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A BILL

To enact "the 2020-2021 High School Education Recovery Act" to establish the Supplemental School Year Program for the 2021-2022 school year and to declare an emergency. 1
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. (A) As used in this section, "eligible student" means a student enrolled in grades nine through twelve in a public or chartered nonpublic school for the 2020-2021 school year. 5
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(B) (1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Supplemental School Year Program for the 2021-2022 school year is hereby established to provide eligible students with the opportunity to retake or supplement the grades they have completed or the courses they have completed during the 2020-2021 school year, regardless of whether they received passing grades in those courses, due to the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic and to replace the grades received on the students' transcripts for those courses with the grades received 9
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for those courses that are taken through the Program. 18

(2) An eligible student shall be enrolled full-time while 19
participating in the Program. The student may retake courses and 20
take supplemental courses under the Program and may take any 21
other courses the eligible student selects, subject to the 22
requirements of the school district or school. 23

(3) Retaking a course under the Program shall count 24
towards an eligible student's full-time enrollment. However, it 25
shall not count as an additional credit towards graduation 26
unless the student failed the original course. 27

(C) (1) Not later than thirty days after the effective date 28
of this section, an eligible student shall submit a request to 29
participate in the Program that identifies the courses that the 30
student wants to retake or supplement to one of the following: 31

(a) The board of education of the school district that 32
operates the school in which the student is enrolled for the 33
2021-2022 school year or from which the student graduated in the 34
2020-2021 school year; 35

(b) The governing authority of the community school 36
established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code in which the 37
student is enrolled for the 2021-2022 school year or from which 38
the student graduated in the 2020-2021 school year; 39

(c) The governing body of the STEM school established 40
under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code in which the student is 41
enrolled for the 2021-2022 school year or from which the student 42
graduated in the 2020-2021 school year; 43

(d) The governing authority of the chartered nonpublic 44
school in which the student is enrolled for the 2021-2022 school 45
year or from which the student graduated in the 2020-2021 school 46

year. 47

(2) Not later than thirty days after receiving one or more 48
requests under division (C)(1)(a), (b), or (c) of this section, 49
a school district board of education, governing authority of a 50
community school, or governing body of a STEM school shall 51
determine whether to accept any or all of the requests it 52
receives to participate in the Program. If the board, governing 53
authority, or governing body chooses to accept any or all of the 54
requests, it shall develop a plan for implementing a 55
supplemental school year for the students who submitted 56
requests, including a temporary program for students who 57
satisfied the conditions for a high school diploma under section 58
3313.61 of the Revised Code in the 2020-2021 school year. In 59
doing so, it may adopt policies on grades, schedules, 60
classifications, graduation ceremonies, and other operation 61
issues for offering the supplemental school year. 62

(3) Not later than thirty days after receiving one or more 63
requests under division (C)(1)(d) of this section, a governing 64
authority of a chartered nonpublic school shall determine 65
whether to accept one or more requests it receives to 66
participate in the Program. At no time shall the governing 67
authority of a chartered nonpublic school permit a student to 68
participate in the Program who was not enrolled in that school 69
for the 2020-2021 school year. If the governing authority 70
chooses to accept one or more requests, it shall develop a plan 71
for implementing a supplemental school year for the students who 72
submitted requests, including a temporary program for students 73
who satisfied the conditions for a high school diploma under 74
section 3313.612 of the Revised Code in the 2020-2021 school 75
year. In doing so, it may adopt policies on grades, schedules, 76
classifications, graduation ceremonies, and other operation 77

issues for offering the supplemental school year. 78

(4) If a student's request is accepted under division (C) 79
(2) or (3) of this section for the student to retake one or more 80
courses through the Program, the school district board of 81
education, governing authority, or governing body shall, upon 82
the student's completion of the course or courses retaken 83
through the Program, replace the grade or grades that the 84
student received for the course or courses for the 2020-2021 85
school year on the student's transcript with the grade or grades 86
the student received for the course or courses the student 87
completed under the Program. 88

(5) If a student's request is accepted under division (C) 89
(2) or (3) of this section for the student to supplement one or 90
more courses through the Program, the school district board of 91
education, governing authority, or governing body shall 92
determine which course or courses offered by the school district 93
or school are similar to the course or courses completed by the 94
student in the 2020-2021 school year that the student wants to 95
supplement. Upon the student's completion through the Program of 96
the course or courses determined to be similar to the course or 97
courses completed by the student in the 2020-2021 school year 98
that the student wants to supplement, the board of education, 99
governing authority, or governing body shall replace the grade 100
or grades that the student received for the course or courses 101
for the 2020-2021 school year on the student's transcript with 102
the grade or grades the student received for the supplemental 103
course or courses the student completed under the Program. 104

(D) Not later than fifteen days after accepting one or 105
more requests under division (C) (2) or (3) of this section, a 106
board of education, governing authority of a community school, 107

governing body of a STEM school, or governing authority of a 108
chartered nonpublic school shall notify the Department of that 109
fact and shall submit the plan it develops under division (C) (2) 110
or (3) of this section along with any requests for waivers from 111
state mandates that are necessary to implement its plan. 112

(E) (1) If the school district or school is a member of an 113
organization that regulates interscholastic athletics, that 114
school district or school shall petition the organization during 115
the 2021-2022 school year for up to two additional semesters of 116
eligibility to participate in interscholastic athletics for 117
eligible students enrolled in the school district or school who 118
are participating in the Program, subject to the rules of the 119
organization. If an eligible student is granted additional 120
semesters of eligibility to participate in interscholastic 121
athletics in accordance with division (E) (1) of this section, 122
that student shall continue to be subject to all other 123
eligibility requirements of the organization for participation 124
in interscholastic athletics. 125

(2) At no time shall retaking courses as part of 126
participating in the Program disqualify eligible students from 127
participation in interscholastic athletics. 128

Section 2. This act shall be known as "the 2020-2021 High 129
School Education Recovery Act." 130

Section 3. This act is hereby declared to be an emergency 131
measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public 132
peace, health, and safety. The reason for such necessity is to 133
ensure that the changes made by the act take effect for the 134
2021-2022 school year. Therefore, this act shall go into 135
immediate effect. 136