school in which the student is enrolled does not offer the extracurricular activity;~~

~~(2) and either of the following apply:~~

~~(1) The extracurricular activity is not interscholastic athletics or interscholastic contests or competition in music, drama, or forensics.~~

~~(2) The extracurricular activity is in an interscholastic athletic or interscholastic contest or competition in music, drama, or forensics. In order to participate under division (C)(2) of this section, the student shall seek to participate at either the school district in which the student's nonpublic school is located or the school district in which the student is entitled to attend school under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code, so long as the chosen district offers the extracurricular activity.~~

~~If the student seeks to participate under division (C)(2) of this section at the school district in which the student's nonpublic school is located, both of the following shall apply:~~

~~(a) The superintendent of the school district in which the student is entitled to attend school shall certify that the student has not participated in any extracurricular activity that is in an interscholastic athletic or interscholastic contest or competition in music, drama, or forensics at that school district during that school year. If the student has participated in such an extracurricular activity at that school district during the school year, the student shall be ineligible to participate at the school district in which the student's nonpublic school is located for that school year.~~

~~(b) The superintendent of the school district in which the student is entitled to attend school and the superintendent of the school district in which the student is seeking to participate shall mutually agree, in writing, to allow the student to participate in the extracurricular activity at the school district in which the student's nonpublic school is located.~~

(D) In order to participate in an extracurricular activity under this section, the student shall be of the appropriate age and grade level, as determined by the superintendent of the district, for the school that offers the extracurricular activity, and shall fulfill the same academic, nonacademic, and

financial requirements as any other participant.

(E) No school district shall impose additional rules on a student to participate under this section that do not apply to other students participating in the same extracurricular activity. No district shall impose additional fees for a student to participate under this section that exceed any fees charged to other students participating in the same extracurricular activity.

(F) No school district, interscholastic conference, or organization that regulates interscholastic conferences or events shall require a student who is eligible to participate in interscholastic extracurricular activities under this section to meet eligibility requirements that conflict with this section.

Sec. 3313.5314. No student who is enrolled in a public or nonpublic school shall be denied the opportunity to participate in interscholastic athletics offered by that school solely because the student is participating or has participated in the college credit plus program under Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code, so long as the student fulfills all other academic, nonacademic, and financial requirements that are not related to participation in the program.

Additionally, no student who is enrolled in a community school, STEM school, or nonpublic school or who is receiving home instruction shall be denied the opportunity to participate in interscholastic athletics at the school in which the student is entitled to attend school under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code solely because of participation in the college credit plus program, so long as the student meets the applicable requirements under section 3313.537, 3313.5311, or 3313.5312 of the Revised Code and fulfills all other academic, nonacademic, and financial requirements that are not related to participation in the program.

As used in this section, "community school" means a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, and "STEM school" means a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3313.603. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "One unit" means a minimum of one hundred twenty hours of course instruction, except that for a laboratory course, "one unit" means a minimum of one hundred fifty hours of course instruction.

(2) "One-half unit" means a minimum of sixty hours of course instruction, except that for physical education courses, "one-half unit" means a minimum of one hundred twenty hours of course instruction.

(B) Beginning September 15, 2001, except as required in division (C) of this section and division (C) of section 3313.614 of the Revised Code, the requirements for graduation from every high school shall include twenty units earned in grades nine through twelve and shall be distributed as follows:

(1) English language arts, four units;

(2) Health, one-half unit;

(3) Mathematics, three units;

(4) Physical education, one-half unit;

(5) Science, two units until September 15, 2003, and three units thereafter, which at all times shall include both of the following:

(a) Biological sciences, one unit;

(b) Physical sciences, one unit.

(6) History and government, one unit, which shall comply with division (M) of this section and shall include both of the following:

(a) American history, one-half unit;

(b) American government, one-half unit.

(7) Social studies, two units.

Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2017, the two units of instruction prescribed by division (B)(7) of this section shall include at least one-half unit of instruction in the study of world history and civilizations.

(8) Elective units, seven units until September 15, 2003, and six units thereafter.

Each student's electives shall include at least one unit, or two half units, chosen from among the areas of business/technology, fine arts, and/or foreign language.

(C) Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2010, except as provided in divisions (D) to (F) of this section, the requirements for graduation from every public and chartered nonpublic high school shall include twenty units that are designed to prepare students for the workforce and college. The units shall be distributed as follows:

(1) English language arts, four units;

(2) Health, one-half unit, which shall include instruction in nutrition and the benefits of nutritious foods and physical activity for overall health;

(3) Mathematics, four units, which shall include one unit of algebra II or the equivalent of algebra II. However, students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2015, and who are pursuing a career-technical instructional track shall not be required to take algebra II, and instead may complete a career-based pathway mathematics course approved by the department of education as an alternative.

(4) Physical education, one-half unit;

(5) Science, three units with inquiry-based laboratory experience that engages students in asking valid scientific questions and gathering and analyzing information, which shall include the following, or their equivalent:

(a) Physical sciences, one unit;

(b) Life sciences, one unit;

(c) Advanced study in one or more of the following sciences, one unit:

(i) Chemistry, physics, or other physical science;

(ii) Advanced biology or other life science;

(iii) Astronomy, physical geology, or other earth or space science.

(6) History and government, one unit, which shall comply with division (M) of this section and shall include both of the following:

(a) American history, one-half unit;

(b) American government, one-half unit.

(7) Social studies, two units.

Each school shall integrate the study of economics and financial literacy, as expressed in the social studies academic content standards adopted by the state board of education under division (A) (1) of section 3301.079 of the Revised Code and the academic content standards for financial literacy

and entrepreneurship adopted under division (A)(2) of that section, into one or more existing social studies credits required under division (C)(7) of this section, or into the content of another class, so that every high school student receives instruction in those concepts. In developing the curriculum required by this paragraph, schools shall use available public-private partnerships and resources and materials that exist in business, industry, and through the centers for economics education at institutions of higher education in the state.

Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2017, the two units of instruction prescribed by division (C)(7) of this section shall include at least one-half unit of instruction in the study of world history and civilizations.

(8) Five units consisting of one or any combination of foreign language, fine arts, business, career-technical education, family and consumer sciences, technology, agricultural education, a junior reserve officer training corps (JROTC) program approved by the congress of the United States under title 10 of the United States Code, or English language arts, mathematics, science, or social studies courses not otherwise required under division (C) of this section.

Ohioans must be prepared to apply increased knowledge and skills in the workplace and to adapt their knowledge and skills quickly to meet the rapidly changing conditions of the twenty-first century. National studies indicate that all high school graduates need the same academic foundation, regardless of the opportunities they pursue after graduation. The goal of Ohio's system of elementary and secondary education is to prepare all students for and seamlessly connect all students to success in life beyond high school graduation, regardless of whether the next step is entering the workforce, beginning an apprenticeship, engaging in post-secondary training, serving in the military, or pursuing a college degree.

The requirements for graduation prescribed in division (C) of this section are the standard expectation for all students entering ninth grade for the first time at a public or chartered nonpublic high school on or after July 1, 2010. A student may satisfy this expectation through a variety of methods, including, but not limited to, integrated, applied, career-technical, and traditional coursework.

Whereas teacher quality is essential for student success when completing the requirements for graduation, the general assembly shall appropriate funds for strategic initiatives designed to strengthen schools' capacities to hire and retain highly qualified teachers in the subject areas required by the curriculum. Such initiatives are expected to require an investment of \$120,000,000 over five years.

Stronger coordination between high schools and institutions of higher education is necessary to prepare students for more challenging academic endeavors and to lessen the need for academic remediation in college, thereby reducing the costs of higher education for Ohio's students, families, and the state. The state board and the chancellor of higher education shall develop policies to ensure that only in rare instances will students who complete the requirements for graduation prescribed in division (C) of this section require academic remediation after high school.

School districts, community schools, and chartered nonpublic schools shall integrate technology into learning experiences across the curriculum in order to maximize efficiency, enhance learning, and prepare students for success in the technology-driven twenty-first century. Districts and schools shall use distance and web-based course delivery as a method of providing or augmenting all

instruction required under this division, including laboratory experience in science. Districts and schools shall utilize technology access and electronic learning opportunities provided by the broadcast educational media commission, chancellor, the Ohio learning network, education technology centers, public television stations, and other public and private providers.

(D) Except as provided in division (E) of this section, a student who enters ninth grade on or after July 1, 2010, and before July 1, 2016, may qualify for graduation from a public or chartered nonpublic high school even though the student has not completed the requirements for graduation prescribed in division (C) of this section if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

(1) During the student's third year of attending high school, as determined by the school, the student and the student's parent, guardian, or custodian sign and file with the school a written statement asserting the parent's, guardian's, or custodian's consent to the student's graduating without completing the requirements for graduation prescribed in division (C) of this section and acknowledging that one consequence of not completing those requirements is ineligibility to enroll in most state universities in Ohio without further coursework.

(2) The student and parent, guardian, or custodian fulfill any procedural requirements the school stipulates to ensure the student's and parent's, guardian's, or custodian's informed consent and to facilitate orderly filing of statements under division (D)(1) of this section. Annually, each district or school shall notify the department of education of the number of students who choose to qualify for graduation under division (D) of this section and the number of students who complete the student's success plan and graduate from high school.

(3) The student and the student's parent, guardian, or custodian and a representative of the student's high school jointly develop a student success plan for the student in the manner described in division (C)(1) of section 3313.6020 of the Revised Code that specifies the student matriculating to a two-year degree program, acquiring a business and industry-recognized credential, or entering an apprenticeship.

(4) The student's high school provides counseling and support for the student related to the plan developed under division (D)(3) of this section during the remainder of the student's high school experience.

(5)(a) Except as provided in division (D)(5)(b) of this section, the student successfully completes, at a minimum, the curriculum prescribed in division (B) of this section.

(b) Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2014, a student shall be required to complete successfully, at the minimum, the curriculum prescribed in division (B) of this section, except as follows:

(i) Mathematics, four units, one unit which shall be one of the following:

(I) Probability and statistics;

(II) Computer programming;

(III) Applied mathematics or quantitative reasoning;

(IV) Any other course approved by the department using standards established by the superintendent not later than October 1, 2014.

(ii) Elective units, five units;

(iii) Science, three units as prescribed by division (B) of this section which shall include inquiry-based laboratory experience that engages students in asking valid scientific questions and

gathering and analyzing information.

The department, in collaboration with the chancellor, shall analyze student performance data to determine if there are mitigating factors that warrant extending the exception permitted by division (D) of this section to high school classes beyond those entering ninth grade before July 1, 2016. The department shall submit its findings and any recommendations not later than December 1, 2015, to the speaker and minority leader of the house of representatives, the president and minority leader of the senate, the chairpersons and ranking minority members of the standing committees of the house of representatives and the senate that consider education legislation, the state board of education, and the superintendent of public instruction.

(E) Each school district and chartered nonpublic school retains the authority to require an even more challenging minimum curriculum for high school graduation than specified in division (B) or (C) of this section. A school district board of education, through the adoption of a resolution, or the governing authority of a chartered nonpublic school may stipulate any of the following:

(1) A minimum high school curriculum that requires more than twenty units of academic credit to graduate;

(2) An exception to the district's or school's minimum high school curriculum that is comparable to the exception provided in division (D) of this section but with additional requirements, which may include a requirement that the student successfully complete more than the minimum curriculum prescribed in division (B) of this section;

(3) That no exception comparable to that provided in division (D) of this section is available.

(F) A student enrolled in a dropout prevention and recovery program, which program has received a waiver from the department, may qualify for graduation from high school by successfully completing a competency-based instructional program administered by the dropout prevention and recovery program in lieu of completing the requirements for graduation prescribed in division (C) of this section. The department shall grant a waiver to a dropout prevention and recovery program, within sixty days after the program applies for the waiver, if the program meets all of the following conditions:

(1) The program serves only students not younger than sixteen years of age and not older than twenty-one years of age.

(2) The program enrolls students who, at the time of their initial enrollment, either, or both, are at least one grade level behind their cohort age groups or experience crises that significantly interfere with their academic progress such that they are prevented from continuing their traditional programs.

(3) The program requires students to attain at least the applicable score designated for each of the assessments prescribed under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code or, to the extent prescribed by rule of the state board under division (D)(5) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code, division (B)(2) of that section.

(4) The program develops a student success plan for the student in the manner described in division (C)(1) of section 3313.6020 of the Revised Code that specifies the student's matriculating to a two-year degree program, acquiring a business and industry-recognized credential, or entering an apprenticeship.

(5) The program provides counseling and support for the student related to the plan

developed under division (F)(4) of this section during the remainder of the student's high school experience.

(6) The program requires the student and the student's parent, guardian, or custodian to sign and file, in accordance with procedural requirements stipulated by the program, a written statement asserting the parent's, guardian's, or custodian's consent to the student's graduating without completing the requirements for graduation prescribed in division (C) of this section and acknowledging that one consequence of not completing those requirements is ineligibility to enroll in most state universities in Ohio without further coursework.

(7) Prior to receiving the waiver, the program has submitted to the department an instructional plan that demonstrates how the academic content standards adopted by the state board under section 3301.079 of the Revised Code will be taught and assessed.

(8) Prior to receiving the waiver, the program has submitted to the department a policy on career advising that satisfies the requirements of section 3313.6020 of the Revised Code, with an emphasis on how every student will receive career advising.

