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Representatives Brent, Callender

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Miller, J., Thomas, C., Miller, A., Abdullahi, Brown, Young, T.**

A BILL

To amend sections 3314.03, 3326.11, and 3328.24 and 1
to enact section 3319.48 of the Revised Code to 2
enact the Creating a Respectful and Open World 3
for Natural Hair (CROWN) Act to prohibit 4
discrimination by a public school against an 5
individual based on hair texture and protective 6
hair styles and to amend the version of section 7
3314.03 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to 8
take effect January 1, 2025, to continue the 9
changes on and after that effective date. 10

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

Section 1. That sections 3314.03, 3326.11, and 3328.24 be 11
amended and section 3319.48 of the Revised Code be enacted to 12
read as follows: 13

Sec. 3314.03. A copy of every contract entered into under 14
this section shall be filed with the director of education and 15
workforce. The department of education and workforce shall make 16
available on its web site a copy of every approved, executed 17
contract filed with the director under this section. 18

(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 47
legitimate excuse fails to participate in seventy-two 48
consecutive hours of the learning opportunities offered to the 49
student. 50

(7) The ways by which the school will achieve racial and 51
ethnic balance reflective of the community it serves; 52

(8) Requirements for financial audits by the auditor of 53
state. The contract shall require financial records of the 54
school to be maintained in the same manner as are financial 55
records of school districts, pursuant to rules of the auditor of 56
state. Audits shall be conducted in accordance with section 57
117.10 of the Revised Code. 58

(9) An addendum to the contract outlining the facilities 59
to be used that contains at least the following information: 60

(a) A detailed description of each facility used for 61
instructional purposes; 62

(b) The annual costs associated with leasing each facility 63
that are paid by or on behalf of the school; 64

(c) The annual mortgage principal and interest payments 65
that are paid by the school; 66

(d) The name of the lender or landlord, identified as 67
such, and the lender's or landlord's relationship to the 68
operator, if any. 69

(10) Qualifications of employees, including both of the 70
following: 71

(a) A requirement that the school's classroom teachers be 72
licensed in accordance with sections 3319.22 to 3319.31 of the 73
Revised Code, except that a community school may engage 74

noncertificated persons to teach up to twelve hours or forty	75
hours per week pursuant to section 3319.301 of the Revised Code;	76
(b) A prohibition against the school employing an	77
individual described in section 3314.104 of the Revised Code in	78
any position.	79
(11) That the school will comply with the following	80
requirements:	81
(a) The school will provide learning opportunities to a	82
minimum of twenty-five students for a minimum of nine hundred	83
twenty hours per school year.	84
(b) The governing authority will purchase liability	85
insurance, or otherwise provide for the potential liability of	86
the school.	87
(c) The school will be nonsectarian in its programs,	88
admission policies, employment practices, and all other	89
operations, and will not be operated by a sectarian school or	90
religious institution.	91
(d) The school will comply with sections 9.90, 9.91,	92
109.65, 121.22, 149.43, 2151.357, 2151.421, 2313.19, 3301.0710,	93
3301.0711, 3301.0712, 3301.0715, 3301.0729, 3301.948, 3302.037,	94
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3313.818, 3313.819, 3313.86, 3313.89, 3313.96, 3319.073,	103

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3321.14, 3321.141, 3321.17, 3321.18, 3321.19, 3322.20, 3322.24, 107
3323.251, 3327.10, 4111.17, 4113.52, 5502.262, 5502.703, and 108
5705.391 and Chapters 117., 1347., 2744., 3365., 3742., 4112., 109
4123., 4141., and 4167. of the Revised Code as if it were a 110
school district and will comply with section 3301.0714 of the 111
Revised Code in the manner specified in section 3314.17 of the 112
Revised Code. 113

(e) The school shall comply with Chapter 102. and section 114
2921.42 of the Revised Code. 115

