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A BILL

To amend sections 3314.03, 3326.11, and 3328.24 and 1
to enact section 3319.2214 of the Revised Code 2
regarding implicit bias training for licensed 3
educators, to amend the version of section 4
3314.03 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to 5
take effect January 1, 2025, to continue the 6
changes on and after that effective date, and to 7
make an appropriation. 8

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

Section 1. That sections 3314.03, 3326.11, and 3328.24 be 9
amended and section 3319.2214 of the Revised Code be enacted to 10
read as follows: 11

Sec. 3314.03. A copy of every contract entered into under 12
this section shall be filed with the director of education and 13
workforce. The department of education and workforce shall make 14
available on its web site a copy of every approved, executed 15
contract filed with the director under this section. 16

(A) Each contract entered into between a sponsor and the 17

governing authority of a community school shall specify the 18
following: 19

(1) That the school shall be established as either of the 20
following: 21

(a) A nonprofit corporation established under Chapter 22
1702. of the Revised Code, if established prior to April 8, 23
2003; 24

(b) A public benefit corporation established under Chapter 25
1702. of the Revised Code, if established after April 8, 2003. 26

(2) The education program of the school, including the 27
school's mission, the characteristics of the students the school 28
is expected to attract, the ages and grades of students, and the 29
focus of the curriculum; 30

(3) The academic goals to be achieved and the method of 31
measurement that will be used to determine progress toward those 32
goals, which shall include the statewide achievement 33
assessments; 34

(4) Performance standards, including but not limited to 35
all applicable report card measures set forth in section 3302.03 36
or 3314.017 of the Revised Code, by which the success of the 37
school will be evaluated by the sponsor; 38

(5) The admission standards of section 3314.06 of the 39
Revised Code and, if applicable, section 3314.061 of the Revised 40
Code; 41

(6) (a) Dismissal procedures; 42

(b) A requirement that the governing authority adopt an 43
attendance policy that includes a procedure for automatically 44
withdrawing a student from the school if the student without a 45

legitimate excuse fails to participate in seventy-two 46
consecutive hours of the learning opportunities offered to the 47
student. 48

(7) The ways by which the school will achieve racial and 49
ethnic balance reflective of the community it serves; 50

(8) Requirements for financial audits by the auditor of 51
state. The contract shall require financial records of the 52
school to be maintained in the same manner as are financial 53
records of school districts, pursuant to rules of the auditor of 54
state. Audits shall be conducted in accordance with section 55
117.10 of the Revised Code. 56

(9) An addendum to the contract outlining the facilities 57
to be used that contains at least the following information: 58

(a) A detailed description of each facility used for 59
instructional purposes; 60

(b) The annual costs associated with leasing each facility 61
that are paid by or on behalf of the school; 62

(c) The annual mortgage principal and interest payments 63
that are paid by the school; 64

(d) The name of the lender or landlord, identified as 65
such, and the lender's or landlord's relationship to the 66
operator, if any. 67

(10) Qualifications of employees, including both of the 68
following: 69

(a) A requirement that the school's classroom teachers be 70
licensed in accordance with sections 3319.22 to 3319.31 of the 71
Revised Code, except that a community school may engage 72
noncertificated persons to teach up to twelve hours or forty 73

hours per week pursuant to section 3319.301 of the Revised Code; 74

(b) A prohibition against the school employing an 75
individual described in section 3314.104 of the Revised Code in 76
any position. 77

(11) That the school will comply with the following 78
requirements: 79

(a) The school will provide learning opportunities to a 80
minimum of twenty-five students for a minimum of nine hundred 81
twenty hours per school year. 82

(b) The governing authority will purchase liability 83
insurance, or otherwise provide for the potential liability of 84
the school. 85

(c) The school will be nonsectarian in its programs, 86
admission policies, employment practices, and all other 87
operations, and will not be operated by a sectarian school or 88
religious institution. 89