(9) Prior to receiving the waiver, the program has submitted to the department a written agreement outlining the future cooperation between the program and any combination of local job training, postsecondary education, nonprofit, and health and social service organizations to provide services for students in the program and their families.

Divisions (F)(8) and (9) of this section apply only to waivers granted on or after July 1, 2015.

If the department does not act either to grant the waiver or to reject the program application for the waiver within sixty days as required under this section, the waiver shall be considered to be granted.

(G) Every high school may permit students below the ninth grade to take advanced work. If a high school so permits, it shall award high school credit for successful completion of the advanced work and shall count such advanced work toward the graduation requirements of division (B) or (C) of this section if the advanced work was both:

(1) Taught by a person who possesses a license or certificate issued under section 3301.071, 3319.22, or 3319.222 of the Revised Code that is valid for teaching high school;

(2) Designated by the board of education of the city, local, or exempted village school district, the board of the cooperative education school district, or the governing authority of the chartered nonpublic school as meeting the high school curriculum requirements.

Each high school shall record on the student's high school transcript all high school credit awarded under division (G) of this section. In addition, if the student completed a seventh- or eighth-grade fine arts course described in division (K) of this section and the course qualified for high school credit under that division, the high school shall record that course on the student's high school transcript.

(H) The department shall make its individual academic career plan available through its Ohio career information system web site for districts and schools to use as a tool for communicating with and providing guidance to students and families in selecting high school courses.

(I) Units earned in English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies that are delivered through integrated academic and career-technical instruction are eligible to meet the graduation requirements of division (B) or (C) of this section.

(J)(1) The state board, in consultation with the chancellor, shall adopt a statewide plan implementing methods for students to earn units of high school credit based on a demonstration of subject area competency, instead of or in combination with completing hours of classroom instruction. The state board shall adopt the plan not later than March 31, 2009, and commence phasing in the plan during the 2009-2010 school year. The plan shall include a standard method for recording demonstrated proficiency on high school transcripts. Each school district and community school shall comply with the state board's plan adopted under this division and award units of high school credit in accordance with the plan. The state board may adopt existing methods for earning high school credit based on a demonstration of subject area competency as necessary prior to the 2009-2010 school year.

(2) Not later than December 31, 2015, the state board shall update the statewide plan adopted pursuant to division (J)(1) of this section to also include methods for students enrolled in seventh and eighth grade to meet curriculum requirements based on a demonstration of subject area competency, instead of or in combination with completing hours of classroom instruction. Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, each school district and community school also shall comply with the updated plan adopted pursuant to this division and permit students enrolled in seventh and eighth grade to meet curriculum requirements based on subject area competency in accordance with the plan.

(K) This division does not apply to students who qualify for graduation from high school under division (D) or (F) of this section, or to students pursuing a career-technical instructional track as determined by the school district board of education or the chartered nonpublic school's governing authority. Nevertheless, the general assembly encourages such students to consider enrolling in a fine arts course as an elective.

Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2010, each student enrolled in a public or chartered nonpublic high school shall complete two semesters or the equivalent of fine arts to graduate from high school. The coursework may be completed in any of grades seven to twelve. Each student who completes a fine arts course in grade seven or eight may elect to count that course toward the five units of electives required for graduation under division (C)(8) of this section, if the course satisfied the requirements of division (G) of this section. In that case, the high school shall award the student high school credit for the course and count the course toward the five units required under division (C)(8) of this section. If the course in grade seven or eight did not satisfy the requirements of division (G) of this section, the high school shall not award the student high school credit for the course but shall count the course toward the two semesters or the equivalent of fine arts required by this division.

(L) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this section, the board of education of each school district and the governing authority of each chartered nonpublic school may adopt a policy to excuse from the high school physical education requirement each student who, during high school, has participated in interscholastic athletics, marching band, or cheerleading for at least two full seasons or in the junior reserve officer training corps for at least two full school years. If the board or authority adopts such a policy, the board or authority shall not require the student to complete any physical education course as a condition to graduate. However, the student shall be required to complete one-half unit, consisting of at least sixty hours of instruction, in another course of study. In

the case of a student who has participated in the junior reserve officer training corps for at least two full school years, credit received for that participation may be used to satisfy the requirement to complete one-half unit in another course of study.

(M) It is important that high school students learn and understand United States history and the governments of both the United States and the state of Ohio. Therefore, beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2012, the study of American history and American government required by divisions (B)(6) and (C)(6) of this section shall include the study of all of the following documents:

- (1) The Declaration of Independence;
- (2) The Northwest Ordinance;
- (3) The Constitution of the United States with emphasis on the Bill of Rights;
- (4) The Ohio Constitution.

The study of each of the documents prescribed in divisions (M)(1) to (4) of this section shall include study of that document in its original context.

The study of American history and government required by divisions (B)(6) and (C)(6) of this section shall include the historical evidence of the role of documents such as the Federalist Papers and the Anti-Federalist Papers to firmly establish the historical background leading to the establishment of the provisions of the Constitution and Bill of Rights.

Sec. 3313.6013. (A) As used in this section, "advanced standing program" means a program that enables a student to earn credit toward a degree from an institution of higher education while enrolled in high school or that enables a student to complete coursework while enrolled in high school that may earn credit toward a degree from an institution of higher education upon the student's attainment of a specified score on an examination covering the coursework. Advanced standing programs may include any of the following:

- (1) The college credit plus program established under Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code;
- (2) Advanced placement courses;
- (3) International baccalaureate diploma courses;
- (4) Early college high school programs.

(B) Each city, local, exempted village, and joint vocational school district and each chartered nonpublic high school shall provide students enrolled in grades nine through twelve with the opportunity to participate in an advanced standing program. For this purpose, each school district and chartered nonpublic high school shall offer at least one advanced standing program in accordance with division (B)(1) or (2) of this section, as applicable.

(1) A city, local, or exempted village school district meets the requirements of this division through its mandatory participation in the college credit plus program established under Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code. However, a city, local, or exempted village school district may offer any other advanced standing program, in addition to the college credit plus program, and each joint vocational school district shall offer at least one other advanced standing program, to students in good standing, as defined by the partnership for continued learning under section 3301.42 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to October 16, 2009, or as subsequently defined by the department of education.

- (2) A chartered nonpublic high school that elects to participate in the college credit plus

program established under Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code meets the requirements of this division. Each chartered nonpublic high school that elects not to participate in the college credit plus program instead shall offer at least one other advanced standing program to students in good standing, as defined by the partnership for continued learning under section 3301.42 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to October 16, 2009, or as subsequently defined by the department of education.

(C) Each school district and each chartered nonpublic high school shall provide information about the advanced standing programs offered by the district or school to all students enrolled in grades ~~eight-six~~ through eleven. The district or school shall include information about all of the following:

(1) The process colleges and universities use in awarding credit for advanced placement and international baccalaureate courses and examinations, including minimum scores required by state institutions of higher education, as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code, for a student to receive college credit;

(2) The availability of tuition and fee waivers for advanced placement and international baccalaureate courses and examinations;

(3) The availability of online advanced placement or international baccalaureate courses, including those that may be available at no cost;

(4) The benefits of earning postsecondary credit through advanced placement or international baccalaureate courses;

(5) The availability of advanced placement or international baccalaureate courses offered throughout the district.

The district or school may include additional information as determined appropriate by the district or school.

(D) Except as provided for in Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code, no city, local, exempted village, and joint vocational school district shall charge an enrolled student an additional fee or tuition for participation in any advanced standing program offered by the district. Students may be required to pay the costs associated with taking an advanced placement or international baccalaureate examination.

(E) Any agreement between a school district or school and an associated college governing the operation of an early college high school program shall be subject to the requirements of the college credit plus program, with the following exceptions:

(1) Any aspect of the agreement that does not relate to the conferral of transcribed credit, as defined in section 3365.01 of the Revised Code, shall not be subject to the requirements of the college credit plus program.

(2) If the early college high school program began operating prior to July 1, 2014, the agreement shall not be subject to the requirements of the college credit plus program until the later of the date on which the existing agreement expires or July 1, 2015.

(3) If the district, school, or associated college operating the early college high school program was granted an award under Section 263.325 of Am. Sub. H.B. 59 of the 130th general assembly for the 2014-2015 school year, as the lead applicant on the grant or as part of a consortium, for a project involving the establishment or expansion of an early college high school, the agreement

shall not be subject to the requirements of the college credit plus program during the period of time for which the project is funded by the grant award under that section.

(4) If the district, school, or associated college obtains a waiver for the agreement under section 3365.10 of the Revised Code, the agreement shall not be subject to the requirements of the college credit plus program as expressed in and excused by the waiver.

The college credit plus program shall not govern any advanced placement course or international baccalaureate diploma course as described under this section.

(F) As used in this section:

(1) "Associated college" means a public or private college, as defined in section 3365.01 of the Revised Code, which has entered into an agreement with a school district or school to establish an early college high school program, as described in division (F)(2) of this section, and awards transcribed credit, as defined in section 3365.01 of the Revised Code, to students through that program.

(2) "Early college high school program" means a program operated by a school district or school and an associated college that provides a personalized learning plan, which is based on accelerated curriculum and includes both high school and college-level coursework, and enables the following students to earn a high school diploma and an associate degree, or the equivalent number of transcribed credits, upon successful completion of the program:

- (a) Students who are underrepresented in regard to completing post-secondary education;
- (b) Students who are economically disadvantaged, as defined by the department of education;
- (c) Students whose parents did not earn a college degree.

Sec. 3313.618. (A) In addition to the applicable curriculum requirements, each student entering ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2014, shall satisfy at least one of the following conditions in order to qualify for a high school diploma:

(1) Be remediation-free, in accordance with standards adopted under division (F) of section 3345.061 of the Revised Code, on each of the nationally standardized assessments in English, mathematics, and reading;

(2) Attain a score specified under division (B)(5)(c) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code on the end-of-course examinations prescribed under division (B) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code.

(3) Attain a score that demonstrates workforce readiness and employability on a nationally recognized job skills assessment selected by the state board of education under division (G) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code and obtain either an industry-recognized credential, as described under division (B)(2)(d) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code, or a license issued by a state agency or board for practice in a vocation that requires an examination for issuance of that license.

The state board shall approve the industry-recognized credentials and licenses that may qualify a student for a high school diploma under division (A)(3) of this section.

A student may choose to qualify for a high school diploma by satisfying any of the separate requirements prescribed by divisions (A)(1) to (3) of this section. If the student's school district or school does not administer the examination prescribed by one of those divisions that the student chooses to take to satisfy the requirements of this section, the school district or school may require

that student to arrange for the applicable scores to be sent directly to the district or school by the company or organization that administers the examination.

(B) The state board of education shall not create or require any additional assessment for the granting of any type of high school diploma other than as prescribed by this section. ~~The Except as provided in section 3313.6111 of the Revised Code, the~~ state board shall not create any endorsement or designation that may be affiliated with a high school diploma.

Sec. 3313.6110. (A) A person who has completed the final year of instruction at home, as authorized under section 3321.04 of the Revised Code, and has successfully fulfilled the high school curriculum applicable to that person may be granted a high school diploma by the person's parent, guardian, or other person having charge or care of a child, as defined in division (A)(1) of section 3321.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) Beginning with diplomas issued on or after July 1, 2015, each diploma granted under division (A) of this section shall ~~contain either of the following:~~

~~(1) Certification signed by the superintendent of the school district in which the student is entitled to attend school in a school district under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code that the student and the student's parent have complied with state law regarding home instruction. The statement of certification shall read as follows:~~

~~"I certify that the student named in this diploma and the student's parent have complied with division (A)(2) of section 3321.04 of the Ohio Revised Code regarding instruction at home and the related rules of the Ohio State Board of Education."~~

~~A superintendent presented with such diploma for signature shall sign the diploma if the student and the parent have complied with division (A)(2) of section 3321.04 of the Revised Code.~~

~~(2) The be accompanied by the official letter of excuse issued by the district superintendent for the student's final year of home education.~~

(C) A person who has graduated from a nonchartered nonpublic school in Ohio and who has successfully fulfilled that school's high school curriculum may be granted a high school diploma by the governing authority of that school.

(D) Notwithstanding anything in the Revised Code to the contrary, a diploma granted under this section shall serve as proof of the successful completion of that person's applicable high school curriculum and satisfactory to fulfill any legal requirement to show such proof.

(E) For the purposes of an application for employment, a diploma granted under this section shall be considered proof of completion of a high school education, regardless of whether the person to which the diploma was granted participated in the assessments prescribed by division (A)(1) or (B) (1) or (2) of section 3301.0710 and section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code.

~~(F) A diploma granted under division (A) of this section may include a state seal of biliteracy that may be assigned to the student's diploma, by the parent, guardian, or other person having charge or care of the student, in the same manner as prescribed for transcripts issued by school districts and chartered nonpublic schools under section 3313.6111 of the Revised Code.~~

Sec. 3313.6111. (A) ~~The state board of education shall establish the state seal of biliteracy, which may be attached or affixed to the high school transcript of a student enrolled in a public or chartered nonpublic school. The state seal of biliteracy shall demonstrate the attainment of a high level of proficiency by a graduate of a public or chartered nonpublic high school in one or more~~

languages in addition to English, sufficient for meaningful use in college and a career. The purpose of the state seal of biliteracy shall be to:

- (1) Encourage students to study languages;
- (2) Certify the attainment of biliteracy;
- (3) Provide employers with a method of identifying individuals with language and biliteracy skills;
- (4) Provide institutions of higher education with an additional method to recognize applicants for admission;
- (5) Prepare students with twenty-first century skills;
- (6) Recognize the value of foreign language and native language instruction in public schools; and
- (7) Strengthen inter-group relationships, affirm the value of diversity, and honor the multiple cultures and languages of a community.