(f) The school will comply with sections 3313.61, 116
3313.611, 3313.614, 3313.617, 3313.618, and 3313.6114 of the 117
Revised Code, except that for students who enter ninth grade for 118
the first time before July 1, 2010, the requirement in sections 119
3313.61 and 3313.611 of the Revised Code that a person must 120
successfully complete the curriculum in any high school prior to 121
receiving a high school diploma may be met by completing the 122
curriculum adopted by the governing authority of the community 123
school rather than the curriculum specified in Title XXXVIII of 124
the Revised Code or any rules of the department. Beginning with 125
students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after 126
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of the Revised Code that a person must successfully complete the 128
curriculum of a high school prior to receiving a high school 129
diploma shall be met by completing the requirements prescribed 130
in section 3313.6027 and division (C) of section 3313.603 of the 131
Revised Code, unless the person qualifies under division (D) or 132
(F) of that section. Each school shall comply with the plan for 133
awarding high school credit based on demonstration of subject 134

area competency, and beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, 135
with the updated plan that permits students enrolled in seventh 136
and eighth grade to meet curriculum requirements based on 137
subject area competency adopted by the department under 138
divisions (J) (1) and (2) of section 3313.603 of the Revised 139
Code. Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, the school shall 140
comply with the framework for granting units of high school 141
credit to students who demonstrate subject area competency 142
through work-based learning experiences, internships, or 143
cooperative education developed by the department under division 144
(J) (3) of section 3313.603 of the Revised Code. 145

(g) The school governing authority will submit within four 146
months after the end of each school year a report of its 147
activities and progress in meeting the goals and standards of 148
divisions (A) (3) and (4) of this section and its financial 149
status to the sponsor and the parents of all students enrolled 150
in the school. 151

(h) The school, unless it is an internet- or computer- 152
based community school, will comply with section 3313.801 of the 153
Revised Code as if it were a school district. 154

(i) If the school is the recipient of moneys from a grant 155
awarded under the federal race to the top program, Division (A), 156
Title XIV, Sections 14005 and 14006 of the "American Recovery 157
and Reinvestment Act of 2009," Pub. L. No. 111-5, 123 Stat. 115, 158
the school will pay teachers based upon performance in 159
accordance with section 3317.141 and will comply with section 160
3319.111 of the Revised Code as if it were a school district. 161

(j) If the school operates a preschool program that is 162
licensed by the department under sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of 163
the Revised Code, the school shall comply with sections 3301.50 164

to 3301.59 of the Revised Code and the minimum standards for 165
preschool programs prescribed in rules adopted by the department 166
under section 3301.53 of the Revised Code. 167

(k) The school will comply with sections 3313.6021 and 168
3313.6023 of the Revised Code as if it were a school district 169
unless it is either of the following: 170

(i) An internet- or computer-based community school; 171

(ii) A community school in which a majority of the 172
enrolled students are children with disabilities as described in 173
division (A) (4) (b) of section 3314.35 of the Revised Code. 174

(l) The school will comply with section 3321.191 of the 175
Revised Code, unless it is an internet- or computer-based 176
community school that is subject to section 3314.261 of the 177
Revised Code. 178

(12) Arrangements for providing health and other benefits 179
to employees; 180

(13) The length of the contract, which shall begin at the 181
beginning of an academic year. No contract shall exceed five 182
years unless such contract has been renewed pursuant to division 183
(E) of this section. 184

(14) The governing authority of the school, which shall be 185
responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract; 186

(15) A financial plan detailing an estimated school budget 187
for each year of the period of the contract and specifying the 188
total estimated per pupil expenditure amount for each such year. 189

(16) Requirements and procedures regarding the disposition 190
of employees of the school in the event the contract is 191
terminated or not renewed pursuant to section 3314.07 of the 192

Revised Code;	193
(17) Whether the school is to be created by converting all	194
or part of an existing public school or educational service	195
center building or is to be a new start-up school, and if it is	196
a converted public school or service center building,	197
specification of any duties or responsibilities of an employer	198
that the board of education or service center governing board	199
that operated the school or building before conversion is	200
delegating to the governing authority of the community school	201
with respect to all or any specified group of employees provided	202
the delegation is not prohibited by a collective bargaining	203
agreement applicable to such employees;	204
(18) Provisions establishing procedures for resolving	205
disputes or differences of opinion between the sponsor and the	206
governing authority of the community school;	207
(19) A provision requiring the governing authority to	208
adopt a policy regarding the admission of students who reside	209
outside the district in which the school is located. That policy	210
shall comply with the admissions procedures specified in	211
sections 3314.06 and 3314.061 of the Revised Code and, at the	212
sole discretion of the authority, shall do one of the following:	213
(a) Prohibit the enrollment of students who reside outside	214
the district in which the school is located;	215
(b) Permit the enrollment of students who reside in	216
districts adjacent to the district in which the school is	217
located;	218
(c) Permit the enrollment of students who reside in any	219
other district in the state.	220
(20) A provision recognizing the authority of the	221

department to take over the sponsorship of the school in 222
accordance with the provisions of division (C) of section 223
3314.015 of the Revised Code; 224