(d) The school will comply with sections 9.90, 9.91, 90
109.65, 121.22, 149.43, 2151.357, 2151.421, 2313.19, 3301.0710, 91
3301.0711, 3301.0712, 3301.0715, 3301.0729, 3301.948, 3302.037, 92
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Chapters 117., 1347., 2744., 3365., 3742., 4112., 4123., 4141., 107
and 4167. of the Revised Code as if it were a school district 108
and will comply with section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code in 109
the manner specified in section 3314.17 of the Revised Code. 110

(e) The school shall comply with Chapter 102. and section 111
2921.42 of the Revised Code. 112

(f) The school will comply with sections 3313.61, 113
3313.611, 3313.614, 3313.617, 3313.618, and 3313.6114 of the 114
Revised Code, except that for students who enter ninth grade for 115
the first time before July 1, 2010, the requirement in sections 116
3313.61 and 3313.611 of the Revised Code that a person must 117
successfully complete the curriculum in any high school prior to 118
receiving a high school diploma may be met by completing the 119
curriculum adopted by the governing authority of the community 120
school rather than the curriculum specified in Title XXXIII of 121
the Revised Code or any rules of the department. Beginning with 122
students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after 123
July 1, 2010, the requirement in sections 3313.61 and 3313.611 124
of the Revised Code that a person must successfully complete the 125
curriculum of a high school prior to receiving a high school 126
diploma shall be met by completing the requirements prescribed 127
in section 3313.6027 and division (C) of section 3313.603 of the 128
Revised Code, unless the person qualifies under division (D) or 129
(F) of that section. Each school shall comply with the plan for 130
awarding high school credit based on demonstration of subject 131
area competency, and beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, 132
with the updated plan that permits students enrolled in seventh 133

and eighth grade to meet curriculum requirements based on 134
subject area competency adopted by the department under 135
divisions (J) (1) and (2) of section 3313.603 of the Revised 136
Code. Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, the school shall 137
comply with the framework for granting units of high school 138
credit to students who demonstrate subject area competency 139
through work-based learning experiences, internships, or 140
cooperative education developed by the department under division 141
(J) (3) of section 3313.603 of the Revised Code. 142

(g) The school governing authority will submit within four 143
months after the end of each school year a report of its 144
activities and progress in meeting the goals and standards of 145
divisions (A) (3) and (4) of this section and its financial 146
status to the sponsor and the parents of all students enrolled 147
in the school. 148

(h) The school, unless it is an internet- or computer- 149
based community school, will comply with section 3313.801 of the 150
Revised Code as if it were a school district. 151

(i) If the school is the recipient of moneys from a grant 152
awarded under the federal race to the top program, Division (A), 153
Title XIV, Sections 14005 and 14006 of the "American Recovery 154
and Reinvestment Act of 2009," Pub. L. No. 111-5, 123 Stat. 115, 155
the school will pay teachers based upon performance in 156
accordance with section 3317.141 and will comply with section 157
3319.111 of the Revised Code as if it were a school district. 158

(j) If the school operates a preschool program that is 159
licensed by the department under sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of 160
the Revised Code, the school shall comply with sections 3301.50 161
to 3301.59 of the Revised Code and the minimum standards for 162
preschool programs prescribed in rules adopted by the department 163

under section 3301.53 of the Revised Code. 164

(k) The school will comply with sections 3313.6021 and 165
3313.6023 of the Revised Code as if it were a school district 166
unless it is either of the following: 167

(i) An internet- or computer-based community school; 168

(ii) A community school in which a majority of the 169
enrolled students are children with disabilities as described in 170
division (A) (4) (b) of section 3314.35 of the Revised Code. 171

(l) The school will comply with section 3321.191 of the 172
Revised Code, unless it is an internet- or computer-based 173
community school that is subject to section 3314.261 of the 174
Revised Code. 175