(B)(1) A school district, community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, STEM school established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code, college-preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code, or chartered nonpublic school may attach or affix the state seal of biliteracy to the transcript of a student enrolled in the school who meets the requirements prescribed under division (C)(1) of this section. A district or school shall not be required to attach or affix the state seal of biliteracy on the transcript of a student enrolled in the school.

(2) Each school district, community school, STEM school, college-preparatory boarding school, and chartered nonpublic school shall maintain appropriate records to identify students who have completed the requirements for earning a state seal of biliteracy as prescribed under division (C) (1) of this section, and if the district or school has a policy of attaching or affixing the state seal of biliteracy to student transcripts, the district or school shall make the appropriate designation on the transcript of a student who completes the requirements.

(C) The state board of education shall do the following:

(1) Establish the requirements and criteria for earning a state seal of biliteracy, including assessments of foreign language and English proficiency.

(2) Direct the department of education to prepare and deliver to participating school districts, community schools, STEM schools, college-preparatory boarding schools, and chartered nonpublic schools an appropriate mechanism for assigning a state seal of biliteracy on a student's transcript indicating that the student has been assigned the seal;

(3) Direct the department to provide any other information the state board considers necessary for school districts, community schools, STEM schools, college-preparatory boarding schools, and chartered nonpublic schools to participate in the assigning of a state seal of biliteracy;

(4) Adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement the provisions of this section.

(D) A student shall not be charged a fee to be assigned a state seal of biliteracy on their transcript. A student may be required to pay a fee to demonstrate proficiency in a language, including the cost of a standardized test to determine proficiency in a language.

(E) As used in this section, "foreign language" refers to any language other than English.

including modern languages, Latin, American sign language, native American languages, and native languages.

Sec. 3313.903. Except as otherwise required under federal law, the department of education shall consider an industry-recognized credential, as described under division (B)(2)(d) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code, or a license issued by a state agency or board for practice in a vocation that requires an examination for issuance of that license as an acceptable measure of technical skill attainment and shall not require a student with such credential or license to take additional technical assessments.

Additionally, the department shall not require a student who has participated in or will be participating in a credentialing assessment aligned to the student's career-technical education program or has participated in or will be participating in taking an examination for issuance of such a license aligned to the student's career-technical education program to take additional technical assessments.

However, if the student does not participate in the credentialing assessment or license examination, the student shall take the applicable technical assessments prescribed by the department.

The department shall develop, in consultation with the Ohio association for career and technical education, the Ohio association of career-technical superintendents, the Ohio association of city career-technical schools, and other stakeholders, procedures for identifying industry-recognized credentials and licenses aligned to a student's career-technical education program that can be used as an acceptable measure of technical skill, and for identifying students in the process of earning such credentials and licenses.

As used in this section, "technical assessments" shall not include the nationally recognized job skills assessment prescribed under division (G) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code.

Nothing in this section shall exempt a student who wishes to qualify for a high school diploma under division (A)(3) of section 3313.618 of the Revised Code from the requirement to attain a specified score on that assessment in order to qualify for a high school diploma under that section.

Sec. 3314.02. (A) As used in this chapter:

(1) "Sponsor" means the board of education of a school district or the governing board of an educational service center that agrees to the conversion of all or part of a school or building under division (B) of this section, or an entity listed in division (C)(1) of this section, which has been approved by the department of education to sponsor community schools or is exempted by section 3314.021 or 3314.027 of the Revised Code from obtaining approval, and with which the governing authority of a community school enters into a contract under section 3314.03 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Pilot project area" means the school districts included in the territory of the former community school pilot project established by former Section 50.52 of Am. Sub. H.B. No. 215 of the 122nd general assembly.

(3) "Challenged school district" means any of the following:

(a) A school district that is part of the pilot project area;

(b) A school district that meets one of the following conditions:

(i) On March 22, 2013, the district was in a state of academic emergency or in a state of

academic watch under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code, as that section existed prior to March 22, 2013;

(ii) For two of the 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, and 2015-2016 school years, the district received a grade of "D" or "F" for the performance index score and a grade of "F" for the value-added progress dimension under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code;

(iii) For the 2016-2017 school year and for any school year thereafter, the district has received an overall grade of "D" or "F" under division (C)(3) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code, or, for at least two of the three most recent school years, the district received a grade of "F" for the value-added progress dimension under division (C)(1)(e) of that section.

(c) A big eight school district;

(d) A school district ranked in the lowest five per cent of school districts according to performance index score under section 3302.21 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Big eight school district" means a school district that for fiscal year 1997 had both of the following:

(a) A percentage of children residing in the district and participating in the predecessor of Ohio works first greater than thirty per cent, as reported pursuant to section 3317.10 of the Revised Code;

(b) An average daily membership greater than twelve thousand, as reported pursuant to former division (A) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code.

(5) "New start-up school" means a community school other than one created by converting all or part of an existing public school or educational service center building, as designated in the school's contract pursuant to division (A)(17) of section 3314.03 of the Revised Code.

(6) "Urban school district" means one of the state's twenty-one urban school districts as defined in division (O) of section 3317.02 of the Revised Code as that section existed prior to July 1, 1998.

(7) "Internet- or computer-based community school" means a community school established under this chapter in which the enrolled students work primarily from their residences on assignments in nonclassroom-based learning opportunities provided via an internet- or other computer-based instructional method that does not rely on regular classroom instruction or via comprehensive instructional methods that include internet-based, other computer-based, and noncomputer-based learning opportunities unless a student receives career-technical education under section 3314.086 of the Revised Code.

A community school that operates mainly as an internet- or computer-based community school and provides career-technical education under section 3314.086 of the Revised Code shall be considered an internet- or computer-based community school, even if it provides some classroom-based instruction, so long as it provides instruction via the methods described in this division.

(8) "Operator" means either of the following:

(a) An individual or organization that manages the daily operations of a community school pursuant to a contract between the operator and the school's governing authority;

(b) A nonprofit organization that provides programmatic oversight and support to a community school under a contract with the school's governing authority and that retains the right to terminate its affiliation with the school if the school fails to meet the organization's quality standards.

(9) "Alliance municipal school district" has the same meaning as in section 3311.86 of the Revised Code.

(B)(1) Any person or group of individuals may initially propose under this division the conversion of all or a portion of a public school to a community school. The proposal shall be made to the board of education of the city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational school district in which the public school is proposed to be converted.

(2) Any person or group of individuals may initially propose under this division the conversion of all or a portion of a building operated by an educational service center to a community school. The proposal shall be made to the governing board of the service center.

On or after July 1, 2017, except as provided in section 3314.027 of the Revised Code, any educational service center that sponsors a community school shall be approved by and enter into a written agreement with the department as described in section 3314.015 of the Revised Code.

(3) Upon receipt of a proposal, and after an agreement has been entered into pursuant to section 3314.015 of the Revised Code, a board may enter into a preliminary agreement with the person or group proposing the conversion of the public school or service center building, indicating the intention of the board to support the conversion to a community school. A proposing person or group that has a preliminary agreement under this division may proceed to finalize plans for the school, establish a governing authority for the school, and negotiate a contract with the board. Provided the proposing person or group adheres to the preliminary agreement and all provisions of this chapter, the board shall negotiate in good faith to enter into a contract in accordance with section 3314.03 of the Revised Code and division (C) of this section.

(4) The sponsor of a conversion community school proposed to open in an alliance municipal school district shall be subject to approval by the department of education for sponsorship of that school using the criteria established under division (A) of section 3311.87 of the Revised Code.

Division (B)(4) of this section does not apply to a sponsor that, on or before September 29, 2015, was exempted under section 3314.021 or 3314.027 of the Revised Code from the requirement to be approved for sponsorship under divisions (A)(2) and (B)(1) of section 3314.015 of the Revised Code.

(C)(1) Any person or group of individuals may propose under this division the establishment of a new start-up school to be located in a challenged school district. The proposal may be made to any of the following entities:

(a) The board of education of the district in which the school is proposed to be located;

(b) The board of education of any joint vocational school district with territory in the county in which is located the majority of the territory of the district in which the school is proposed to be located;

(c) The board of education of any other city, local, or exempted village school district having territory in the same county where the district in which the school is proposed to be located has the major portion of its territory;

(d) The governing board of any educational service center, regardless of the location of the proposed school, may sponsor a new start-up school in any challenged school district in the state if all of the following are satisfied:

(i) If applicable, it satisfies the requirements of division (E) of section 3311.86 of the Revised

Code;

(ii) It is approved to do so by the department;

(iii) It enters into an agreement with the department under section 3314.015 of the Revised Code.

(e) A sponsoring authority designated by the board of trustees of any of the thirteen state universities listed in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code or the board of trustees itself as long as a mission of the proposed school to be specified in the contract under division (A)(2) of section 3314.03 of the Revised Code and as approved by the department under division (B)(3) of section 3314.015 of the Revised Code will be the practical demonstration of teaching methods, educational technology, or other teaching practices that are included in the curriculum of the university's teacher preparation program approved by the state board of education;

(f) Any qualified tax-exempt entity under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as long as all of the following conditions are satisfied:

(i) The entity has been in operation for at least five years prior to applying to be a community school sponsor.

(ii) The entity has assets of at least five hundred thousand dollars and a demonstrated record of financial responsibility.

(iii) The department has determined that the entity is an education-oriented entity under division (B)(3)(4) of section 3314.015 of the Revised Code and the entity has a demonstrated record of successful implementation of educational programs.

(iv) The entity is not a community school.

(g) The mayor of a city in which the majority of the territory of a school district to which section 3311.60 of the Revised Code applies is located, regardless of whether that district has created the position of independent auditor as prescribed by that section. The mayor's sponsorship authority under this division is limited to community schools that are located in that school district. Such mayor may sponsor community schools only with the approval of the city council of that city, after establishing standards with which community schools sponsored by the mayor must comply, and after entering into a sponsor agreement with the department as prescribed under section 3314.015 of the Revised Code. The mayor shall establish the standards for community schools sponsored by the mayor not later than one hundred eighty days after July 15, 2013, and shall submit them to the department upon their establishment. The department shall approve the mayor to sponsor community schools in the district, upon receipt of an application by the mayor to do so. Not later than ninety days after the department's approval of the mayor as a community school sponsor, the department shall enter into the sponsor agreement with the mayor.

Any entity described in division (C)(1) of this section may enter into a preliminary agreement pursuant to division (C)(2) of this section with the proposing person or group, provided that entity has been approved by and entered into a written agreement with the department pursuant to section 3314.015 of the Revised Code.

(2) A preliminary agreement indicates the intention of an entity described in division (C)(1) of this section to sponsor the community school. A proposing person or group that has such a preliminary agreement may proceed to finalize plans for the school, establish a governing authority as described in division (E) of this section for the school, and negotiate a contract with the entity.

Provided the proposing person or group adheres to the preliminary agreement and all provisions of this chapter, the entity shall negotiate in good faith to enter into a contract in accordance with section 3314.03 of the Revised Code.

(3) A new start-up school that is established in a school district described in either division (A)(3)(b) or (d) of this section may continue in existence once the school district no longer meets the conditions described in either division, provided there is a valid contract between the school and a sponsor.

(4) A copy of every preliminary agreement entered into under this division shall be filed with the superintendent of public instruction.

(D) A majority vote of the board of a sponsoring entity and a majority vote of the members of the governing authority of a community school shall be required to adopt a contract and convert the public school or educational service center building to a community school or establish the new start-up school. Beginning September 29, 2005, adoption of the contract shall occur not later than the fifteenth day of March, and signing of the contract shall occur not later than the fifteenth day of May, prior to the school year in which the school will open. The governing authority shall notify the department of education when the contract has been signed. Subject to sections 3314.013 and 3314.016 of the Revised Code, an unlimited number of community schools may be established in any school district provided that a contract is entered into for each community school pursuant to this chapter.

(E)(1) As used in this division, "immediate relatives" are limited to spouses, children, parents, grandparents, and siblings, and as well as in-laws residing in the same household as the person serving on the governing authority.

Each new start-up community school established under this chapter shall be under the direction of a governing authority which shall consist of a board of not less than five individuals.

(2)(a) No person shall serve on the governing authority or operate the community school under contract with the governing authority under any of the following circumstances:

(i) The person owes the state any money or is in a dispute over whether the person owes the state any money concerning the operation of a community school that has closed.

(ii) The person would otherwise be subject to division (B) of section 3319.31 of the Revised Code with respect to refusal, limitation, or revocation of a license to teach, if the person were a licensed educator.

(iii) The person has pleaded guilty to or been convicted of theft in office under section 2921.41 of the Revised Code, or has pleaded guilty to or been convicted of a substantially similar offense in another state.

(b) No person shall serve on the governing authority or engage in the financial day-to-day management of the community school under contract with the governing authority unless and until that person has submitted to a criminal records check in the manner prescribed by section 3319.39 of the Revised Code.

(c) Each sponsor of a community school shall annually verify that a finding for recovery has not been issued by the auditor of state against any individual or individuals who propose to create a community school or any member of the governing authority, the operator, or any employee of each community school.

