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S. B. No. 200

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A BILL

To permit students who were enrolled in 12th grade	1
during the 2020-2021 school year to re-enroll in	2
that grade in the 2021-2022 school year and to	3
declare an emergency.	4

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

Section 1. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the 5 Revised Code, for the 2021-2022 school year only, all of the 6 following apply: 7 (A) No school district board of education, governing 8 authority of a community school established under Chapter 3314., 9 or governing body of a STEM school established under Chapter 10 3326. of the Revised Code shall prohibit a student who was 11 enrolled in grade twelve during the 2020-2021 school year from 12 re-enrolling in that grade in the 2021-2022 school year, 13 regardless of whether the student, in the 2020-2021 school year, 14 satisfied the conditions to qualify for a high school diploma 15 under section 3313.61, 3313.612, or 3325.08 of the Revised Code 16 or Section 4 or 10 of H.B. 67 of the 134th General Assembly. 17

(B) A student who elects to enroll in a district or school18in accordance with this section shall notify the district or19

school of that intent not later than July 1, 2021.

(C) A student who enrolls in a district or school in the 2021-2022 school year in accordance with this section may retake the courses in which the student was enrolled in the 2020-2021 school year, regardless of whether the student received passing grades in those courses.

(D) A student who enrolls in a district or school in the
2021-2022 school year in accordance with this section is
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eligible to participate in extracurricular activities, including
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interscholastic athletics, in that school year, provided that
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student satisfies any requirements to participate, including any
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age requirement or requirement to be in good academic standing.

If the district or school is a member of an organization that regulates interscholastic athletics, that organization shall grant each student enrolled in the district or school in accordance with this section up to an additional two semesters of eligibility to participate in interscholastic athletics. Those additional two semesters of eligibility shall apply only to the 2021-2022 school year.

(E) A student who enrolls in a district or school in the 2021-2022 school year in accordance with this section shall be included in the district's or school's student count reported to the Department of Education for state operating funding purposes.

Section 2. This act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety. The reason for such necessity is to ensure that the changes made by the act take effect for the 2021-2022 school year. Therefore, this act shall go into

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