(12) Arrangements for providing health and other benefits 176
to employees; 177

(13) The length of the contract, which shall begin at the 178
beginning of an academic year. No contract shall exceed five 179
years unless such contract has been renewed pursuant to division 180
(E) of this section. 181

(14) The governing authority of the school, which shall be 182
responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract; 183

(15) A financial plan detailing an estimated school budget 184
for each year of the period of the contract and specifying the 185
total estimated per pupil expenditure amount for each such year. 186

(16) Requirements and procedures regarding the disposition 187
of employees of the school in the event the contract is 188
terminated or not renewed pursuant to section 3314.07 of the 189
Revised Code; 190

(17) Whether the school is to be created by converting all 191
or part of an existing public school or educational service 192
center building or is to be a new start-up school, and if it is 193
a converted public school or service center building, 194
specification of any duties or responsibilities of an employer 195
that the board of education or service center governing board 196
that operated the school or building before conversion is 197
delegating to the governing authority of the community school 198
with respect to all or any specified group of employees provided 199
the delegation is not prohibited by a collective bargaining 200
agreement applicable to such employees; 201

(18) Provisions establishing procedures for resolving 202
disputes or differences of opinion between the sponsor and the 203
governing authority of the community school; 204

(19) A provision requiring the governing authority to 205
adopt a policy regarding the admission of students who reside 206
outside the district in which the school is located. That policy 207
shall comply with the admissions procedures specified in 208
sections 3314.06 and 3314.061 of the Revised Code and, at the 209
sole discretion of the authority, shall do one of the following: 210

(a) Prohibit the enrollment of students who reside outside 211
the district in which the school is located; 212

(b) Permit the enrollment of students who reside in 213
districts adjacent to the district in which the school is 214
located; 215

(c) Permit the enrollment of students who reside in any 216
other district in the state. 217

(20) A provision recognizing the authority of the 218
department to take over the sponsorship of the school in 219

accordance with the provisions of division (C) of section	220
3314.015 of the Revised Code;	221
(21) A provision recognizing the sponsor's authority to	222
assume the operation of a school under the conditions specified	223
in division (B) of section 3314.073 of the Revised Code;	224
(22) A provision recognizing both of the following:	225
(a) The authority of public health and safety officials to	226
inspect the facilities of the school and to order the facilities	227
closed if those officials find that the facilities are not in	228
compliance with health and safety laws and regulations;	229
(b) The authority of the department as the community	230
school oversight body to suspend the operation of the school	231
under section 3314.072 of the Revised Code if the department has	232
evidence of conditions or violations of law at the school that	233
pose an imminent danger to the health and safety of the school's	234
students and employees and the sponsor refuses to take such	235
action.	236
(23) A description of the learning opportunities that will	237
be offered to students including both classroom-based and non-	238
classroom-based learning opportunities that is in compliance	239
with criteria for student participation established by the	240
department under division (H) (2) of section 3314.08 of the	241
Revised Code;	242
(24) The school will comply with sections 3302.04 and	243
3302.041 of the Revised Code, except that any action required to	244
be taken by a school district pursuant to those sections shall	245
be taken by the sponsor of the school.	246
(25) Beginning in the 2006-2007 school year, the school	247
will open for operation not later than the thirtieth day of	248

September each school year, unless the mission of the school as 249
specified under division (A) (2) of this section is solely to 250
serve dropouts. In its initial year of operation, if the school 251
fails to open by the thirtieth day of September, or within one 252
year after the adoption of the contract pursuant to division (D) 253
of section 3314.02 of the Revised Code if the mission of the 254
school is solely to serve dropouts, the contract shall be void. 255

(26) Whether the school's governing authority is planning 256
to seek designation for the school as a STEM school equivalent 257
under section 3326.032 of the Revised Code; 258

(27) That the school's attendance and participation 259
policies will be available for public inspection; 260