(3) No person shall serve on the governing authorities of more than five start-up community schools at the same time.

~~(4) No (a) For a community school established under this chapter that is not sponsored by a school district or an educational service center, no present or former member, or immediate relative of a present or former member, of the governing authority of any community school established under this chapter shall be an owner, employee, or consultant of any the community school's sponsor or operator of a community school, unless at least one year has elapsed since the conclusion of the person's membership on the governing authority.~~

~~(b) For a community school established under this chapter that is sponsored by a school district or an educational service center, no present or former member, or immediate relative of a present or former member, of the governing authority shall:~~

~~(i) Be an officer of the district board or service center governing board that serves as the community school's sponsor, unless at least one year has elapsed since the conclusion of the person's membership on the governing authority;~~

~~(ii) Serve as an employee of, or a consultant for, the department, division, or section of the sponsoring district or service center that is directly responsible for sponsoring community schools, or have supervisory authority over such a department, division, or section, unless at least one year has elapsed since the conclusion of the person's membership on the governing authority.~~

(5) The governing authority of a start-up or conversion community school may provide by resolution for the compensation of its members. However, no individual who serves on the governing authority of a start-up or conversion community school shall be compensated more than one hundred twenty-five dollars per meeting of that governing authority and no such individual shall be compensated more than a total amount of five thousand dollars per year for all governing authorities upon which the individual serves. Each member of the governing authority may be paid compensation for attendance at an approved training program, provided that such compensation shall not exceed sixty dollars a day for attendance at a training program three hours or less in length and one hundred twenty-five dollars a day for attendance at a training program longer than three hours in length.

(6) No person who is the employee of a school district or educational service center shall serve on the governing authority of any community school sponsored by that school district or service center.

(7) Each member of the governing authority of a community school shall annually file a disclosure statement setting forth the names of any immediate relatives or business associates employed by any of the following within the previous three years:

(a) The sponsor or operator of that community school;

(b) A school district or educational service center that has contracted with that community school;

(c) A vendor that is or has engaged in business with that community school.

(8) No person who is a member of a school district board of education shall serve on the governing authority of any community school.

(F)(1) A new start-up school that is established prior to August 15, 2003, in an urban school district that is not also a big-eight school district may continue to operate after that date and the

contract between the school's governing authority and the school's sponsor may be renewed, as provided under this chapter, after that date, but no additional new start-up schools may be established in such a district unless the district is a challenged school district as defined in this section as it exists on and after that date.

(2) A community school that was established prior to June 29, 1999, and is located in a county contiguous to the pilot project area and in a school district that is not a challenged school district may continue to operate after that date, provided the school complies with all provisions of this chapter. The contract between the school's governing authority and the school's sponsor may be renewed, but no additional start-up community school may be established in that district unless the district is a challenged school district.

(3) Any educational service center that, on June 30, 2007, sponsors a community school that is not located in a county within the territory of the service center or in a county contiguous to such county may continue to sponsor that community school on and after June 30, 2007, and may renew its contract with the school. However, the educational service center shall not enter into a contract with any additional community school, unless the governing board of the service center has entered into an agreement with the department authorizing the service center to sponsor a community school in any challenged school district in the state.

Sec. 3314.03. A copy of every contract entered into under this section shall be filed with the superintendent of public instruction. The department of education shall make available on its web site a copy of every approved, executed contract filed with the superintendent under this section.

(A) Each contract entered into between a sponsor and the governing authority of a community school shall specify the following:

(1) That the school shall be established as either of the following:

(a) A nonprofit corporation established under Chapter 1702. of the Revised Code, if established prior to April 8, 2003;

(b) A public benefit corporation established under Chapter 1702. of the Revised Code, if established after April 8, 2003.

(2) The education program of the school, including the school's mission, the characteristics of the students the school is expected to attract, the ages and grades of students, and the focus of the curriculum;

(3) The academic goals to be achieved and the method of measurement that will be used to determine progress toward those goals, which shall include the statewide achievement assessments;

(4) Performance standards, including but not limited to all applicable report card measures set forth in section 3302.03 or 3314.017 of the Revised Code, by which the success of the school will be evaluated by the sponsor;

(5) The admission standards of section 3314.06 of the Revised Code and, if applicable, section 3314.061 of the Revised Code;

(6)(a) Dismissal procedures;

(b) A requirement that the governing authority adopt an attendance policy that includes a procedure for automatically withdrawing a student from the school if the student without a legitimate excuse fails to participate in one hundred five consecutive hours of the learning opportunities offered to the student.

(7) The ways by which the school will achieve racial and ethnic balance reflective of the community it serves;

(8) Requirements for financial audits by the auditor of state. The contract shall require financial records of the school to be maintained in the same manner as are financial records of school districts, pursuant to rules of the auditor of state. Audits shall be conducted in accordance with section 117.10 of the Revised Code.

(9) An addendum to the contract outlining the facilities to be used that contains at least the following information:

(a) A detailed description of each facility used for instructional purposes;

(b) The annual costs associated with leasing each facility that are paid by or on behalf of the school;

(c) The annual mortgage principal and interest payments that are paid by the school;

(d) The name of the lender or landlord, identified as such, and the lender's or landlord's relationship to the operator, if any.

(10) Qualifications of teachers, including a requirement that the school's classroom teachers be licensed in accordance with sections 3319.22 to 3319.31 of the Revised Code, except that a community school may engage noncertificated persons to teach up to twelve hours per week pursuant to section 3319.301 of the Revised Code.

(11) That the school will comply with the following requirements:

(a) The school will provide learning opportunities to a minimum of twenty-five students for a minimum of nine hundred twenty hours per school year.

(b) The governing authority will purchase liability insurance, or otherwise provide for the potential liability of the school.

(c) The school will be nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies, employment practices, and all other operations, and will not be operated by a sectarian school or religious institution.

(d) The school will comply with sections 9.90, 9.91, 109.65, 121.22, 149.43, 2151.357, 2151.421, 2313.19, 3301.0710, 3301.0711, 3301.0712, 3301.0715, ~~3301.0729~~, 3301.948, 3313.472, 3313.50, 3313.536, 3313.539, 3313.608, 3313.609, 3313.6012, 3313.6013, 3313.6014, 3313.6015, 3313.6020, 3313.643, 3313.648, 3313.6411, 3313.66, 3313.661, 3313.662, 3313.666, 3313.667, 3313.67, 3313.671, 3313.672, 3313.673, 3313.69, 3313.71, 3313.716, 3313.718, 3313.719, 3313.7112, 3313.721, 3313.80, 3313.814, 3313.816, 3313.817, 3313.86, 3313.89, 3313.96, 3319.073, 3319.321, 3319.39, 3319.391, 3319.41, 3319.46, 3321.01, 3321.041, 3321.13, 3321.14, 3321.17, 3321.18, 3321.19, 3321.191, 3327.10, 4111.17, 4113.52, and 5705.391 and Chapters 117., 1347., 2744., 3365., 3742., 4112., 4123., 4141., and 4167. of the Revised Code as if it were a school district and will comply with section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code in the manner specified in section 3314.17 of the Revised Code.

(e) The school shall comply with Chapter 102. and section 2921.42 of the Revised Code.

(f) The school will comply with sections 3313.61, 3313.611, and 3313.614 of the Revised Code, except that for students who enter ninth grade for the first time before July 1, 2010, the requirement in sections 3313.61 and 3313.611 of the Revised Code that a person must successfully complete the curriculum in any high school prior to receiving a high school diploma may be met by

completing the curriculum adopted by the governing authority of the community school rather than the curriculum specified in Title XXXIII of the Revised Code or any rules of the state board of education. Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2010, the requirement in sections 3313.61 and 3313.611 of the Revised Code that a person must successfully complete the curriculum of a high school prior to receiving a high school diploma shall be met by completing the requirements prescribed in division (C) of section 3313.603 of the Revised Code, unless the person qualifies under division (D) or (F) of that section. Each school shall comply with the plan for awarding high school credit based on demonstration of subject area competency, and beginning with the ~~2016-2017~~ 2017-2018 school year, with the updated plan that permits students enrolled in seventh and eighth grade to meet curriculum requirements based on subject area competency adopted by the state board of education under divisions (J)(1) and (2) of section 3313.603 of the Revised Code.

(g) The school governing authority will submit within four months after the end of each school year a report of its activities and progress in meeting the goals and standards of divisions (A) (3) and (4) of this section and its financial status to the sponsor and the parents of all students enrolled in the school.

(h) The school, unless it is an internet- or computer-based community school, will comply with section 3313.801 of the Revised Code as if it were a school district.

(i) If the school is the recipient of moneys from a grant awarded under the federal race to the top program, Division (A), Title XIV, Sections 14005 and 14006 of the "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009," Pub. L. No. 111-5, 123 Stat. 115, the school will pay teachers based upon performance in accordance with section 3317.141 and will comply with section 3319.111 of the Revised Code as if it were a school district.

(j) If the school operates a preschool program that is licensed by the department of education under sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code, the school shall comply with sections 3301.50 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code and the minimum standards for preschool programs prescribed in rules adopted by the state board under section 3301.53 of the Revised Code.

(k) The school will comply with sections 3313.6021 and 3313.6023 of the Revised Code as if it were a school district unless it is either of the following:

(i) An internet- or computer-based community school;

(ii) A community school in which a majority of the enrolled students are children with disabilities as described in division (A)(4)(b) of section 3314.35 of the Revised Code.

(12) Arrangements for providing health and other benefits to employees;

(13) The length of the contract, which shall begin at the beginning of an academic year. No contract shall exceed five years unless such contract has been renewed pursuant to division (E) of this section.

(14) The governing authority of the school, which shall be responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract;

(15) A financial plan detailing an estimated school budget for each year of the period of the contract and specifying the total estimated per pupil expenditure amount for each such year.

(16) Requirements and procedures regarding the disposition of employees of the school in the event the contract is terminated or not renewed pursuant to section 3314.07 of the Revised Code;

(17) Whether the school is to be created by converting all or part of an existing public school or educational service center building or is to be a new start-up school, and if it is a converted public school or service center building, specification of any duties or responsibilities of an employer that the board of education or service center governing board that operated the school or building before conversion is delegating to the governing authority of the community school with respect to all or any specified group of employees provided the delegation is not prohibited by a collective bargaining agreement applicable to such employees;

(18) Provisions establishing procedures for resolving disputes or differences of opinion between the sponsor and the governing authority of the community school;

(19) A provision requiring the governing authority to adopt a policy regarding the admission of students who reside outside the district in which the school is located. That policy shall comply with the admissions procedures specified in sections 3314.06 and 3314.061 of the Revised Code and, at the sole discretion of the authority, shall do one of the following:

(a) Prohibit the enrollment of students who reside outside the district in which the school is located;

(b) Permit the enrollment of students who reside in districts adjacent to the district in which the school is located;

(c) Permit the enrollment of students who reside in any other district in the state.

(20) A provision recognizing the authority of the department of education to take over the sponsorship of the school in accordance with the provisions of division (C) of section 3314.015 of the Revised Code;

(21) A provision recognizing the sponsor's authority to assume the operation of a school under the conditions specified in division (B) of section 3314.073 of the Revised Code;

(22) A provision recognizing both of the following:

(a) The authority of public health and safety officials to inspect the facilities of the school and to order the facilities closed if those officials find that the facilities are not in compliance with health and safety laws and regulations;

(b) The authority of the department of education as the community school oversight body to suspend the operation of the school under section 3314.072 of the Revised Code if the department has evidence of conditions or violations of law at the school that pose an imminent danger to the health and safety of the school's students and employees and the sponsor refuses to take such action.

(23) A description of the learning opportunities that will be offered to students including both classroom-based and non-classroom-based learning opportunities that is in compliance with criteria for student participation established by the department under division (H)(2) of section 3314.08 of the Revised Code;

(24) The school will comply with sections 3302.04 and 3302.041 of the Revised Code, except that any action required to be taken by a school district pursuant to those sections shall be taken by the sponsor of the school. However, the sponsor shall not be required to take any action described in division (F) of section 3302.04 of the Revised Code.

(25) Beginning in the 2006-2007 school year, the school will open for operation not later than the thirtieth day of September each school year, unless the mission of the school as specified under division (A)(2) of this section is solely to serve dropouts. In its initial year of operation, if the school

fails to open by the thirtieth day of September, or within one year after the adoption of the contract pursuant to division (D) of section 3314.02 of the Revised Code if the mission of the school is solely to serve dropouts, the contract shall be void.

(26) Whether the school's governing authority is planning to seek designation for the school as a STEM school equivalent under section 3326.032 of the Revised Code;

(27) That the school's attendance and participation policies will be available for public inspection;

(28) That the school's attendance and participation records shall be made available to the department of education, auditor of state, and school's sponsor to the extent permitted under and in accordance with the "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974," 88 Stat. 571, 20 U.S.C. 1232g, as amended, and any regulations promulgated under that act, and section 3319.321 of the Revised Code;

(29) If a school operates using the blended learning model, as defined in section 3301.079 of the Revised Code, all of the following information:

(a) An indication of what blended learning model or models will be used;

(b) A description of how student instructional needs will be determined and documented;

(c) The method to be used for determining competency, granting credit, and promoting students to a higher grade level;

(d) The school's attendance requirements, including how the school will document participation in learning opportunities;

(e) A statement describing how student progress will be monitored;

(f) A statement describing how private student data will be protected;

(g) A description of the professional development activities that will be offered to teachers.

