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A BILL

To amend section 3319.301 of the Revised Code to
expand eligibility for a 40-hour teaching
permit.

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

Section 1. That section 3319.301 of the Revised Code be
amended to read as follows:

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Sec. 3319.301. (A) As used in this section:

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(1) "Career-technical provider" means any of the
following:

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(a) A joint vocational school district;

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(b) A school district that is a participant in a compact
career-technical education provider, as defined in section
3326.01 of the Revised Code;

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(c) A school district that is a comprehensive career-
technical education provider, as defined in section 3326.01 of
the Revised Code;

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(d) A school district that provides career-technical

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(2) "Dropout recovery community school" means a community 18
school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code in 19
which a majority of the students are enrolled in a dropout 20
prevention and recovery program that is operated by the school. 21

~~(2)~~ (3) "Industry-recognized credential program" means a 22
career-technical course in which a student may earn an industry- 23
recognized credential approved under section 3313.6113 of the 24
Revised Code. 25

~~(3)~~ (4) "Public safety officer" means any of the 26
following: 27

(a) A corrections officer, as defined in section 2941.1412 28
of the Revised Code; 29

(b) Emergency medical services personnel, as defined in 30
section 2133.21 of the Revised Code; 31

(c) An emergency service telecommunicator, as defined in 32
section 4742.01 of the Revised Code; 33

(d) A firefighter, as defined in section 3937.41 of the 34
Revised Code; 35

(e) A law enforcement officer, as defined in section 36
3937.41 of the Revised Code; 37

(f) A dispatcher employed by a police, fire, or sheriff's 38
department or the state highway patrol or a civilian dispatcher 39
employed by a public employer other than a police, fire, or 40
sheriff's department to dispatch police, fire, sheriff's 41
department, or emergency medical or rescue personnel and units. 42

(5) "STEM school" means a science, technology, 43

engineering, and mathematics school established under Chapter 44
3326. of the Revised Code. 45

(B) The state board of education shall issue permits to 46
individuals who are not licensed as required by sections 3319.22 47
to 3319.30 of the Revised Code, but who are otherwise qualified, 48
to teach classes for not more than a total of twelve hours a 49
week, except that an individual ~~teaching in a STEM school or an~~ 50
~~individual teaching an industry recognized credential program~~ 51
~~offered at a dropout recovery community school described in~~ 52
division (F) of this section may teach classes for not more than 53
a total of forty hours a week. The state board, by rule, shall 54
set forth the qualifications, other than licensure under 55
sections 3319.22 to 3319.30 of the Revised Code, to be met by 56
individuals in order to be issued a permit as provided in this 57
section. Such qualifications shall include the possession of a 58
baccalaureate, master's, or doctoral degree in, or significant 59
experience related to, the subject the individual is to teach. 60
For an individual assigned to teach a career-technical class, 61
significant experience related to a subject shall include 62
career-technical experience. Applications for permits pursuant 63
to this section shall be made in accordance with section 3319.29 64
of the Revised Code. A permit issued under this section shall be 65
renewable. 66

The state board, by rule, shall authorize the board of 67
education of each school district ~~and, each STEM school, and~~ 68
each dropout recovery community school to engage individuals 69
holding permits issued under this section to teach classes for 70
not more than the total number of hours a week specified in the 71
permit. The rules shall include provisions with regard to each 72
of the following: 73

(1) That a board of education~~or, a STEM school, or dropout~~
recovery community school shall engage a nonlicensed individual
to teach pursuant to this section on a volunteer basis, or by
entering into a contract with the individual or the individual's
employer on such terms and conditions as are agreed to between
the board or school and the individual or the individual's
employer;

(2) That an employee of the board of education~~or, a STEM~~
school, or dropout recovery community school who is licensed
under sections 3319.22 to 3319.30 of the Revised Code shall
directly supervise a nonlicensed individual who is engaged to
teach pursuant to this section until the superintendent of the
school district or the chief administrative officer of the STEM
school or dropout recovery community school is satisfied that
the nonlicensed individual has sufficient understanding of, and
experience in, effective teaching methods to teach without
supervision.

(C) A nonlicensed individual engaged to teach pursuant to
this section is a teacher for the purposes of Title XXXIII of
the Revised Code except for the purposes of Chapters 3307. and
3317. and sections 3319.07 to 3319.31 of the Revised Code. Such
an individual is not an employee of the board of education~~or, a~~
STEM school, or dropout recovery community school for the
purpose of Titles I or XLI or Chapter 3309. of the Revised Code.

(D) Students enrolled in a class taught by a nonlicensed
individual pursuant to this section and rules adopted thereunder
shall receive the same credit as if the class had been taught by
an employee licensed pursuant to sections 3319.22 to 3319.30 of
the Revised Code.

(E) No board of education of any school district shall

engage any one or more nonlicensed individuals if such 104
employment displaces from employment an existing licensed 105
employee of the district. 106

(F) The state board shall issue a permit to teach not more 107
than forty hours a week under division (B) of this section to 108
any of the following: 109

(1) An individual teaching in a STEM school; 110

(2) An individual teaching an industry-recognized 111
credential program at a dropout recovery community school; 112

(3) An individual teaching practical exercises in a 113
career-technical course offered by a career-technical provider 114
and designed to prepare students to work as a public safety 115
officer. 116

Section 2. That existing section 3319.301 of the Revised 117
Code is hereby repealed. 118