(28) That the school's attendance and participation 261
records shall be made available to the department, auditor of 262
state, and school's sponsor to the extent permitted under and in 263
accordance with the "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act 264
of 1974," 88 Stat. 571, 20 U.S.C. 1232g, as amended, and any 265
regulations promulgated under that act, and section 3319.321 of 266
the Revised Code; 267

(29) If a school operates using the blended learning 268
model, as defined in section 3301.079 of the Revised Code, all 269
of the following information: 270

(a) An indication of what blended learning model or models 271
will be used; 272

(b) A description of how student instructional needs will 273
be determined and documented; 274

(c) The method to be used for determining competency, 275
granting credit, and promoting students to a higher grade level; 276

(d) The school's attendance requirements, including how the school will document participation in learning opportunities;	277 278 279
(e) A statement describing how student progress will be monitored;	280 281
(f) A statement describing how private student data will be protected;	282 283
(g) A description of the professional development activities that will be offered to teachers.	284 285
(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;	286 287 288 289
(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.	290 291 292 293 294
(32) A provision requiring the governing authority to adopt an enrollment and attendance policy that requires a student's parent to notify the community school in which the student is enrolled when there is a change in the location of the parent's or student's primary residence.	295 296 297 298 299
(33) A provision requiring the governing authority to adopt a student residence and address verification policy for students enrolling in or attending the school.	300 301 302
(B) The community school shall also submit to the sponsor a comprehensive plan for the school. The plan shall specify the	303 304

following:	305
(1) The process by which the governing authority of the school will be selected in the future;	306 307
(2) The management and administration of the school;	308
(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;	309 310 311 312 313
(4) The instructional program and educational philosophy of the school;	314 315
(5) Internal financial controls.	316
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.	317 318 319 320
(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.	321 322 323 324 325 326 327 328 329 330
(D) The contract shall specify the duties of the sponsor which shall be in accordance with the written agreement entered	331 332

into with the department under division (B) of section 3314.015 333
of the Revised Code and shall include the following: 334

(1) Monitor the community school's compliance with all 335
laws applicable to the school and with the terms of the 336
contract; 337

(2) Monitor and evaluate the academic and fiscal 338
performance and the organization and operation of the community 339
school on at least an annual basis; 340

(3) Report on an annual basis the results of the 341
evaluation conducted under division (D) (2) of this section to 342
the department and to the parents of students enrolled in the 343
community school; 344

(4) Provide technical assistance to the community school 345
in complying with laws applicable to the school and terms of the 346
contract; 347

(5) Take steps to intervene in the school's operation to 348
correct problems in the school's overall performance, declare 349
the school to be on probationary status pursuant to section 350
3314.073 of the Revised Code, suspend the operation of the 351
school pursuant to section 3314.072 of the Revised Code, or 352
terminate the contract of the school pursuant to section 3314.07 353
of the Revised Code as determined necessary by the sponsor; 354

(6) Have in place a plan of action to be undertaken in the 355
event the community school experiences financial difficulties or 356
closes prior to the end of a school year. 357

(E) Upon the expiration of a contract entered into under 358
this section, the sponsor of a community school may, with the 359
approval of the governing authority of the school, renew that 360
contract for a period of time determined by the sponsor, but not 361

ending earlier than the end of any school year, if the sponsor 362
finds that the school's compliance with applicable laws and 363
terms of the contract and the school's progress in meeting the 364
academic goals prescribed in the contract have been 365
satisfactory. Any contract that is renewed under this division 366
remains subject to the provisions of sections 3314.07, 3314.072, 367
and 3314.073 of the Revised Code. 368

(F) If a community school fails to open for operation 369
within one year after the contract entered into under this 370
section is adopted pursuant to division (D) of section 3314.02 371
of the Revised Code or permanently closes prior to the 372
expiration of the contract, the contract shall be void and the 373
school shall not enter into a contract with any other sponsor. A 374
school shall not be considered permanently closed because the 375
operations of the school have been suspended pursuant to section 376
3314.072 of the Revised Code. 377