(30) A provision requiring that all moneys the school's operator loans to the school, including facilities loans or cash flow assistance, must be accounted for, documented, and bear interest at a fair market rate;

(31) A provision requiring that, if the governing authority contracts with an attorney, accountant, or entity specializing in audits, the attorney, accountant, or entity shall be independent from the operator with which the school has contracted.

(B) The community school shall also submit to the sponsor a comprehensive plan for the school. The plan shall specify the following:

(1) The process by which the governing authority of the school will be selected in the future;

(2) The management and administration of the school;

(3) If the community school is a currently existing public school or educational service center building, alternative arrangements for current public school students who choose not to attend the converted school and for teachers who choose not to teach in the school or building after conversion;

(4) The instructional program and educational philosophy of the school;

(5) Internal financial controls.

When submitting the plan under this division, the school shall also submit copies of all policies and procedures regarding internal financial controls adopted by the governing authority of the school.

(C) A contract entered into under section 3314.02 of the Revised Code between a sponsor and

the governing authority of a community school may provide for the community school governing authority to make payments to the sponsor, which is hereby authorized to receive such payments as set forth in the contract between the governing authority and the sponsor. The total amount of such payments for monitoring, oversight, and technical assistance of the school shall not exceed three per cent of the total amount of payments for operating expenses that the school receives from the state.

(D) The contract shall specify the duties of the sponsor which shall be in accordance with the written agreement entered into with the department of education under division (B) of section 3314.015 of the Revised Code and shall include the following:

(1) Monitor the community school's compliance with all laws applicable to the school and with the terms of the contract;

(2) Monitor and evaluate the academic and fiscal performance and the organization and operation of the community school on at least an annual basis;

(3) Report on an annual basis the results of the evaluation conducted under division (D)(2) of this section to the department of education and to the parents of students enrolled in the community school;

(4) Provide technical assistance to the community school in complying with laws applicable to the school and terms of the contract;

(5) Take steps to intervene in the school's operation to correct problems in the school's overall performance, declare the school to be on probationary status pursuant to section 3314.073 of the Revised Code, suspend the operation of the school pursuant to section 3314.072 of the Revised Code, or terminate the contract of the school pursuant to section 3314.07 of the Revised Code as determined necessary by the sponsor;

(6) Have in place a plan of action to be undertaken in the event the community school experiences financial difficulties or closes prior to the end of a school year.

(E) Upon the expiration of a contract entered into under this section, the sponsor of a community school may, with the approval of the governing authority of the school, renew that contract for a period of time determined by the sponsor, but not ending earlier than the end of any school year, if the sponsor finds that the school's compliance with applicable laws and terms of the contract and the school's progress in meeting the academic goals prescribed in the contract have been satisfactory. Any contract that is renewed under this division remains subject to the provisions of sections 3314.07, 3314.072, and 3314.073 of the Revised Code.

(F) If a community school fails to open for operation within one year after the contract entered into under this section is adopted pursuant to division (D) of section 3314.02 of the Revised Code or permanently closes prior to the expiration of the contract, the contract shall be void and the school shall not enter into a contract with any other sponsor. A school shall not be considered permanently closed because the operations of the school have been suspended pursuant to section 3314.072 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3314.06. The governing authority of each community school established under this chapter shall adopt admission procedures that specify the following:

(A) That, except as otherwise provided in this section, admission to the school shall be open to any individual age five to twenty-two entitled to attend school pursuant to section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code in a school district in the state.

Additionally, except as otherwise provided in this section, admission to the school may be open on a tuition basis to any individual age five to twenty-two who is not a resident of this state. The school shall not receive state funds under section 3314.08 of the Revised Code for any student who is not a resident of this state.

An individual younger than five years of age may be admitted to the school in accordance with division (A)(2) of section 3321.01 of the Revised Code. The school shall receive funds for an individual admitted under that division in the manner provided under section 3314.08 of the Revised Code.

If the school operates a program that uses the Montessori method endorsed by the American Montessori society, the Montessori accreditation council for teacher education, or the association Montessori internationale as its primary method of instruction, admission to the school may be open to individuals younger than five years of age, but the school shall not receive funds under this chapter for those individuals. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this chapter, individuals younger than five years of age who are enrolled in a Montessori program shall be offered at least four hundred fifty-five hours of learning opportunities per school year.

If the school operates a preschool program that is licensed by the department of education under sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code, admission to the school may be open to individuals who are younger than five years of age, but the school shall not receive funds under this chapter for those individuals.

(B)(1) That admission to the school may be limited to students who have attained a specific grade level or are within a specific age group; to students that meet a definition of "at-risk," as defined in the contract; to residents of a specific geographic area within the district, as defined in the contract; or to separate groups of autistic students and nondisabled students, as authorized in section 3314.061 of the Revised Code and as defined in the contract.

(2) For purposes of division (B)(1) of this section, "at-risk" students may include those students identified as gifted students under section 3324.03 of the Revised Code.

(C) Whether enrollment is limited to students who reside in the district in which the school is located or is open to residents of other districts, as provided in the policy adopted pursuant to the contract.

(D)(1) That there will be no discrimination in the admission of students to the school on the basis of race, creed, color, disability, or sex except that:

(a) The governing authority may do either of the following for the purpose described in division (G) of this section:

(i) Establish a single-gender school for either sex;

(ii) Establish single-gender schools for each sex under the same contract, provided substantially equal facilities and learning opportunities are offered for both boys and girls. Such facilities and opportunities may be offered for each sex at separate locations.

(b) The governing authority may establish a school that simultaneously serves a group of students identified as autistic and a group of students who are not disabled, as authorized in section 3314.061 of the Revised Code. However, unless the total capacity established for the school has been filled, no student with any disability shall be denied admission on the basis of that disability.

(2) That upon admission of any student with a disability, the community school will comply

with all federal and state laws regarding the education of students with disabilities.

(E) That the school may not limit admission to students on the basis of intellectual ability, measures of achievement or aptitude, or athletic ability, except that a school may limit its enrollment to students as described in division (B) of this section.

(F) That the community school will admit the number of students that does not exceed the capacity of the school's programs, classes, grade levels, or facilities.

(G) That the purpose of single-gender schools that are established shall be to take advantage of the academic benefits some students realize from single-gender instruction and facilities and to offer students and parents residing in the district the option of a single-gender education.

(H) That, except as otherwise provided under division (B) of this section or section 3314.061 of the Revised Code, if the number of applicants exceeds the capacity restrictions of division (F) of this section, students shall be admitted by lot from all those submitting applications, except preference shall be given to students attending the school the previous year and to students who reside in the district in which the school is located. Preference may be given to siblings of students attending the school the previous year. Preference also may be given to students who are the children of full-time staff members employed by the school, provided the total number of students receiving this preference is less than five per cent of the school's total enrollment.

Notwithstanding divisions (A) to (H) of this section, in the event the racial composition of the enrollment of the community school is violative of a federal desegregation order, the community school shall take any and all corrective measures to comply with the desegregation order.

Sec. 3319.111. Notwithstanding section 3319.09 of the Revised Code, this section applies to any person who is employed under a teacher license issued under this chapter, or under a professional or permanent teacher's certificate issued under former section 3319.222 of the Revised Code, and who spends at least fifty per cent of the time employed providing student instruction. However, this section does not apply to any person who is employed as a substitute teacher or as an instructor of adult education.

(A) Not later than July 1, 2013, the board of education of each school district, in consultation with teachers employed by the board, shall adopt a standards-based teacher evaluation policy that conforms with the framework for evaluation of teachers developed under section 3319.112 of the Revised Code. The policy shall become operative at the expiration of any collective bargaining agreement covering teachers employed by the board that is in effect on September 29, 2011, and shall be included in any renewal or extension of such an agreement.

(B) When using measures of student academic growth as a component of a teacher's evaluation, those measures shall include the value-added progress dimension prescribed by section 3302.021 of the Revised Code or an alternative student academic progress measure if adopted under division (C)(1)(e) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code. For teachers of grade levels and subjects for which the value-added progress dimension or alternative student academic progress measure is not applicable, the board shall administer assessments on the list developed under division (B)(2) of section 3319.112 of the Revised Code.

(C)(1) The board shall conduct an evaluation of each teacher employed by the board at least once each school year, except as provided in division (C)(2) of this section. The evaluation shall be completed by the first day of May and the teacher shall receive a written report of the results of the

evaluation by the tenth day of May.

(2)(a) The board may evaluate each teacher who received a rating of accomplished on the teacher's most recent evaluation conducted under this section once every three school years, so long as the teacher's student academic growth measure, for the most recent school year for which data is available, is average or higher, as determined by the department of education.

(b) The board may evaluate each teacher who received a rating of skilled on the teacher's most recent evaluation conducted under this section once every two years, so long as the teacher's student academic growth measure, for the most recent school year for which data is available, is average or higher, as determined by the department of education.

(c) For each teacher who is evaluated pursuant to division (C)(2) of this section, the evaluation shall be completed by the first day of May of the applicable school year, and the teacher shall receive a written report of the results of the evaluation by the tenth day of May of that school year.

(d) Beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, the board may elect not to conduct an evaluation of a teacher who meets one of the following requirements:

(i) The teacher was on leave from the school district for fifty per cent or more of the school year, as calculated by the board.

(ii) The teacher has submitted notice of retirement and that notice has been accepted by the board not later than the first day of December of the school year in which the evaluation is otherwise scheduled to be conducted.

(e) Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, the board may elect not to conduct an evaluation of a teacher who is participating in the teacher residency program established under section 3319.223 of the Revised Code for the year during which that teacher takes, for the first time, at least half of the performance-based assessment prescribed by the state board of education for resident educators.

(3) In any year that a teacher is not formally evaluated pursuant to division (C) of this section as a result of receiving a rating of accomplished or skilled on the teacher's most recent evaluation, an individual qualified to evaluate a teacher under division (D) of this section shall conduct at least one observation of the teacher and hold at least one conference with the teacher.

(D) Each evaluation conducted pursuant to this section shall be conducted by one or more of the following persons who hold a credential established by the department of education for being an evaluator:

(1) A person who is under contract with the board pursuant to section 3319.01 or 3319.02 of the Revised Code and holds a license designated for being a superintendent, assistant superintendent, or principal issued under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code;

(2) A person who is under contract with the board pursuant to section 3319.02 of the Revised Code and holds a license designated for being a vocational director, administrative specialist, or supervisor in any educational area issued under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code;

(3) A person designated to conduct evaluations under an agreement entered into by the board, including an agreement providing for peer review entered into by the board and representatives of teachers employed by the board;

(4) A person who is employed by an entity contracted by the board to conduct evaluations

and who holds a license designated for being a superintendent, assistant superintendent, principal, vocational director, administrative specialist, or supervisor in any educational area issued under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code or is qualified to conduct evaluations.

(E) Notwithstanding division (A)(3) of section 3319.112 of the Revised Code:

(1) The board shall require at least three formal observations of each teacher who is under consideration for nonrenewal and with whom the board has entered into a limited contract or an extended limited contract under section 3319.11 of the Revised Code.

(2) The board may elect, by adoption of a resolution, to require only one formal observation of a teacher who received a rating of accomplished on the teacher's most recent evaluation conducted under this section, provided the teacher completes a project that has been approved by the board to demonstrate the teacher's continued growth and practice at the accomplished level.

(F) The board shall include in its evaluation policy procedures for using the evaluation results for retention and promotion decisions and for removal of poorly performing teachers. Seniority shall not be the basis for a decision to retain a teacher, except when making a decision between teachers who have comparable evaluations.

(G) For purposes of section 3333.0411 of the Revised Code, the board annually shall report to the department of education the number of teachers for whom an evaluation was conducted under this section and the number of teachers assigned each rating prescribed under division (B)(1) of section 3319.112 of the Revised Code, aggregated by the teacher preparation programs from which and the years in which the teachers graduated. The department shall establish guidelines for reporting the information required by this division. The guidelines shall not permit or require that the name of, or any other personally identifiable information about, any teacher be reported under this division.

(H) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code, the requirements of this section prevail over any conflicting provisions of a collective bargaining agreement entered into on or after September 24, 2012.

Sec. 3319.223. (A) Not later than January 1, 2011, the superintendent of public instruction and the chancellor of higher education jointly shall establish the Ohio teacher residency program, which shall be a four-year, entry-level program for classroom teachers. ~~The~~ Except as provided in division (B) of this section, the teacher residency program shall include at least the following components:

- (1) Mentoring by teachers for the first two years of the program;
- (2) Counseling, as determined necessary by the school district or school, to ensure that program participants receive needed professional development;
- (3) Measures of appropriate progression through the program, which shall include the performance-based assessment prescribed by the state board of education for resident educators in the third year of the program.

~~An~~ (B)(1) For an individual who is teaching career-technical courses under an alternative resident educator license issued under section 3319.26 of the Revised Code or rule of the state board, the Ohio teacher residency program shall include the following components:

(a) Conditions that, as of September 29, 2015, were necessary for a participant in the third and fourth year of the program to complete prior to applying for the professional educator license under division (A)(2) of section 3319.22 of the Revised Code, except as provided in division (B)(2)

(b) of this section:

(b) Four years of successful teaching experience under the alternative resident educator license, as verified by the superintendent of the employing school district;

(c) Successful completion of a career-technical workforce development teacher preparation program that consists of not less than twenty-four semester hours, or the equivalent, from a state university. The teacher preparation program shall include a performance-based assessment, to be verified by the institution.