(21) A provision recognizing the sponsor's authority to 225
assume the operation of a school under the conditions specified 226
in division (B) of section 3314.073 of the Revised Code; 227

(22) A provision recognizing both of the following: 228

(a) The authority of public health and safety officials to 229
inspect the facilities of the school and to order the facilities 230
closed if those officials find that the facilities are not in 231
compliance with health and safety laws and regulations; 232

(b) The authority of the department as the community 233
school oversight body to suspend the operation of the school 234
under section 3314.072 of the Revised Code if the department has 235
evidence of conditions or violations of law at the school that 236
pose an imminent danger to the health and safety of the school's 237
students and employees and the sponsor refuses to take such 238
action. 239

(23) A description of the learning opportunities that will 240
be offered to students including both classroom-based and non- 241
classroom-based learning opportunities that is in compliance 242
with criteria for student participation established by the 243
department under division (H) (2) of section 3314.08 of the 244
Revised Code; 245

(24) The school will comply with sections 3302.04 and 246
3302.041 of the Revised Code, except that any action required to 247
be taken by a school district pursuant to those sections shall 248
be taken by the sponsor of the school. 249

(25) Beginning in the 2006-2007 school year, the school 250

will open for operation not later than the thirtieth day of 251
September each school year, unless the mission of the school as 252
specified under division (A) (2) of this section is solely to 253
serve dropouts. In its initial year of operation, if the school 254
fails to open by the thirtieth day of September, or within one 255
year after the adoption of the contract pursuant to division (D) 256
of section 3314.02 of the Revised Code if the mission of the 257
school is solely to serve dropouts, the contract shall be void. 258

(26) Whether the school's governing authority is planning 259
to seek designation for the school as a STEM school equivalent 260
under section 3326.032 of the Revised Code; 261

(27) That the school's attendance and participation 262
policies will be available for public inspection; 263

(28) That the school's attendance and participation 264
records shall be made available to the department, auditor of 265
state, and school's sponsor to the extent permitted under and in 266
accordance with the "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act 267
of 1974," 88 Stat. 571, 20 U.S.C. 1232g, as amended, and any 268
regulations promulgated under that act, and section 3319.321 of 269
the Revised Code; 270

(29) If a school operates using the blended learning 271
model, as defined in section 3301.079 of the Revised Code, all 272
of the following information: 273

(a) An indication of what blended learning model or models 274
will be used; 275

(b) A description of how student instructional needs will 276
be determined and documented; 277

(c) The method to be used for determining competency, 278
granting credit, and promoting students to a higher grade level; 279

(d) The school's attendance requirements, including how	280
the school will document participation in learning	281
opportunities;	282
(e) A statement describing how student progress will be	283
monitored;	284
(f) A statement describing how private student data will	285
be protected;	286
(g) A description of the professional development	287
activities that will be offered to teachers.	288
(30) A provision requiring that all moneys the school's	289
operator loans to the school, including facilities loans or cash	290
flow assistance, must be accounted for, documented, and bear	291
interest at a fair market rate;	292
(31) A provision requiring that, if the governing	293
authority contracts with an attorney, accountant, or entity	294
specializing in audits, the attorney, accountant, or entity	295
shall be independent from the operator with which the school has	296
contracted.	297
(32) A provision requiring the governing authority to	298
adopt an enrollment and attendance policy that requires a	299
student's parent to notify the community school in which the	300
student is enrolled when there is a change in the location of	301
the parent's or student's primary residence.	302
(33) A provision requiring the governing authority to	303
adopt a student residence and address verification policy for	304
students enrolling in or attending the school.	305
(B) The community school shall also submit to the sponsor	306
a comprehensive plan for the school. The plan shall specify the	307

following:	308
(1) The process by which the governing authority of the school will be selected in the future;	309 310
(2) The management and administration of the school;	311
(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;	312 313 314 315 316
(4) The instructional program and educational philosophy of the school;	317 318
(5) Internal financial controls.	319
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.	320 321 322 323
(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.	324 325 326 327 328 329 330 331 332 333
(D) The contract shall specify the duties of the sponsor which shall be in accordance with the written agreement entered	334 335

into with the department under division (B) of section 3314.015 336
of the Revised Code and shall include the following: 337