Sec. 3319.2214. (A) Beginning July 1, 2025, each school 378
district and chartered nonpublic school shall reimburse any of 379
its employees who hold a valid license under sections 3319.22 to 380
3319.31 of the Revised Code for the full cost of completing the 381
number of graduate-level credit hours, or the equivalent number 382
of continuing education units, established under this section in 383
implicit bias training. A district or school only shall 384
reimburse an employee for training that meets the minimum 385
standards established under this section. 386

(B) The state board of education and the chancellor of 387
higher education shall establish both of the following: 388

(1) The number of graduate-level credit hours in implicit 389
bias training that is reimbursable under this section. The 390
number of credit hours shall not be less than one credit hour or 391

<u>more than three credit hours.</u>	392
<u>(2) The number of continuing education units that is</u>	393
<u>equivalent to the number of credit hours established under</u>	394
<u>division (B) (1) of this section.</u>	395
<u>(C) The state board and the chancellor, in collaboration</u>	396
<u>with the department of education and workforce, shall establish</u>	397
<u>minimum standards for implicit bias training to be reimbursable</u>	398
<u>under this section. The minimum standards shall require training</u>	399
<u>to include at least all of the following:</u>	400
<u>(1) A definition of implicit bias;</u>	401
<u>(2) Examples of implicit bias in action;</u>	402
<u>(3) A method of identifying susceptibility to unwanted</u>	403
<u>bias;</u>	404
<u>(4) Voluntary evidence-based mitigation strategies.</u>	405
<u>(D) A local professional development committee established</u>	406
<u>under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code shall count implicit</u>	407
<u>bias training that meets the minimum standards established under</u>	408
<u>this section toward professional development coursework</u>	409
<u>requirements for teacher licensure renewal.</u>	410
<u>(E) The department shall reimburse each district or school</u>	411
<u>an amount equal to the reimbursement made by the district or</u>	412
<u>school to an employee under division (A) of this section minus</u>	413
<u>any other tuition reimbursement or professional development</u>	414
<u>stipend the district or school provides to the employee.</u>	415
Sec. 3326.11. Each science, technology, engineering, and	416
mathematics school established under this chapter and its	417
governing body shall comply with sections 9.90, 9.91, 109.65,	418
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school to be maintained in the same manner as are financial	499
records of school districts, pursuant to rules of the auditor of	500
state. Audits shall be conducted in accordance with section	501
117.10 of the Revised Code.	502
(9) An addendum to the contract outlining the facilities	503
to be used that contains at least the following information:	504
(a) A detailed description of each facility used for	505
instructional purposes;	506

(b) The annual costs associated with leasing each facility	507
that are paid by or on behalf of the school;	508
(c) The annual mortgage principal and interest payments	509
that are paid by the school;	510
(d) The name of the lender or landlord, identified as	511
such, and the lender's or landlord's relationship to the	512
operator, if any.	513
(10) Qualifications of employees, including both of the	514
following:	515
(a) A requirement that the school's classroom teachers be	516
licensed in accordance with sections 3319.22 to 3319.31 of the	517
Revised Code, except that a community school may engage	518
noncertificated persons to teach up to twelve hours or forty	519
hours per week pursuant to section 3319.301 of the Revised Code;	520
(b) A prohibition against the school employing an	521
individual described in section 3314.104 of the Revised Code in	522
any position.	523
(11) That the school will comply with the following	524
requirements:	525
(a) The school will provide learning opportunities to a	526
minimum of twenty-five students for a minimum of nine hundred	527
twenty hours per school year.	528
(b) The governing authority will purchase liability	529
insurance, or otherwise provide for the potential liability of	530
the school.	531
(c) The school will be nonsectarian in its programs,	532
admission policies, employment practices, and all other	533
operations, and will not be operated by a sectarian school or	534