(2) No individual who is teaching career-technical courses under an alternative resident educator license issued under section 3319.26 of the Revised Code or rule of the state board shall not be required to complete-do either of the following:

(a) Complete the conditions of the Ohio teacher residency program that a participant, as of the effective date of this amendment September 29, 2015, would have been required to complete during the participant's first and second year of teaching under an alternative resident educator license. Such an individual shall complete all the conditions that, as of the effective date of this amendment, were necessary for a participant in the third and fourth year of the program prior to applying for a professional educator license under division (A)(2) of section 3319.22 of the Revised Code.

(b) Take the performance-based assessment prescribed by the state board for resident educators.

~~(B)-(C)~~ The teacher residency program shall be aligned with the standards for teachers adopted by the state board under section 3319.61 of the Revised Code and best practices identified by the superintendent of public instruction.

~~(C)-(D)~~ Each person who holds a resident educator license issued under section 3319.22 or 3319.227 of the Revised Code or an alternative resident educator license issued under section 3319.26 of the Revised Code shall participate in the teacher residency program. Successful completion of the program shall be required to qualify any such person for a professional educator license issued under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3319.26. (A) The state board of education shall adopt rules establishing the standards and requirements for obtaining an alternative resident educator license for teaching in grades kindergarten to twelve, or the equivalent, in a designated subject area or in the area of intervention specialist, as defined by rule of the state board. The rules shall also include the reasons for which an alternative resident educator license may be renewed under division (D) of this section.

(B) The superintendent of public instruction and the chancellor of the Ohio board of regents jointly shall develop an intensive pedagogical training institute to provide instruction in the principles and practices of teaching for individuals seeking an alternative resident educator license. The instruction shall cover such topics as student development and learning, pupil assessment procedures, curriculum development, classroom management, and teaching methodology.

(C) The rules adopted under this section shall require applicants for the alternative resident educator license to satisfy the following conditions prior to issuance of the license, but they shall not require applicants to have completed a major or coursework in the subject area for which application is being made:

(1) Hold a minimum of a baccalaureate degree;

(2) Successfully complete the pedagogical training institute described in division (B) of this section or a summer training institute provided to participants of a teacher preparation program that is operated by a nonprofit organization and has been approved by the chancellor. The chancellor shall approve any such program that requires participants to hold a bachelor's degree; have a cumulative undergraduate grade point average of at least 2.5 out of 4.0, or its equivalent; and successfully complete the program's summer training institute.

(3) Pass an examination in the subject area for which application is being made.

(D) An alternative resident educator license shall be valid for four years and shall be renewable for reasons specified by rules adopted by the state board pursuant to division (A) of this section. The state board, on a case-by-case basis, may extend the license's duration as necessary to enable the license holder to complete the Ohio teacher residency program established under section 3319.223 of the Revised Code.

(E) The rules shall require the holder of an alternative resident educator license, as a condition of continuing to hold the license, to do all of the following:

(1) Participate in the Ohio teacher residency program;

(2) Show satisfactory progress in taking and successfully completing one of the following:

(a) At least twelve additional semester hours, or the equivalent, of college coursework in the principles and practices of teaching in such topics as student development and learning, pupil assessment procedures, curriculum development, classroom management, and teaching methodology;

(b) Professional development provided by a teacher preparation program that has been approved by the chancellor under division (C)(2) of this section.

(3) Take an assessment of professional knowledge in the second year of teaching under the license.

(F) The rules shall provide for the granting of a professional educator license to a holder of an alternative resident educator license upon successfully completing all of the following:

(1) Four years of teaching under the alternative license;

(2) The additional college coursework or professional development described in division (E) (2) of this section;

(3) The assessment of professional knowledge described in division (E)(3) of this section. The standards for successfully completing this assessment and the manner of conducting the assessment shall be the same as for any other individual who is required to take the assessment pursuant to rules adopted by the state board under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code.

(4) The Ohio teacher residency program;

(5) All other requirements for a professional educator license adopted by the state board under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code.

(G) A person who is assigned to teach in this state as a participant in the teach for America program or who has completed two years of teaching in another state as a participant in that program shall be eligible for a license only under section 3319.227 of the Revised Code and shall not be eligible for a license under this section.

Sec. ~~3319.271-3319.272~~. (A) As used in this section, the "bright new leaders for Ohio schools program" means the program created and implemented by the nonprofit corporation incorporated pursuant to ~~Section 733.40 of Am. Sub. H.B. 59 of the 130th general assembly~~ section 3319.271 of

the Revised Code to provide an alternative path for individuals to receive training and development in the administration of primary and secondary education and leadership, enable those individuals to earn degrees and obtain licenses in public school administration, and promote the placement of those individuals in public schools that have a poverty percentage greater than fifty per cent.

(B) The state board of education shall issue an alternative principal license or an administrator license, as applicable, to an individual who successfully completes the bright new leaders for Ohio schools program and satisfies the requirements in rules adopted by the state board under division (C) of this section.

(C) The state board, in consultation with the board of directors of the bright new leaders for Ohio schools program, shall adopt rules that prescribe the requirements for obtaining an alternative principal license or an administrator license under this section. The state board shall use the rules adopted under section 3319.27 of the Revised Code as guidance in developing the rules adopted under this division.

Sec. 3326.03. (A) The STEM committee shall authorize the establishment of and award grants to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics schools based on proposals submitted to the committee.

The committee shall determine the criteria for proposals, establish procedures for the submission of proposals, accept and evaluate proposals, and choose which proposals to approve to become a STEM school. In approving proposals for STEM schools, the committee shall consider locating the schools in diverse geographic regions of the state so that all students have access to a STEM school.

The committee shall seek technical assistance from the Ohio STEM learning network, or its successor, throughout the process of accepting and evaluating proposals and choosing which proposals to approve. In approving proposals for STEM schools, the committee shall consider the recommendations of the Ohio STEM learning network, or its successor.

The committee may authorize the establishment of a group of multiple STEM schools to operate from multiple facilities located in one or more school districts under the direction of a single governing body in the manner prescribed by section 3326.031 of the Revised Code. The committee shall consider the merits of each of the proposed STEM schools within a group and shall authorize each school separately. Anytime after authorizing a group of STEM schools to be under the direction of a single governing body, upon a proposal from the governing body, the committee may authorize one or more additional schools to operate as part of that group.

The STEM committee may approve one or more STEM schools to serve only students identified as gifted under Chapter 3324. of the Revised Code.

(B) Proposals may be submitted only by a partnership of public and private entities consisting of at least all of the following:

(1) A city, exempted village, local, or joint vocational school district or an educational service center;

(2) Higher education entities;

(3) Business organizations.

A community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, a chartered nonpublic school, or both may be part of the partnership.

(C) Each proposal shall include at least the following:

(1) Assurances that the STEM school or group of STEM schools will be under the oversight of a governing body and a description of the members of that governing body and how they will be selected;

(2) Assurances that each STEM school will operate in compliance with this chapter and the provisions of the proposal as accepted by the committee;

(3) Evidence that each school will offer a rigorous, diverse, integrated, and project-based curriculum to students in any of grades ~~six~~ kindergarten through twelve, with the goal to prepare those students for college, the workforce, and citizenship, and that does all of the following:

(a) Emphasizes the role of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in promoting innovation and economic progress;

(b) Incorporates scientific inquiry and technological design;

(c) Includes the arts and humanities;

(d) Emphasizes personalized learning and teamwork skills.

(4) Evidence that each school will attract school leaders who support the curriculum principles of division (C)(3) of this section;

(5) A description of how each school's curriculum will be developed and approved in accordance with section 3326.09 of the Revised Code;

(6) Evidence that each school will utilize an established capacity to capture and share knowledge for best practices and innovative professional development with the Ohio STEM learning network, or its successor;

(7) Evidence that each school will operate in collaboration with a partnership that includes institutions of higher education and businesses;

(8) Assurances that each school has received commitments of sustained and verifiable fiscal and in-kind support from regional education and business entities;

(9) A description of how each school's assets will be distributed if the school closes for any reason.

Sec. 3326.032. (A) The STEM committee may grant a designation of STEM school equivalent to a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code or to a chartered nonpublic school. In order to be eligible for this designation, a community school or chartered nonpublic school shall submit a proposal that satisfies the requirements of this section.

The committee shall determine the criteria for proposals, establish procedures for the submission of proposals, accept and evaluate proposals, and choose which proposals warrant a community school or chartered nonpublic school to be designated as a STEM school equivalent.

(B) A proposal for designation as a STEM school equivalent shall include at least the following:

(1) Assurances that the community school or chartered nonpublic school submitting the proposal has a working partnership with both public and private entities, including higher education entities and business organizations;

(2) Assurances that the school submitting the proposal will operate in compliance with this section and the provisions of the proposal as accepted by the committee;

(3) Evidence that the school submitting the proposal will offer a rigorous, diverse, integrated,

and project-based curriculum to students in any of grades ~~six~~ kindergarten through twelve, with the goal to prepare those students for college, the workforce, and citizenship, and that does all of the following:

(a) Emphasizes the role of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in promoting innovation and economic progress;

(b) Incorporates scientific inquiry and technological design;

(c) Includes the arts and humanities;

(d) Emphasizes personalized learning and teamwork skills.

(4) Evidence that the school submitting the proposal will attract school leaders who support the curriculum principles of division (B)(3) of this section;

(5) A description of how each school's curriculum will be developed and approved in accordance with section 3326.09 of the Revised Code;

(6) Evidence that the school submitting the proposal will utilize an established capacity to capture and share knowledge for best practices and innovative professional development;

(7) Assurances that the school submitting the proposal has received commitments of sustained and verifiable fiscal and in-kind support from regional education and business entities.

(C)(1) A community school or chartered nonpublic school that is designated as a STEM school equivalent under this section shall not be subject to the requirements of Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code, except that the school shall be subject to the requirements of this section and to the curriculum requirements of section 3326.09 of the Revised Code.

Nothing in this section, however, shall relieve a community school of the applicable requirements of Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code. Nor shall anything in this section relieve a chartered nonpublic school of any provisions of law outside of this chapter that are applicable to chartered nonpublic schools.

(2) A community school or chartered nonpublic school that is designated as a STEM school equivalent under this section shall not be eligible for operating funding under sections 3326.31 to 3326.37, 3326.39 to 3326.40, and 3326.51 of the Revised Code.

(3) A community school or chartered nonpublic school that is designated as a STEM school equivalent under this section may apply for any of the grants and additional funds described in section 3326.38 of the Revised Code for which the school is eligible.

(D) If a community school or chartered nonpublic school that is designated as a STEM school equivalent under this section intends to close or intends to no longer be designated as a STEM school equivalent, it shall notify the STEM committee of that fact.

Sec. 3326.11. Each science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school established under this chapter and its governing body shall comply with sections 9.90, 9.91, 109.65, 121.22, 149.43, 2151.357, 2151.421, 2313.19, 2921.42, 2921.43, 3301.0714, 3301.0715, ~~3301.0729~~, 3301.948, 3313.14, 3313.15, 3313.16, 3313.18, 3313.201, 3313.26, 3313.472, 3313.48, 3313.481, 3313.482, 3313.50, 3313.536, 3313.539, 3313.608, 3313.6012, 3313.6013, 3313.6014, 3313.6015, 3313.6020, 3313.6021, 3313.61, 3313.611, 3313.614, 3313.615, 3313.643, 3313.648, 3313.6411, 3313.66, 3313.661, 3313.662, 3313.666, 3313.667, 3313.67, 3313.671, 3313.672, 3313.673, 3313.69, 3313.71, 3313.716, 3313.718, 3313.719, 3313.7112, ~~3317.721~~3313.721, 3313.80, 3313.801, 3313.814, 3313.816, 3313.817, 3313.86, 3313.89, 3313.96, 3319.073, 3319.21, 3319.32,

3319.321, 3319.35, 3319.39, 3319.391, 3319.41, 3319.45, 3319.46, 3321.01, 3321.041, 3321.13, 3321.14, 3321.17, 3321.18, 3321.19, 3321.191, 3327.10, 4111.17, 4113.52, and 5705.391 and Chapters 102., 117., 1347., 2744., 3307., 3309., 3365., 3742., 4112., 4123., 4141., and 4167. of the Revised Code as if it were a school district.

Sec. 3328.24. A college-preparatory boarding school established under this chapter and its board of trustees shall comply with sections 102.02, 3301.0710, 3301.0711, 3301.0712, 3301.0714, 3301.0729, 3301.948, 3313.536, 3313.6013, 3313.6021, 3313.6411, 3313.7112, 3313.721, 3313.89, 3319.39, 3319.391, and 3319.46 and Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code as if the school were a school district and the school's board of trustees were a district board of education.

Sec. 3333.93. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Eligible student" means a student who is enrolled in a public or private institution and is pursuing a qualifying degree, certification, or license.

(2) "In-demand job" means a job that is determined to be in demand in this state and its regions under section 6301.11 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Public or private institution" means any of the following:

(a) A state institution of higher education, as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code;

(b) A private, nonprofit institution in this state holding a certificate of authorization pursuant to Chapter 1713. of the Revised Code;

(c) An Ohio technical center that provides adult technical education services as recognized by the chancellor of higher education.

(4) "Qualifying degree, certification, or license" means a degree, certification, or license that is required to qualify an individual for an in-demand job.