(1) Monitor the community school's compliance with all 338
laws applicable to the school and with the terms of the 339
contract; 340

(2) Monitor and evaluate the academic and fiscal 341
performance and the organization and operation of the community 342
school on at least an annual basis; 343

(3) Report on an annual basis the results of the 344
evaluation conducted under division (D) (2) of this section to 345
the department and to the parents of students enrolled in the 346
community school; 347

(4) Provide technical assistance to the community school 348
in complying with laws applicable to the school and terms of the 349
contract; 350

(5) Take steps to intervene in the school's operation to 351
correct problems in the school's overall performance, declare 352
the school to be on probationary status pursuant to section 353
3314.073 of the Revised Code, suspend the operation of the 354
school pursuant to section 3314.072 of the Revised Code, or 355
terminate the contract of the school pursuant to section 3314.07 356
of the Revised Code as determined necessary by the sponsor; 357

(6) Have in place a plan of action to be undertaken in the 358
event the community school experiences financial difficulties or 359
closes prior to the end of a school year. 360

(E) Upon the expiration of a contract entered into under 361
this section, the sponsor of a community school may, with the 362
approval of the governing authority of the school, renew that 363
contract for a period of time determined by the sponsor, but not 364

ending earlier than the end of any school year, if the sponsor 365
finds that the school's compliance with applicable laws and 366
terms of the contract and the school's progress in meeting the 367
academic goals prescribed in the contract have been 368
satisfactory. Any contract that is renewed under this division 369
remains subject to the provisions of sections 3314.07, 3314.072, 370
and 3314.073 of the Revised Code. 371

(F) If a community school fails to open for operation 372
within one year after the contract entered into under this 373
section is adopted pursuant to division (D) of section 3314.02 374
of the Revised Code or permanently closes prior to the 375
expiration of the contract, the contract shall be void and the 376
school shall not enter into a contract with any other sponsor. A 377
school shall not be considered permanently closed because the 378
operations of the school have been suspended pursuant to section 379
3314.072 of the Revised Code. 380

Sec. 3319.48. (A) As used in this section: 381

(1) "Public primary or secondary school" includes both of 382
the following: 383

(a) A preschool as defined in section 2950.034 of the 384
Revised Code; 385

(b) A school operated by a city, local, or exempted 386
village school district, a joint vocational school district, a 387
community school established under Chapter 3314., a STEM school 388
established under Chapter 3326., or a college-preparatory 389
boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised 390
Code. 391

(2) "Race" includes traits associated with an individual's 392
race, including hair texture and protective hair styles, such as 393

<u>braids, locks, and twists.</u>	394
<u>(B) No public primary or secondary school shall</u>	395
<u>discriminate against any individual with respect to any program</u>	396
<u>or activity on account of an individual's traits that are</u>	397
<u>associated with the individual's race.</u>	398
<u>(C) Any individual alleging that a public primary or</u>	399
<u>secondary school has violated this section may bring a civil</u>	400
<u>action in any court of competent jurisdiction.</u>	401
Sec. 3326.11. Each science, technology, engineering, and	402
mathematics school established under this chapter and its	403
governing body shall comply with sections 9.90, 9.91, 109.65,	404
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established under this chapter and its board of trustees shall 428
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(d) The name of the lender or landlord, identified as such, and the lender's or landlord's relationship to the operator, if any.	498 499 500
(10) Qualifications of employees, including both of the following:	501 502
(a) 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 or forty hours per week pursuant to section 3319.301 of the Revised Code;	503 504 505 506 507

(b) A prohibition against the school employing an individual described in section 3314.104 of the Revised Code in any position.