religious institution. 535

(d) The school will comply with sections 9.90, 9.91, 536
109.65, 121.22, 149.43, 2151.357, 2151.421, 2313.19, 3301.0710, 537
3301.0711, 3301.0712, 3301.0715, 3301.0729, 3301.948, 3302.037, 538
3313.472, 3313.50, 3313.539, 3313.5310, 3313.5318, 3313.5319, 539
3313.608, 3313.609, 3313.6012, 3313.6013, 3313.6014, 3313.6015, 540
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3313.6029, 3313.643, 3313.648, 3313.6411, 3313.6413, 3313.66, 542
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3313.6610, 3313.67, 3313.671, 3313.672, 3313.673, 3313.69, 544
3313.71, 3313.716, 3313.718, 3313.719, 3313.7112, 3313.7117, 545
3313.721, 3313.80, 3313.814, 3313.816, 3313.817, 3313.818, 546
3313.819, 3313.86, 3313.89, 3313.96, 3319.073, 3319.077, 547
3319.078, 3319.0812, 3319.2214, 3319.238, 3319.318, 3319.321, 548
3319.324, 3319.39, 3319.391, 3319.393, 3319.41, 3319.46, 549
3320.01, 3320.02, 3320.03, 3321.01, 3321.041, 3321.13, 3321.14, 550
3321.141, 3321.17, 3321.18, 3321.19, 3322.20, 3322.24, 3323.251, 551
3327.10, 4111.17, 4113.52, 5502.262, 5502.703, and 5705.391 and 552
Chapters 117., 1347., 2744., 3365., 3742., 4112., 4123., 4141., 553
and 4167. of the Revised Code as if it were a school district 554
and will comply with section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code in 555
the manner specified in section 3314.17 of the Revised Code. 556

(e) The school shall comply with Chapter 102. and section 557
2921.42 of the Revised Code. 558

(f) The school will comply with sections 3313.61, 559
3313.611, 3313.614, 3313.617, 3313.618, and 3313.6114 of the 560
Revised Code, except that for students who enter ninth grade for 561
the first time before July 1, 2010, the requirement in sections 562
3313.61 and 3313.611 of the Revised Code that a person must 563
successfully complete the curriculum in any high school prior to 564

receiving a high school diploma may be met by completing the 565
curriculum adopted by the governing authority of the community 566
school rather than the curriculum specified in Title XXXIII of 567
the Revised Code or any rules of the department. Beginning with 568
students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after 569
July 1, 2010, the requirement in sections 3313.61 and 3313.611 570
of the Revised Code that a person must successfully complete the 571
curriculum of a high school prior to receiving a high school 572
diploma shall be met by completing the requirements prescribed 573
in section 3313.6027 and division (C) of section 3313.603 of the 574
Revised Code, unless the person qualifies under division (D) or 575
(F) of that section. Each school shall comply with the plan for 576
awarding high school credit based on demonstration of subject 577
area competency, and beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, 578
with the updated plan that permits students enrolled in seventh 579
and eighth grade to meet curriculum requirements based on 580
subject area competency adopted by the department under 581
divisions (J) (1) and (2) of section 3313.603 of the Revised 582
Code. Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, the school shall 583
comply with the framework for granting units of high school 584
credit to students who demonstrate subject area competency 585
through work-based learning experiences, internships, or 586
cooperative education developed by the department under division 587
(J) (3) of section 3313.603 of the Revised Code. 588

(g) The school governing authority will submit within four 589
months after the end of each school year a report of its 590
activities and progress in meeting the goals and standards of 591
divisions (A) (3) and (4) of this section and its financial 592
status to the sponsor and the parents of all students enrolled 593
in the school. 594

(h) The school, unless it is an internet- or computer- 595

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 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 department of children and youth 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.

