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A BILL

To amend sections 3313.603, 3314.03, 3326.15, and 1
3328.22 and to enact section 3313.6030 of the 2
Revised Code and to amend Section 733.61 of H.B. 3
166 of the 133rd General Assembly, as 4
subsequently amended, to codify it as section 5
3313.6031 of the Revised Code to require school 6
districts to offer at least one high school 7
computer science course and to amend the version 8
of section 3314.03 of the Revised Code that is 9
scheduled to take effect on January 1, 2025, to 10
continue the changes on and after that effective 11
date. 12

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

Section 1. That sections 3313.603, 3314.03, 3326.15, and 13
3328.22 be amended and section 3313.6030 of the Revised Code be 14
enacted to read as follows: 15

Sec. 3313.603. (A) As used in this section: 16

(1) "One unit" means a minimum of one hundred twenty hours 17

of course instruction, except that for a laboratory course, "one unit" means a minimum of one hundred fifty hours of course instruction. 18
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(2) "One-half unit" means a minimum of sixty hours of course instruction, except that for physical education courses, "one-half unit" means a minimum of one hundred twenty hours of course instruction. 21
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(B) Beginning September 15, 2001, except as required in division (C) of this section and division (C) of section 3313.614 of the Revised Code, the requirements for graduation from every high school shall include twenty units earned in grades nine through twelve and shall be distributed as follows: 25
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(1) English language arts, four units; 30

(2) Health, one-half unit; 31

(3) Mathematics, three units; 32

(4) Physical education, one-half unit; 33

(5) Science, two units until September 15, 2003, and three units thereafter, which at all times shall include both of the following: 34
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(a) Biological sciences, one unit; 37

(b) Physical sciences, one unit. 38

(6) History and government, one unit, which shall comply with division (M) of this section and shall include both of the following: 39
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(a) American history, one-half unit; 42

(b) American government, one-half unit. 43

(7) Social studies, two units.	44
Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2017, the two units of instruction prescribed by division (B) (7) of this section shall include at least one-half unit of instruction in the study of world history and civilizations.	45 46 47 48 49
(8) Elective units, seven units until September 15, 2003, and six units thereafter.	50 51
Each student's electives shall include at least one unit, or two half units, chosen from among the areas of business/technology, fine arts, and/or foreign language.	52 53 54
(C) Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2010, except as provided in divisions (D) to (F) of this section, the requirements for graduation from every public and chartered nonpublic high school shall include twenty units that are designed to prepare students for the workforce and college. The units shall be distributed as follows:	55 56 57 58 59 60 61
(1) English language arts, four units;	62
(2) Health, one-half unit, which shall include instruction in nutrition and the benefits of nutritious foods and physical activity for overall health;	63 64 65
(3) Mathematics, four units, which shall include one unit of algebra II or the equivalent of algebra II, or one unit of advanced computer science as described in the standards adopted pursuant to division (A) (4) of section 3301.079 of the Revised Code. However, students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2015, and who are pursuing a career-technical instructional track shall not be required to take	66 67 68 69 70 71 72

algebra II or advanced computer science, and instead may 73
complete a career-based pathway mathematics course approved by 74
the department of education and workforce as an alternative. 75

For students who choose to take advanced computer science 76
in lieu of algebra II under division (C)(3) of this section, the 77
school shall communicate to those students that some 78
institutions of higher education may require algebra II for the 79
purpose of college admission. Also, the parent, guardian, or 80
legal custodian of each student who chooses to take advanced 81
computer science in lieu of algebra II shall sign and submit to 82
the school a document containing a statement acknowledging that 83
not taking algebra II may have an adverse effect on college 84
admission decisions. 85

A student may fulfill one unit of mathematics under 86
division (C)(3) of this section by completing one-half unit of 87
financial literacy instruction to satisfy the requirement 88
prescribed under division (C)(9) of this section and one-half 89
unit of a mathematics course. The one-half unit course in 90
mathematics shall not be in algebra II, or its equivalent, or a 91
course for which the department requires an end-of-course 92
examination under section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code. 93

Students who choose to take one unit of advanced computer 94
science in lieu of algebra II, as described in division (C)(3) 95
of this section, shall not be permitted to complete one-half 96
unit of financial literacy instruction to satisfy the 97
mathematics unit requirements of that division. Instead, those 98
students shall be required to complete the one-half unit of 99
financial literacy instruction under division (C)(8) of this 100
section. 101