(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, 3302.037, 3313.472, 3313.50, 3313.539, 3313.5310, 3313.5318, 3313.5319, 3313.608, 3313.609, 3313.6012, 3313.6013, 3313.6014, 3313.6015, 3313.6020, 3313.6024, 3313.6025, 3313.6026, 3313.6028, 3313.6029, 3313.643, 3313.648, 3313.6411, 3313.6413, 3313.66, 3313.661, 3313.662, 3313.666, 3313.667, 3313.668, 3313.669, 3313.6610, 3313.67, 3313.671, 3313.672, 3313.673, 3313.69, 3313.71, 3313.716, 3313.718, 3313.719, 3313.7112, 3313.7117, 3313.721, 3313.753, 3313.80, 3313.814, 3313.816, 3313.817, 3313.818, 3313.819, 3313.86, 3313.89, 3313.96, 3319.073, 3319.077, 3319.078, 3319.0812, 3319.238, 3319.318, 3319.321, 3319.324, 3319.39, 3319.391, 3319.393, 3319.41, 3319.46,

3319.48, 3320.01, 3320.02, 3320.03, 3321.01, 3321.041, 3321.13, 537
3321.14, 3321.141, 3321.17, 3321.18, 3321.19, 3322.20, 3322.24, 538
3323.251, 3327.10, 4111.17, 4113.52, 5502.262, 5502.703, and 539
5705.391 and Chapters 117., 1347., 2744., 3365., 3742., 4112., 540
4123., 4141., and 4167. of the Revised Code as if it were a 541
school district and will comply with section 3301.0714 of the 542
Revised Code in the manner specified in section 3314.17 of the 543
Revised Code. 544

(e) The school shall comply with Chapter 102. and section 545
2921.42 of the Revised Code. 546

(f) The school will comply with sections 3313.61, 547
3313.611, 3313.614, 3313.617, 3313.618, and 3313.6114 of the 548
Revised Code, except that for students who enter ninth grade for 549
the first time before July 1, 2010, the requirement in sections 550
3313.61 and 3313.611 of the Revised Code that a person must 551
successfully complete the curriculum in any high school prior to 552
receiving a high school diploma may be met by completing the 553
curriculum adopted by the governing authority of the community 554
school rather than the curriculum specified in Title XXXIII of 555
the Revised Code or any rules of the department. Beginning with 556
students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after 557
July 1, 2010, the requirement in sections 3313.61 and 3313.611 558
of the Revised Code that a person must successfully complete the 559
curriculum of a high school prior to receiving a high school 560
diploma shall be met by completing the requirements prescribed 561
in section 3313.6027 and division (C) of section 3313.603 of the 562
Revised Code, unless the person qualifies under division (D) or 563
(F) of that section. Each school shall comply with the plan for 564
awarding high school credit based on demonstration of subject 565
area competency, and beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, 566
with the updated plan that permits students enrolled in seventh 567

and eighth grade to meet curriculum requirements based on 568
subject area competency adopted by the department under 569
divisions (J) (1) and (2) of section 3313.603 of the Revised 570
Code. Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, the school shall 571
comply with the framework for granting units of high school 572
credit to students who demonstrate subject area competency 573
through work-based learning experiences, internships, or 574
cooperative education developed by the department under division 575
(J) (3) of section 3313.603 of the Revised Code. 576

(g) The school governing authority will submit within four 577
months after the end of each school year a report of its 578
activities and progress in meeting the goals and standards of 579
divisions (A) (3) and (4) of this section and its financial 580
status to the sponsor and the parents of all students enrolled 581
in the school. 582

(h) The school, unless it is an internet- or computer- 583
based community school, will comply with section 3313.801 of the 584
Revised Code as if it were a school district. 585

(i) If the school is the recipient of moneys from a grant 586
awarded under the federal race to the top program, Division (A), 587
Title XIV, Sections 14005 and 14006 of the "American Recovery 588
and Reinvestment Act of 2009," Pub. L. No. 111-5, 123 Stat. 115, 589
the school will pay teachers based upon performance in 590
accordance with section 3317.141 and will comply with section 591
3319.111 of the Revised Code as if it were a school district. 592

(j) If the school operates a preschool program that is 593
licensed by the department under sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of 594
the Revised Code, the school shall comply with sections 3301.50 595
to 3301.59 of the Revised Code and the minimum standards for 596
preschool programs prescribed in rules adopted by the department 597

of children and youth under section 3301.53 of the Revised Code. 598

(k) The school will comply with sections 3313.6021 and 599
3313.6023 of the Revised Code as if it were a school district 600
unless it is either of the following: 601

(i) An internet- or computer-based community school; 602

(ii) A community school in which a majority of the 603
enrolled students are children with disabilities as described in 604
division (A) (4) (b) of section 3314.35 of the Revised Code. 605