(B) The workforce grant program is hereby established. Under the program, the chancellor of higher education shall distribute funding to public and private institutions, and those institutions shall award grants to eligible students.

(C)(1) A grant shall be awarded to an eligible student for the period of time the student takes to complete a qualifying degree, certification, or license. On an annual basis, the maximum amount of a grant that may be awarded to an eligible student shall be five thousand dollars. The grant shall not exceed seventy-five per cent of the cost of tuition during an academic year in which the student is receiving the grant. The greatest portion of the grant shall be distributed to the student as the student is completing the academic program and seeking an in-demand job.

(2) No public or private institution shall use grant moneys dispersed under the program to underwrite a tuition increase imposed on students attending the institution.

(D) The chancellor shall adopt rules regarding the operations of the grant program, including all of the following:

(1) Application procedures;

(2) The method for selecting grant recipients that shall include both of the following:

(a) An assessment of an applicant's need for financial aid, including sources of income and other financial aid the applicant has been awarded;

(b) An analysis of whether the degree, certification, or license that is being pursued by an applicant is a qualifying degree, certification, or license.

(3) Milestones that must be attained by a grant recipient in order to continue to receive a grant under this section, including spending thirty to ninety days in a workplace where the degree, certification, or license that is being pursued by the grant recipient is required for employment or participating in a cooperative or internship program in a workplace where the degree, certification, or license that is being pursued by the grant recipient is required for employment;

(4) Other requirements that must be completed by a grant recipient, including both of the following:

(a) The completion of curriculum that includes skills needed by employers;

(b) The completion of counseling regarding the proper management of student loans and how to minimize the amount of student loan debt.

(5) The method for determining the distribution of a grant to a grant recipient, including both of the following:

(a) The amount of each disbursement;

(b) The schedule for making disbursements to a grant recipient.

(6) Establishing a procedure for a public or private institution to take disciplinary action against a student who fails to continue in an academic program leading to a qualifying degree, certification, or license after receiving a grant, including determining appropriate reimbursements.

(E) The department of higher education, in consultation with the department of education, shall establish a procedure for training and outreach for school counselors to allow them to distribute information to high school students in this state regarding the jobs that are determined to be in-demand jobs and the educational requirements for employment in those jobs.

(F) The department of higher education shall solicit proposals to coordinate and conduct the statewide promotion of the workforce grant program through a request for proposals. The department shall advertise its intent to request proposals in a newspaper of general circulation in the state once a week for two consecutive weeks before a date specified by the board as the date on which it will begin accepting proposals. The notices shall contain a general description of the subject of the proposed agreement and the location where the request for proposals may be obtained. The request for proposals shall include the following information:

(1) Instructions concerning the submission of proposals;

(2) Information regarding communications, including how to contact persons to whom questions concerning a proposal may be directed;

(3) A description of the performance criteria that will be used to evaluate a proposal;

(4) The relative importance of each evaluation criterion;

(5) Any terms or conditions of the proposed contract.

After the date specified for receiving proposals, the department shall evaluate submitted proposals. The department may discuss a respondent's proposal with that respondent to clarify or revise a proposal or the terms of the agreement. After reviewing the proposals, the department may enter into a written agreement with one of the respondents to administer the statewide promotion of the program.

(G) The chancellor, in consultation with the governor's office of workforce transformation and the departments of job and family services and taxation, shall do all of the following:

(1) Develop a methodology for collecting all of the following information:

- (a) The total number of grants awarded to eligible students;
 - (b) The total grant amount awarded to each grant recipient;
 - (c) The job field and occupation a grant recipient holds twelve months following the completion of a program;
 - (d) The income level of each grant recipient.
- (2) Perform a cost-benefit analysis comparing the costs of the program against the earnings generated by grant recipients based on the information collected in division (G)(1) of this section.
- (3) Submit a report to the governor and the general assembly describing the results of the analysis required under division (G) of this section not later than December 31, 2018.

Sec. 3345.202. (A) As used in this section, "state university or college" has the same meaning as in division (A)(1) of section 3345.12 of the Revised Code.

(B) The board of trustees of a state university or college may provide insurance coverages, in any amount authorized by the board, protecting the state university or college, the members of the board, the officers and employees of the state university or college, or other persons authorized by the board, or any one or more of them, against loss or liability that arises or is claimed to have arisen from acts or omissions while acting within the scope of their employment or official responsibilities or while engaged in activities at the request or direction, or for the benefit, of the state university or college.

Such coverage may be provided in any one or more of the following ways:

- (1) The purchase of a policy or policies of liability insurance from an insurer or insurers licensed to do business in this state;
- (2) Establishment or participation in a program of self-insurance, by trust or in any other manner the board considers prudent. Any self-insurance program shall file annually, with the superintendent of insurance, a report certified by a competent property and casualty actuary. The superintendent of insurance shall review such report. If such a self-insurance program has more than a single college or university participant, all participants shall be provided with the annual actuarial reports of the program.
- (3) Establishment of or participation in a captive insurance company that is licensed to do business in this state, another state, or a foreign country;
- (4) Establishment of, or participation in, a joint self-insurance pool under section 3345.203 of the Revised Code.

(C) Insurance coverages under division (B)(1), (2), ~~or (3)~~, or (4) of this section may include coverage for the defense or costs of defense or settlement, including attorney's fees, of any covered person or entity and be paid for from any funds under the control of the state university or college.

(D) Provision of any insurance coverage under divisions (B)(1) to (3) of this section is not a waiver of any immunity or defense available to the state university or college or to any covered person or entity.

Sec. 3345.203. (A) As used in this section:

- (1) "Claims expenses" means payment of judgments, settlement of claims, expense, loss, and damage.
- (2) "State university or college" has the same meaning as in section 3345.12 of the Revised Code.

(B) Regardless of whether a state university or college secures insurance coverages under division (B)(1), (2), or (3) of section 3345.202 of the Revised Code, the board of trustees of the state university or college may join with other state universities or colleges in establishing and maintaining a joint self-insurance pool to do both of the following:

(1) Provide for payment of claims expenses that arise, or are claimed to have arisen, from an act or omission of the state university or college or any of its employees or other persons authorized by the board while doing either of the following:

(a) Acting in the scope of their employment or official responsibilities;

(b) Being engaged in activities undertaken at the request or direction, or for the benefit, of the state university or college.

(2) Indemnify or hold harmless the state university's or college's employees against such loss or damage.

The joint self-insurance pool shall be pursuant to a written agreement and to the extent that the board considers the pool to be necessary.

(C) All of the following apply to a joint self-insurance pool under this section:

(1) The funds shall be reserved as are necessary, in the exercise of sound and prudent actuarial judgment, to cover potential state university or college and employee liabilities, loss, and damage. A report of aggregate amounts so reserved and aggregate disbursements made from such funds shall be prepared and maintained in the office of the pool administrator described in division (C)(2) of this section. The report shall be prepared and maintained not later than ninety days after the close of the pool's fiscal year.

The report required by this division shall include, but not be limited to, the aggregate of disbursements made for the administration of the pool, including claims paid, costs of the legal representation of state universities or colleges and employees, and fees paid to consultants. The report also shall be accompanied by a written report of a member of the American academy of actuaries certifying whether the amounts reserved conform to the requirements of this division, are computed in accordance with accepted loss reserving standards, and are fairly stated in accordance with sound loss reserving principles.

The pool administrator described in division (C)(2) of this section shall make the report required by this division available for inspection by any person at all reasonable times during regular business hours. Upon the request of such person, the pool administrator shall make copies of the report available at cost within a reasonable period of time. The pool administrator also shall submit a copy of the report to the auditor of state. The report required by this division is in lieu of the records required by division (A) of section 149.431 of the Revised Code.

(2) The board of trustees establishing a joint self-insurance pool may award a contract, without the necessity of competitive bidding, to a pool administrator for purposes of administration of the joint self-insurance pool. A "pool administrator" may be any person, political subdivision, limited liability company organized under Chapter 1705. of the Revised Code, nonprofit corporation organized under Chapter 1702. of the Revised Code, or regional council of governments created under Chapter 167. of the Revised Code. The board shall not enter into such a contract without full, prior, public disclosure of all terms and conditions. The disclosure shall include, at a minimum, a statement listing all representations made in connection with any possible savings and losses

resulting from the contract, and potential liability of any state university or college or employee. The proposed contract and statement shall be disclosed and presented at a meeting of the board of trustees of the state university or college prior to the meeting at which the board of trustees of the state university or college authorizes the contract.

(3) A joint self-insurance pool shall include a contract with a member of the American academy of actuaries for the preparation of the written evaluation of the reserve funds required under division (C)(1) of this section.

(4) A joint self-insurance pool may allocate the costs of funding the pool among the funds or accounts in the treasuries of the state universities or colleges on the basis of their relative exposure and loss experience. A joint self-insurance program may require any deductible under the program to be paid from funds or accounts in the treasury of the state university or college from which a loss was directly attributable.

(D) Two or more state universities or colleges may also authorize the establishment and maintenance of a joint risk-management program, including but not limited to the employment of risk managers and consultants, for the purpose of preventing and reducing the risks covered by insurance, self-insurance, or joint self-insurance programs. A joint risk-management program shall not include fidelity, surety, or guarantee bonding.

(E) A state university or college is not liable under a joint self-insurance pool for any amount in excess of amounts payable pursuant to the written agreement for the participation of the state university or college in the joint self-insurance pool. Under a joint self-insurance pool agreement a state university or college may, to the extent permitted under the written agreement, assume the risks of any other state university or college, including the indemnification of its employees. A joint self-insurance pool, established under this section, is deemed a separate legal entity for the public purpose of enabling the members of the joint self-insurance pool to obtain insurance or to provide for a formalized, jointly administered self-insurance fund for its members. An entity created pursuant to this section is exempt from all state and local taxes.

(F)(1) In the manner provided by and subject to the applicable provisions of section 3345.12 of the Revised Code, any state university or college may issue obligations and may also issue notes in anticipation of such obligations, pursuant to a resolution of its board of trustees or other governing body for the purpose of providing funds to do both of the following:

(a) Pay claims expenses, whether by way of a reserve or otherwise;

(b) Pay the state university or college's portion of the cost of establishing and maintaining a joint self-insurance pool or to provide for the reserve in a special fund authorized by division (C)(1) of this section.

(2) Sections 9.98 to 9.983 of the Revised Code apply to bonds or notes authorized under this section.

(G)(1) A joint self-insurance pool, in addition to its powers to provide self-insurance against any and all liabilities under this chapter, may also include any one or more of the following forms of property or casualty self-insurance for the purpose of covering any other liabilities or risks of the members of the pool:

(a) Public general liability, professional liability, or employee liability;

(b) Individual or fleet motor vehicle or automobile liability and protection against other

liability and loss associated with the ownership, maintenance, and use of motor vehicles;

(c) Aircraft liability and protection against other liability and loss associated with the ownership, maintenance, and use of aircraft;

(d) Loss or damage to property and loss of use and occupancy of property by fire, lightning, hail, tempest, flood, earthquake, or snow, explosion, accident, or other risk;

(e) Marine, inland transportation and navigation, boiler, containers, pipes, engines, flywheels, elevators, and machinery;

(f) Environmental impairment;

(g) Loss or damage by any hazard upon any other risk to which state universities or colleges are subject, which is not prohibited by statute or at common law from being the subject of casualty or property insurance.

(2) A joint self-insurance pool is not an insurance company. Its operation does not constitute doing an insurance business and is not subject to the insurance laws of this state.

(H) A public official or employee of a state university or college who is or becomes a member of the governing body of a joint self-insurance pool in which the state university or college participates is not in violation of any of the following as a result of the state university or college entering into the written agreement to participate in the pool or into any contract with the pool:

(1) Division (D) or (E) of section 102.03 of the Revised Code;

(2) Division (C) of section 102.04 of the Revised Code;

(3) Section 2921.42 of the Revised Code.

(I) This section shall not be construed to affect the ability of any state university or college to self-insure under the authority conferred by any other section of the Revised Code.

(J) The establishment or participation in a joint self-insurance pool under this section shall not constitute a waiver of any immunity or defense available to the member state university or college or to any covered entity.

(K)(1) Both of the following shall be determined in the court of claims pursuant to section 2743.02 of the Revised Code:

(a) Any claims or litigation relating to the administration of a joint self-insurance pool created pursuant to this section, including any immunities or defenses;

(b) Any claims relating to the scope of or denial of coverage under that pool or its administration.

(2) The pool administrator described in division (C)(2) of this section and its employees, while in the course of administering a joint self-insurance pool under this section, shall:

(a) Be deemed to be an instrumentality of the state for the purposes of Chapter 2743. of the Revised Code;

(b) Be deemed to be performing a public duty, as defined in section 2743.01 of the Revised Code; and

(c) Have the defenses to, and immunities from, civil liability provided in section 2743.02 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5709.084. Real and personal property comprising a convention center that is constructed or, in the case of personal property, acquired, after January 1, 2010, are exempt from taxation if the convention center is located in a county having a population, when construction of the convention

center commences, of more than one million two hundred thousand according to the most recent federal decennial census, and if the convention center, or the land upon which the convention center is situated, is owned or leased by the county. For the purposes of this section, construction of the convention center commences upon the earlier of issuance of debt to finance all or a portion of the convention center, demolition of existing structures on the site, or grading of the site in preparation for construction.