(4) Physical education, one-half unit; 102

(5) Science, three units with inquiry-based laboratory	103
experience that engages students in asking valid scientific	104
questions and gathering and analyzing information, which shall	105
include the following, or their equivalent:	106
(a) Physical sciences, one unit;	107
(b) Life sciences, one unit;	108
(c) Advanced study in one or more of the following	109
sciences, one unit:	110
(i) Chemistry, physics, or other physical science;	111
(ii) Advanced biology or other life science;	112
(iii) Astronomy, physical geology, or other earth or space	113
science;	114
(iv) Computer science.	115
No student shall substitute a computer science course for	116
a life sciences or biology course under division (C) (5) of this	117
section.	118
(6) History and government, one unit, which shall comply	119
with division (M) of this section and shall include both of the	120
following:	121
(a) American history, one-half unit;	122
(b) American government, one-half unit.	123
(7) Social studies, two units.	124
Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the	125
first time on or after July 1, 2017, the two units of	126
instruction prescribed by division (C) (7) of this section shall	127
include at least one-half unit of instruction in the study of	128

world history and civilizations.	129
(8) Five units consisting of one or any combination of	130
foreign language, fine arts, business, career-technical	131
education, family and consumer sciences, technology which may	132
include computer science, agricultural education, a junior	133
reserve officer training corps (JROTC) program approved by the	134
Congress of the United States under title 10 of the United	135
States Code, or English language arts, mathematics, science, or	136
social studies courses not otherwise required under division (C)	137
of this section.	138
One-half unit of instruction under division (C) (8) of this	139
section may be instruction in financial literacy to satisfy the	140
requirement under division (C) (9) of this section.	141
(9) (a) Except as provided in division (C) (9) (b) of this	142
section, for students who enter ninth grade for the first time	143
on or after July 1, 2022, financial literacy, one-half unit.	144
Each student shall elect to complete the one-half unit of	145
instruction in financial literacy either in lieu of one-half	146
unit of instruction in mathematics under division (C) (3) of this	147
section or an elective under division (C) (8) of this section. A	148
student may fulfill the financial literacy instruction	149
requirement under division (C) (9) of this section through the	150
successful completion of an advanced placement course in	151
microeconomics or macroeconomics.	152
(b) A student attending a nonpublic school accredited	153
through the independent schools association of the central	154
states or any other chartered nonpublic school shall not be	155
required to complete the one-half unit of financial literacy	156
instruction prescribed in division (C) (9) (a) of this section,	157
unless that student is attending the school under a state	158

scholarship program as defined in section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code.

The study and instruction of financial literacy required under division (C) (9) of this section shall align with the academic content standards for financial literacy and entrepreneurship adopted under division (A) (2) of section 3301.079 of the Revised Code. The instruction provided under an advanced placement course in microeconomics or macroeconomics shall be considered to be aligned with those academic content standards. In developing the curriculum for the study and instruction of financial literacy, schools may use available public-private partnerships and resources and materials that exist in business, industry, and through the centers for economics education at institutions of higher education.

(10) (a) Except as provided in division (C) (10) (c) of this section, beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2028, one unit in computer science, as prescribed under section 3313.6030 of the Revised Code, taken in any of grades eight through twelve. Each student shall elect to complete the one unit of instruction in computer science as one of the following:

(i) For a student who is not taking advanced computer science in lieu of algebra II under division (C) (3) of this section, one unit of mathematics that is not algebra II under division (C) (3) of this section;

(ii) One science unit under division (C) (5) of this section;

(iii) One elective unit under division (C) (8) of this section.

(b) Not later than July 1, 2028, the department shall 188
adopt a list of courses that can be used to satisfy this 189
requirement, using the recommendations in the report of the 190
state committee on computer science issued under section 3301.23 191
of the Revised Code as guidance, and including any other course 192
that contains at least twenty hours of programming and meets the 193
requirements prescribed in division (B) of section 3313.6030 of 194
the Revised Code. The department shall update that list on a 195
regular basis to respond to new course offerings established by 196
schools. 197

The department shall make the list available on its 198
publicly accessible web site. The department shall include a 199
course on the list only if the course meets or exceeds the 200
standards and curriculum adopted under section 3301.079 of the 201
Revised Code. For each approved course, the department shall 202
include the course's name, description, and corresponding course 203
code on the list. 204

(c) Division (C)(10) of this section does not apply to 205
either of the following: 206

(i) A student enrolled in a chartered nonpublic school; 207

(ii) A student who was enrolled in high school in a 208
different state that transfers to a high school in this state 209
during the student's senior year. 210

Ohioans must be prepared to apply increased knowledge and 211
skills in the workplace and to adapt their knowledge and skills 212
quickly to meet the rapidly changing conditions of the twenty- 213
first century. National studies indicate that all high school 214
graduates need the same academic foundation, regardless of the 215
opportunities they pursue after graduation. The goal of Ohio's 216

system of elementary and secondary education is to prepare all 217
students for and seamlessly connect all students to success in 218
life beyond high school graduation, regardless of whether the 219
next step is entering the workforce, beginning an 220
apprenticeship, engaging in post-secondary training, serving in 221
the military, or pursuing a college degree. 222