(l) The school will comply with section 3321.191 of the 606
Revised Code, unless it is an internet- or computer-based 607
community school that is subject to section 3314.261 of the 608
Revised Code. 609

(12) Arrangements for providing health and other benefits 610
to employees; 611

(13) The length of the contract, which shall begin at the 612
beginning of an academic year. No contract shall exceed five 613
years unless such contract has been renewed pursuant to division 614
(E) of this section. 615

(14) The governing authority of the school, which shall be 616
responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract; 617

(15) A financial plan detailing an estimated school budget 618
for each year of the period of the contract and specifying the 619
total estimated per pupil expenditure amount for each such year. 620

(16) Requirements and procedures regarding the disposition 621
of employees of the school in the event the contract is 622
terminated or not renewed pursuant to section 3314.07 of the 623
Revised Code; 624

(17) Whether the school is to be created by converting all 625
or part of an existing public school or educational service 626
center building or is to be a new start-up school, and if it is 627
a converted public school or service center building, 628
specification of any duties or responsibilities of an employer 629
that the board of education or service center governing board 630
that operated the school or building before conversion is 631
delegating to the governing authority of the community school 632
with respect to all or any specified group of employees provided 633
the delegation is not prohibited by a collective bargaining 634
agreement applicable to such employees; 635

(18) Provisions establishing procedures for resolving 636
disputes or differences of opinion between the sponsor and the 637
governing authority of the community school; 638

(19) A provision requiring the governing authority to 639
adopt a policy regarding the admission of students who reside 640
outside the district in which the school is located. That policy 641
shall comply with the admissions procedures specified in 642
sections 3314.06 and 3314.061 of the Revised Code and, at the 643
sole discretion of the authority, shall do one of the following: 644

(a) Prohibit the enrollment of students who reside outside 645
the district in which the school is located; 646

(b) Permit the enrollment of students who reside in 647
districts adjacent to the district in which the school is 648
located; 649

(c) Permit the enrollment of students who reside in any 650
other district in the state. 651

(20) A provision recognizing the authority of the 652
department to take over the sponsorship of the school in 653

accordance with the provisions of division (C) of section 654
3314.015 of the Revised Code; 655

(21) A provision recognizing the sponsor's authority to 656
assume the operation of a school under the conditions specified 657
in division (B) of section 3314.073 of the Revised Code; 658

(22) A provision recognizing both of the following: 659

(a) The authority of public health and safety officials to 660
inspect the facilities of the school and to order the facilities 661
closed if those officials find that the facilities are not in 662
compliance with health and safety laws and regulations; 663

(b) The authority of the department as the community 664
school oversight body to suspend the operation of the school 665
under section 3314.072 of the Revised Code if the department has 666
evidence of conditions or violations of law at the school that 667
pose an imminent danger to the health and safety of the school's 668
students and employees and the sponsor refuses to take such 669
action. 670

(23) A description of the learning opportunities that will 671
be offered to students including both classroom-based and non- 672
classroom-based learning opportunities that is in compliance 673
with criteria for student participation established by the 674
department under division (H) (2) of section 3314.08 of the 675
Revised Code; 676

(24) The school will comply with sections 3302.04 and 677
3302.041 of the Revised Code, except that any action required to 678
be taken by a school district pursuant to those sections shall 679
be taken by the sponsor of the school. 680

(25) Beginning in the 2006-2007 school year, the school 681
will open for operation not later than the thirtieth day of 682

September each school year, unless the mission of the school as 683
specified under division (A) (2) of this section is solely to 684
serve dropouts. In its initial year of operation, if the school 685
fails to open by the thirtieth day of September, or within one 686
year after the adoption of the contract pursuant to division (D) 687
of section 3314.02 of the Revised Code if the mission of the 688
school is solely to serve dropouts, the contract shall be void. 689

(26) Whether the school's governing authority is planning 690
to seek designation for the school as a STEM school equivalent 691
under section 3326.032 of the Revised Code; 692

(27) That the school's attendance and participation 693
policies will be available for public inspection; 694

(28) That the school's attendance and participation 695
records shall be made available to the department, auditor of 696
state, and school's sponsor to the extent permitted under and in 697
accordance with the "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act 698
of 1974," 88 Stat. 571, 20 U.S.C. 1232g, as amended, and any 699
regulations promulgated under that act, and section 3319.321 of 700
the Revised Code; 701