Real and personal property comprising a convention center owned by the largest city in a county having a population greater than seven hundred thousand but less than nine hundred thousand according to the most recent federal decennial census is exempt from taxation, regardless of whether the property is leased to or otherwise operated or managed by a person other than the city.

Real and personal property comprising a convention center or arena owned by a convention facilities authority in a county having a population greater than one million according to the most recent federal decennial census is exempt from taxation, regardless of whether the property is leased to or otherwise operated or managed by a person other than the convention facilities authority, notwithstanding section 351.12 of the Revised Code.

Real and personal property comprising a convention center or arena owned by the largest city in a county having a population greater than two hundred thirty-five thousand but less than three hundred thousand according to the most recent federal decennial census at the time of the construction of the convention center or arena is exempt from taxation, regardless of whether the property is leased to or otherwise operated or managed by a person other than the city.

Real and personal property comprising a convention center or arena owned by the city in which the convention center or arena is located, and located in a county having a population greater than five hundred thousand but less than six hundred thousand according to the most recent federal decennial census at the time of the construction of the convention center or arena, is exempt from taxation, regardless of whether the property is leased to or otherwise operated or managed by a person other than the city.

As used in this section, "convention center" and "arena" have the same meanings as in section 307.695 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 2. That existing sections 9.833, 149.431, 311.29, 2744.081, 3301.079, 3301.0711, 3301.0712, 3301.0715, 3302.034, 3302.13, 3311.19, 3311.191, 3313.46, 3313.482, 3313.5311, 3313.603, 3313.6013, 3313.618, 3313.6110, 3314.02, 3314.03, 3314.06, 3319.111, 3319.223, 3319.26, 3319.271, 3326.03, 3326.032, 3326.11, 3328.24, 3333.93, 3345.202, and 5709.084 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. That Section 733.40 of Am. Sub. H.B. 59 of the 130th General Assembly, as amended by Am. Sub. H.B. 64 of the 131st General Assembly, be amended and that Section 733.40 of Am. Sub. H.B. 59 of the 130th General Assembly, as amended by Am. Sub. H.B. 64 of the 131st General Assembly, be amended to codify it as section 3319.271 of the Revised Code to read as follows:

Sec. ~~733.40~~-3319.271. (A) The ~~Superintendent~~-superintendent of ~~Public Instruction~~-public

instruction shall appoint three incorporators who are knowledgeable about the administration of public schools and about the operation of nonprofit corporations in Ohio.

(B) The incorporators shall do whatever is necessary and proper to set up a nonprofit corporation under Chapter 1702. of the Revised Code. The articles of incorporation, in addition to meeting the requirements of section 1702.04 of the Revised Code, shall set forth the following provisions:

(1) That the nonprofit corporation is to create and implement a pilot program that provides an alternative path for individuals to receive training and development in the administration of primary and secondary education and leadership, that will enable these individuals to earn a degree in public school administration, that will enable these individuals to obtain licenses in public school administration, and that promotes the placement of these individuals in public schools that have a poverty percentage greater than fifty per cent-;

(2) That the ~~Board~~board of ~~Directors~~directors are to establish criteria for program costs, participant selection, and continued participation, and metrics to document and measure pilot program activities-;

(3) That the name of the nonprofit corporation is "~~New Leaders~~bright new leaders for Ohio ~~Schools~~schools;"

(4) That the ~~Board~~board of ~~Directors~~directors is to consist of the following ~~nine~~eleven directors:

(a) The ~~Governor~~governor or the ~~Governor's~~governor's designee;

(b) The ~~Superintendent~~superintendent of ~~Public Instruction~~public instruction, or the ~~Superintendent's~~superintendent's designee;

(c) The ~~Chancellor~~chancellor of the ~~Ohio Board of Regents~~higher education, or the ~~Chancellor's~~chancellor's designee;

(d) ~~Two~~Four individuals to represent major business enterprises in Ohio;

(e) Two individuals appointed by the ~~Speaker~~speaker of the ~~House~~house of ~~Representatives~~representatives, one of whom shall be an active duty or retired military officer;

(f) Two individuals appointed by the ~~President~~president of the ~~Senate~~senate, one of whom shall be a current or retired teacher or principal.

The ~~Dean~~dean of The ~~the~~Ohio State University Fisher College ~~state university fisher college~~ of ~~Business~~business and the ~~Dean~~dean of The ~~the~~Ohio State University College ~~state university college~~ of ~~Education~~education and ~~Human Ecology~~human ecology are to serve as ex-officio nonvoting members of the ~~Board~~board.

The individuals on the ~~Board~~board who represent major business enterprises in Ohio are to be appointed by a statewide organization selected by the ~~Governor~~governor. The organization is to be nonpartisan and consist of chief executive officers of major corporations organized in Ohio.

(5) That the ~~Board~~board is to elect a chairperson from among its members, and is to appoint a ~~President~~president of the corporation-;

(6) That the ~~President~~president of the ~~Corporation~~corporation, subject to the approval of the ~~Board~~board, is to enter into a contract with The ~~the~~Ohio State University Fisher College ~~state university fisher college~~ of ~~Business~~business. Under the contract, the ~~College~~college is to provide oversight to the corporation and is to provide the corporation with office space, and with office

furniture and equipment, as is necessary for the corporation successfully to fulfill its duties.

(7) That the overhead expenses of the corporation are not to exceed fifteen per cent of the annual budget of the corporation-;

(8) That the ~~President~~president is to apply for, and is to receive and accept, grants, gifts, bequests, and contributions from private sources-;

(9) That the corporation is to submit an annual report to the ~~General Assembly~~general assembly and ~~Governor~~governor beginning December 31, 2013-;

(10) That state financial support for the corporation shall cease on ~~the date that is five years after~~ June 30, ~~2013~~2018.

SECTION 4. That existing Section 733.40 of Am. Sub. H.B. 59 of the 130th General Assembly, as amended by Am. Sub. H.B. 64 of the 131st General Assembly, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. That Section 369.473 of Am. Sub. H.B. 64 of the 131st General Assembly be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 369.473. WORKFORCE AND HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Of the foregoing appropriation item 235616, Workforce and Higher Education Programs, \$750,000 in fiscal year 2016 shall be used to support the Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute. The Institute shall use these funds to obtain and upgrade the infrastructure and equipment necessary to offer distance education courses in agricultural science through the College Credit Plus Program as established in section 3365.02 of the Revised Code.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 235616, Workforce and Higher Education Programs, \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2017 shall be allocated to The Ohio State University to collaborate with Wright Patterson Air Force Base, NASA Glenn Research Center, Ohio's research universities, and the private sector to align the state's research assets with emerging missions and job growth opportunities emanating from the two federal installations, strengthen related workforce development and technology commercialization programs, and better position the state's university system to directly impact new job creation in Ohio. A portion of the foregoing appropriation item shall be used to support the growth of small business federal contractors in the state and expand the participation of Ohio businesses in the federal Small Business Innovation Research Program and related federal programs.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 235616, Workforce and Higher Education Programs, \$750,000 in FY 2017 shall be used by Southern State Community College to foster meaningful small business development assistance, to provide various types of training in an effort to promote sustainable economic growth, and to create high-quality jobs through the Southern Gateway Innovation Center located in Circleville.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 235616, Workforce and Higher Education Programs, \$750,000 in fiscal year 2017 shall be used for grants for the STEM Public-Private Partnership Program established in Section ~~733.20~~733.13 of Am. Sub. H.B. 64 of the 131st General Assembly.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 235616, Workforce and Higher Education Programs, \$5,000,000 in each fiscal year shall be used by the Chancellor of Higher Education to distribute grant

awards under section 3333.70 of the Revised Code.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 235616, Workforce and Higher Education Programs, up to \$500,000 in each fiscal year shall be used by the Chancellor of Higher Education to coordinate a statewide effort to promote workforce grant programs. The remainder of appropriation item 235616, Workforce and Higher Education Programs, shall be used by the Chancellor to distribute ~~the grant awards~~ funding pursuant to section 3333.93 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 6. That existing Section 369.473 of Am. Sub. H.B. 64 of the 131st General Assembly is hereby repealed.

SECTION 7. The amendment of section 3333.93 of the Revised Code by this act is not intended to supersede the repeal of that section on December 31, 2019, as prescribed by Section 125.10 of Sub. H.B. 340 of the 131st General Assembly.

SECTION 8. The amendment by this act of section 5709.084 of the Revised Code applies to tax year 2016 and thereafter. Notwithstanding section 5715.27 of the Revised Code, an application for exemption of an arena owned by a convention facilities authority for tax year 2016 may be filed at any time before the thirty-first day following the effective date of this section.

SECTION 9. If, at an election held prior to the effective date of this section, a political subdivision proposed to its electors and those electors approved the levy of a property tax under any one or more of sections 5705.19 to 5705.215 of the Revised Code for a specified number of years in excess of that permitted by the applicable statute as in effect at the time of the election, the results of that election were officially determined, ascertained, announced, and declared by the applicable county board of elections, no petition with respect to the results of that election was timely filed pursuant to section 3515.09 of the Revised Code, and the tax has been levied and collected, the approval of that levy by the electors shall be and shall be deemed for all purposes to be valid except that tax shall only be authorized to be levied for the maximum specified number of years permitted by the applicable statute at the time of the election and that levy may be proposed to be renewed or replaced based on and as if originally and approved by the electors for that shortened period.

SECTION 10. (A) Notwithstanding section 3317.021 of the Revised Code, within sixty days after the effective date of this section, the county auditor in any county in which the countywide taxable valuations certified to the Tax Commissioner for tax years 2012, 2013, and 2014 on the abstracts of real property or real and public utility property vary from the countywide aggregate amount of valuation on the tax duplicates in any of those years by an amount greater than thirty million dollars shall certify corrected valuations for the county, by taxing district, to the Tax Commissioner.

(B) Within thirty days after receipt of any corrected valuations under division (A) of this section, the Tax Commissioner shall certify those valuations, aggregated by school district, to the

Department of Education.

(C) Upon receipt of any corrected valuations under division (B) of this section, the Department shall use those valuations for purposes of provisions of Chapter 3317. of the Revised Code, for fiscal year 2016, and for each fiscal year thereafter, in which those valuations are used to calculate foundation funding. Additionally, the Department shall make any adjustments to calculations of each school district's payments under Chapter 3317. of the Revised Code that are necessary to reflect the corrected valuations.

SECTION 11. Not later than three years after the effective date of this section, the Auditor of State shall conduct a comprehensive operational study of all educational service centers in the state. The cost of the comprehensive operational study shall be paid to the Auditor of State by the educational service centers in a manner agreed upon by the Auditor of State and the state association representing educational service centers. The amount paid for the study by all of the educational service centers combined shall not exceed \$375,000. The Auditor of State shall pay for any costs of the study that exceed that amount.

The Auditor of State shall submit a report of the operational study to the Department of Education, the State Board of Education, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Governor, the educational service centers, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, and the President and Minority Leader of the Senate. The report shall contain standards and benchmarks unique to educational service centers for further study and that may inform future performance audits of educational service centers conducted under section 3311.051 of the Revised Code.

The State Board of Education may consider the Auditor of State's report of the operational study in its formulation of performance standards for educational service centers, if any, and in its determination of high-performing educational service centers under Section 263.390 of Am. Sub. H.B. 64 of the 131st General Assembly.

SECTION 12. Notwithstanding anything in the Revised Code to the contrary, for a school district or building where students are eligible for the Educational Choice Scholarship Program under section 3310.03 of the Revised Code on the effective date of this section, the district or building shall continue to be designated as a district or building where students are eligible for the Educational Choice Scholarship Program through the 2018-2019 school year, regardless of whether or not the district or building meets any of the conditions prescribed in division (I) of section 3310.03 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 13. Not later than December 31, 2017, the Department of Education, in collaboration with the Ohio Association for Career and Technical Education, Ohio Association of Career-Technical Superintendents, and Ohio Association of City Career-Technical Schools, shall establish a method for assessing if career-technical teachers teaching under an alternative resident educator license issued under section 3319.26 of the Revised Code or rule of the State Board of Education are qualified for a professional educator license issued under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code. The method shall be an alternative to completion of the Ohio teacher residency program established under section

3319.223 of the Revised Code for such teachers and shall assess teacher preparedness and qualifications for a professional educator license as part of the college coursework in which the teachers participate as a condition of holding a resident educator license.

SECTION 14. (A) Not later than December 15, 2017, the Ohio School Facilities Commission shall develop and submit to the General Assembly, in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code, a proposal for legislative provisions under which school districts that have not yet received assistance under the Classroom Facilities Assistance Program, upon becoming eligible for assistance under that program, based on the annual percentile rankings under section 3318.011 of the Revised Code, may apply for and receive a portion of the state funds they are eligible for under that program to use for technology, building expansion, and physical alterations to improve school safety or security.

(B) As used in this section, the "Classroom Facilities Assistance Program" means the program authorized under sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 15. Section 2744.081 of the Revised Code is presented in this act as a composite of the section as amended by both Sub. H.B. 481 and Sub. S.B. 114 of the 129th General Assembly. The General Assembly, applying the principle stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous operation, finds that the composite is the resulting version of the section in effect prior to the effective date of the section as presented in this act.

Speaker _____ *of the House of Representatives.*

President _____ *of the Senate.*

Passed _____, 20____

Approved _____, 20____

Governor.

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The section numbering of law of a general and permanent nature is complete and in conformity with the Revised Code.

Director, Legislative Service Commission.

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Secretary of State.

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