The requirements for graduation prescribed in division (C) 223
of this section are the standard expectation for all students 224
entering ninth grade for the first time at a public or chartered 225
nonpublic high school on or after July 1, 2010. A student may 226
satisfy this expectation through a variety of methods, 227
including, but not limited to, integrated, applied, career- 228
technical, and traditional coursework. 229

Stronger coordination between high schools and 230
institutions of higher education is necessary to prepare 231
students for more challenging academic endeavors and to lessen 232
the need for academic remediation in college, thereby reducing 233
the costs of higher education for Ohio's students, families, and 234
the state. The department and the chancellor of higher education 235
shall develop policies to ensure that only in rare instances 236
will students who complete the requirements for graduation 237
prescribed in division (C) of this section require academic 238
remediation after high school. 239

School districts, community schools, and chartered 240
nonpublic schools shall integrate technology into learning 241
experiences across the curriculum in order to maximize 242
efficiency, enhance learning, and prepare students for success 243
in the technology-driven twenty-first century. Districts and 244
schools shall use distance and web-based course delivery as a 245
method of providing or augmenting all instruction required under 246

this division, including laboratory experience in science. 247
Districts and schools shall utilize technology access and 248
electronic learning opportunities provided by the broadcast 249
educational media commission, chancellor, the Ohio learning 250
network, education technology centers, public television 251
stations, and other public and private providers. 252

(D) Except as provided in division (E) of this section, a 253
student who enters ninth grade on or after July 1, 2010, and 254
before July 1, 2016, may qualify for graduation from a public or 255
chartered nonpublic high school even though the student has not 256
completed the requirements for graduation prescribed in division 257
(C) of this section if all of the following conditions are 258
satisfied: 259

(1) During the student's third year of attending high 260
school, as determined by the school, the student and the 261
student's parent, guardian, or custodian sign and file with the 262
school a written statement asserting the parent's, guardian's, 263
or custodian's consent to the student's graduating without 264
completing the requirements for graduation prescribed in 265
division (C) of this section and acknowledging that one 266
consequence of not completing those requirements is 267
ineligibility to enroll in most state universities in Ohio 268
without further coursework. 269

(2) The student and parent, guardian, or custodian fulfill 270
any procedural requirements the school stipulates to ensure the 271
student's and parent's, guardian's, or custodian's informed 272
consent and to facilitate orderly filing of statements under 273
division (D)(1) of this section. Annually, each district or 274
school shall notify the department of the number of students who 275
choose to qualify for graduation under division (D) of this 276

section and the number of students who complete the student's success plan and graduate from high school.	277 278
(3) The student and the student's parent, guardian, or custodian and a representative of the student's high school jointly develop a student success plan for the student in the manner described in division (C) (1) of section 3313.6020 of the Revised Code that specifies the student matriculating to a two-year degree program, acquiring a business and industry-recognized credential, or entering an apprenticeship.	279 280 281 282 283 284 285
(4) The student's high school provides counseling and support for the student related to the plan developed under division (D) (3) of this section during the remainder of the student's high school experience.	286 287 288 289
(5) (a) Except as provided in division (D) (5) (b) of this section, the student successfully completes, at a minimum, the curriculum prescribed in division (B) of this section.	290 291 292
(b) Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2014, a student shall be required to complete successfully, at the minimum, the curriculum prescribed in division (B) of this section, except as follows:	293 294 295 296
(i) Mathematics, four units, one unit which shall be one of the following:	297 298
(I) Probability and statistics;	299
(II) Computer science;	300
(III) Applied mathematics or quantitative reasoning;	301
(IV) Any other course approved by the department using standards established by the superintendent not later than October 1, 2014.	302 303 304

(ii) Elective units, five units;	305
(iii) Science, three units as prescribed by division (B)	306
of this section which shall include inquiry-based laboratory	307
experience that engages students in asking valid scientific	308
questions and gathering and analyzing information.	309
(E) Each school district and chartered nonpublic school	310
retains the authority to require an even more challenging	311
minimum curriculum for high school graduation than specified in	312
division (B) or (C) of this section. A school district board of	313
education, through the adoption of a resolution, or the	314
governing authority of a chartered nonpublic school may	315
stipulate any of the following:	316
(1) A minimum high school curriculum that requires more	317
than twenty units of academic credit to graduate;	318
(2) An exception to the district's or school's minimum	319
high school curriculum that is comparable to the exception	320
provided in division (D) of this section but with additional	321
requirements, which may include a requirement that the student	322
successfully complete more than the minimum curriculum	323
prescribed in division (B) of this section;	324
(3) That no exception comparable to that provided in	325
division (D) of this section is available.	326
If a school district or chartered nonpublic school	327
requires a foreign language as an additional graduation	328
requirement under division (E) of this section, a student may	329
apply one unit of instruction in computer coding to satisfy one	330
unit of foreign language. If a student applies more than one	331
computer coding course to satisfy the foreign language	332
requirement, the courses shall be sequential and progressively	333

more difficult. 334

(F) A student enrolled in a dropout prevention and 335
recovery program, which program has received a waiver from the 336
department, may qualify for graduation from high school by 337
successfully completing a competency-based instructional program 338
administered by the dropout prevention and recovery program in 339
lieu of completing the requirements for graduation prescribed in 340
division (C) of this section. The department shall grant a 341
waiver to a dropout prevention and recovery program, within 342
sixty days after the program applies for the waiver, if the 343
program meets all of the following conditions: 344