(l) The school will comply with section 3321.191 of the Revised Code, unless it is an internet- or computer-based community school that is subject to section 3314.261 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 653
shall comply with the admissions procedures specified in 654
sections 3314.06 and 3314.061 of the Revised Code and, at the 655
sole discretion of the authority, shall do one of the following: 656

(a) Prohibit the enrollment of students who reside outside 657
the district in which the school is located; 658

(b) Permit the enrollment of students who reside in 659
districts adjacent to the district in which the school is 660
located; 661

(c) Permit the enrollment of students who reside in any 662
other district in the state. 663

(20) A provision recognizing the authority of the 664
department to take over the sponsorship of the school in 665
accordance with the provisions of division (C) of section 666
3314.015 of the Revised Code; 667

(21) A provision recognizing the sponsor's authority to 668
assume the operation of a school under the conditions specified 669
in division (B) of section 3314.073 of the Revised Code; 670

(22) A provision recognizing both of the following: 671

(a) The authority of public health and safety officials to 672
inspect the facilities of the school and to order the facilities 673
closed if those officials find that the facilities are not in 674
compliance with health and safety laws and regulations; 675

(b) The authority of the department as the community 676
school oversight body to suspend the operation of the school 677
under section 3314.072 of the Revised Code if the department has 678
evidence of conditions or violations of law at the school that 679
pose an imminent danger to the health and safety of the school's 680

students and employees and the sponsor refuses to take such 681
action. 682

(23) A description of the learning opportunities that will 683
be offered to students including both classroom-based and non- 684
classroom-based learning opportunities that is in compliance 685
with criteria for student participation established by the 686
department under division (H) (2) of section 3314.08 of the 687
Revised Code; 688

(24) The school will comply with sections 3302.04 and 689
3302.041 of the Revised Code, except that any action required to 690
be taken by a school district pursuant to those sections shall 691
be taken by the sponsor of the school. 692

(25) Beginning in the 2006-2007 school year, the school 693
will open for operation not later than the thirtieth day of 694
September each school year, unless the mission of the school as 695
specified under division (A) (2) of this section is solely to 696
serve dropouts. In its initial year of operation, if the school 697
fails to open by the thirtieth day of September, or within one 698
year after the adoption of the contract pursuant to division (D) 699
of section 3314.02 of the Revised Code if the mission of the 700
school is solely to serve dropouts, the contract shall be void. 701

(26) Whether the school's governing authority is planning 702
to seek designation for the school as a STEM school equivalent 703
under section 3326.032 of the Revised Code; 704

(27) That the school's attendance and participation 705
policies will be available for public inspection; 706

(28) That the school's attendance and participation 707
records shall be made available to the department, auditor of 708
state, and school's sponsor to the extent permitted under and in 709

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; 710
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(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: 714
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(a) An indication of what blended learning model or models will be used; 717
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(b) A description of how student instructional needs will be determined and documented; 719
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(c) The method to be used for determining competency, granting credit, and promoting students to a higher grade level; 721
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(d) The school's attendance requirements, including how the school will document participation in learning opportunities; 723
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(e) A statement describing how student progress will be monitored; 726
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(f) A statement describing how private student data will be protected; 728
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(g) A description of the professional development activities that will be offered to teachers. 730
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(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; 732
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(31) A provision requiring that, if the governing 736

authority contracts with an attorney, accountant, or entity 737
specializing in audits, the attorney, accountant, or entity 738
shall be independent from the operator with which the school has 739
contracted. 740

(32) A provision requiring the governing authority to 741
adopt an enrollment and attendance policy that requires a 742
student's parent to notify the community school in which the 743
student is enrolled when there is a change in the location of 744
the parent's or student's primary residence. 745

(33) A provision requiring the governing authority to 746
adopt a student residence and address verification policy for 747
students enrolling in or attending the school. 748

(B) The community school shall also submit to the sponsor 749
a comprehensive plan for the school. The plan shall specify the 750
following: 751

(1) The process by which the governing authority of the 752
school will be selected in the future; 753