(29) If a school operates using the blended learning 702
model, as defined in section 3301.079 of the Revised Code, all 703
of the following information: 704

(a) An indication of what blended learning model or models 705
will be used; 706

(b) A description of how student instructional needs will 707
be determined and documented; 708

(c) The method to be used for determining competency, 709
granting credit, and promoting students to a higher grade level; 710

(d) The school's attendance requirements, including how	711
the school will document participation in learning	712
opportunities;	713
(e) A statement describing how student progress will be	714
monitored;	715
(f) A statement describing how private student data will	716
be protected;	717
(g) A description of the professional development	718
activities that will be offered to teachers.	719
(30) A provision requiring that all moneys the school's	720
operator loans to the school, including facilities loans or cash	721
flow assistance, must be accounted for, documented, and bear	722
interest at a fair market rate;	723
(31) A provision requiring that, if the governing	724
authority contracts with an attorney, accountant, or entity	725
specializing in audits, the attorney, accountant, or entity	726
shall be independent from the operator with which the school has	727
contracted.	728
(32) A provision requiring the governing authority to	729
adopt an enrollment and attendance policy that requires a	730
student's parent to notify the community school in which the	731
student is enrolled when there is a change in the location of	732
the parent's or student's primary residence.	733
(33) A provision requiring the governing authority to	734
adopt a student residence and address verification policy for	735
students enrolling in or attending the school.	736
(B) The community school shall also submit to the sponsor	737
a comprehensive plan for the school. The plan shall specify the	738

following:	739
(1) The process by which the governing authority of the school will be selected in the future;	740 741
(2) The management and administration of the school;	742
(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;	743 744 745 746 747
(4) The instructional program and educational philosophy of the school;	748 749
(5) Internal financial controls.	750
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.	751 752 753 754
(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.	755 756 757 758 759 760 761 762 763 764
(D) The contract shall specify the duties of the sponsor which shall be in accordance with the written agreement entered	765 766

into with the department under division (B) of section 3314.015 767
of the Revised Code and shall include the following: 768

(1) Monitor the community school's compliance with all 769
laws applicable to the school and with the terms of the 770
contract; 771

(2) Monitor and evaluate the academic and fiscal 772
performance and the organization and operation of the community 773
school on at least an annual basis; 774

(3) Report on an annual basis the results of the 775
evaluation conducted under division (D) (2) of this section to 776
the department and to the parents of students enrolled in the 777
community school; 778

(4) Provide technical assistance to the community school 779
in complying with laws applicable to the school and terms of the 780
contract; 781

(5) Take steps to intervene in the school's operation to 782
correct problems in the school's overall performance, declare 783
the school to be on probationary status pursuant to section 784
3314.073 of the Revised Code, suspend the operation of the 785
school pursuant to section 3314.072 of the Revised Code, or 786
terminate the contract of the school pursuant to section 3314.07 787
of the Revised Code as determined necessary by the sponsor; 788

(6) Have in place a plan of action to be undertaken in the 789
event the community school experiences financial difficulties or 790
closes prior to the end of a school year. 791

(E) Upon the expiration of a contract entered into under 792
this section, the sponsor of a community school may, with the 793
approval of the governing authority of the school, renew that 794
contract for a period of time determined by the sponsor, but not 795

ending earlier than the end of any school year, if the sponsor 796
finds that the school's compliance with applicable laws and 797
terms of the contract and the school's progress in meeting the 798
academic goals prescribed in the contract have been 799
satisfactory. Any contract that is renewed under this division 800
remains subject to the provisions of sections 3314.07, 3314.072, 801
and 3314.073 of the Revised Code. 802

(F) If a community school fails to open for operation 803
within one year after the contract entered into under this 804
section is adopted pursuant to division (D) of section 3314.02 805
of the Revised Code or permanently closes prior to the 806
expiration of the contract, the contract shall be void and the 807
school shall not enter into a contract with any other sponsor. A 808
school shall not be considered permanently closed because the 809
operations of the school have been suspended pursuant to section 810
3314.072 of the Revised Code. 811

Section 4. That the existing version of section 3314.03 of 812
the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect on January 1, 813
2025, is hereby repealed. 814

Section 5. Sections 3 and 4 of this act take effect on the 815
later of January 1, 2025, or the effective date of this section. 816

Section 6. This act shall be known as the Creating a 817
Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair (CROWN) Act. 818