(2) The management and administration of the school; 754

(3) If the community school is a currently existing public 755
school or educational service center building, alternative 756
arrangements for current public school students who choose not 757
to attend the converted school and for teachers who choose not 758
to teach in the school or building after conversion; 759

(4) The instructional program and educational philosophy 760
of the school; 761

(5) Internal financial controls. 762

When submitting the plan under this division, the school 763
shall also submit copies of all policies and procedures 764

regarding internal financial controls adopted by the governing authority of the school. 765
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(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. 767
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(D) The contract shall specify the duties of the sponsor which shall be in accordance with the written agreement entered into with the department under division (B) of section 3314.015 of the Revised Code and shall include the following: 777
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(1) Monitor the community school's compliance with all laws applicable to the school and with the terms of the contract; 781
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(2) Monitor and evaluate the academic and fiscal performance and the organization and operation of the community school on at least an annual basis; 784
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(3) Report on an annual basis the results of the evaluation conducted under division (D) (2) of this section to the department and to the parents of students enrolled in the community school; 787
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(4) Provide technical assistance to the community school in complying with laws applicable to the school and terms of the contract; 791
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(5) Take steps to intervene in the school's operation to 794
correct problems in the school's overall performance, declare 795
the school to be on probationary status pursuant to section 796
3314.073 of the Revised Code, suspend the operation of the 797
school pursuant to section 3314.072 of the Revised Code, or 798
terminate the contract of the school pursuant to section 3314.07 799
of the Revised Code as determined necessary by the sponsor; 800

(6) Have in place a plan of action to be undertaken in the 801
event the community school experiences financial difficulties or 802
closes prior to the end of a school year. 803

(E) Upon the expiration of a contract entered into under 804
this section, the sponsor of a community school may, with the 805
approval of the governing authority of the school, renew that 806
contract for a period of time determined by the sponsor, but not 807
ending earlier than the end of any school year, if the sponsor 808
finds that the school's compliance with applicable laws and 809
terms of the contract and the school's progress in meeting the 810
academic goals prescribed in the contract have been 811
satisfactory. Any contract that is renewed under this division 812
remains subject to the provisions of sections 3314.07, 3314.072, 813
and 3314.073 of the Revised Code. 814

(F) If a community school fails to open for operation 815
within one year after the contract entered into under this 816
section is adopted pursuant to division (D) of section 3314.02 817
of the Revised Code or permanently closes prior to the 818
expiration of the contract, the contract shall be void and the 819
school shall not enter into a contract with any other sponsor. A 820
school shall not be considered permanently closed because the 821
operations of the school have been suspended pursuant to section 822
3314.072 of the Revised Code. 823

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

Section 5. Sections 3 and 4 of this act take effect on January 1, 2025.

Section 6. All items in this act are hereby appropriated as designated out of any moneys in the state treasury to the credit of the designated fund. For all operating appropriations made in this act, those in the first column are for fiscal year 2026 and those in the second column are for fiscal year 2027. The operating appropriations made in this act are in addition to any other operating appropriations made for these fiscal years.

Section 7.

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A	EDU DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE					837
B	General Revenue Fund					
C	GRF	200448 Educator Preparation	\$750,000	\$750,000		
D	TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund		\$750,000	\$750,000		
E	TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$750,000	\$750,000		
	EDUCATOR PREPARATION					838
	The foregoing appropriation item 200448, Educator Preparation, shall be used to reimburse school districts for implicit bias training pursuant to section 3319.2214 of the					839 840 841

Revised Code.	842
Section 8. Within the limits set forth in this act, the	843
Director of Budget and Management shall establish accounts	844
indicating the source and amount of funds for each appropriation	845
made in this act, and shall determine the manner in which	846
appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures from	847
operating appropriations contained in this act shall be	848
accounted for as though made in, and are subject to all	849
applicable provisions of, the main operating appropriations act	850
of the 136th General Assembly.	851