(1) The program serves only students not younger than 345
sixteen years of age and not older than twenty-one years of age. 346

(2) The program enrolls students who, at the time of their 347
initial enrollment, either, or both, are at least one grade 348
level behind their cohort age groups or experience crises that 349
significantly interfere with their academic progress such that 350
they are prevented from continuing their traditional programs. 351

(3) The program requires students to attain at least the 352
applicable score designated for each of the assessments 353
prescribed under division (B) (1) of section 3301.0710 of the 354
Revised Code or, to the extent prescribed by rule of the 355
department under division (D) (5) of section 3301.0712 of the 356
Revised Code, division (B) (2) of that section. 357

(4) The program develops a student success plan for the 358
student in the manner described in division (C) (1) of section 359
3313.6020 of the Revised Code that specifies the student's 360
matriculating to a two-year degree program, acquiring a business 361
and industry-recognized credential, or entering an 362

apprenticeship.	363
(5) The program provides counseling and support for the student related to the plan developed under division (F) (4) of this section during the remainder of the student's high school experience.	364 365 366 367
(6) The program requires the student and the student's parent, guardian, or custodian to sign and file, in accordance with procedural requirements stipulated by the program, a written statement asserting the parent's, guardian's, or custodian's consent to the student's graduating without completing the requirements for graduation prescribed in division (C) of this section and acknowledging that one consequence of not completing those requirements is ineligibility to enroll in most state universities in Ohio without further coursework.	368 369 370 371 372 373 374 375 376 377
(7) Prior to receiving the waiver, the program has submitted to the department an instructional plan that demonstrates how the academic content standards adopted by the department under section 3301.079 of the Revised Code will be taught and assessed.	378 379 380 381 382
(8) Prior to receiving the waiver, the program has submitted to the department a policy on career advising that satisfies the requirements of section 3313.6020 of the Revised Code, with an emphasis on how every student will receive career advising.	383 384 385 386 387
(9) Prior to receiving the waiver, the program has submitted to the department a written agreement outlining the future cooperation between the program and any combination of local job training, postsecondary education, nonprofit, and	388 389 390 391

health and social service organizations to provide services for 392
students in the program and their families. 393

Divisions (F) (8) and (9) of this section apply only to 394
waivers granted on or after July 1, 2015. 395

If the department does not act either to grant the waiver 396
or to reject the program application for the waiver within sixty 397
days as required under this section, the waiver shall be 398
considered to be granted. 399

(G) Every high school may permit students below the ninth 400
grade to take advanced work. If a high school so permits, it 401
shall award high school credit for successful completion of the 402
advanced work and shall count such advanced work toward the 403
graduation requirements of division (B) or (C) of this section 404
if the advanced work was both: 405

(1) Taught by a person who possesses a license or 406
certificate issued under section 3301.071, 3319.22, or 3319.222 407
of the Revised Code that is valid for teaching high school; 408

(2) Designated by the board of education of the city, 409
local, or exempted village school district, the board of the 410
cooperative education school district, or the governing 411
authority of the chartered nonpublic school as meeting the high 412
school curriculum requirements. 413

Each high school shall record on the student's high school 414
transcript all high school credit awarded under division (G) of 415
this section. In addition, if the student completed a seventh- 416
or eighth-grade fine arts course described in division (K) of 417
this section and the course qualified for high school credit 418
under that division, the high school shall record that course on 419
the student's high school transcript. 420

(H) The department shall make its individual academic 421
career plan available through its Ohio career information system 422
web site for districts and schools to use as a tool for 423
communicating with and providing guidance to students and 424
families in selecting high school courses. 425

(I) A school district or chartered nonpublic school may 426
integrate academic content in a subject area for which the 427
department has adopted standards under section 3301.079 of the 428
Revised Code into a course in a different subject area, 429
including a career-technical education course, in accordance 430
with guidance for integrated coursework developed by the 431
department. Upon successful completion of an integrated course, 432
a student may receive credit for both subject areas that were 433
integrated into the course. Units earned for subject area 434
content delivered through integrated academic and career- 435
technical instruction are eligible to meet the graduation 436
requirements of division (B) or (C) of this section. 437

For purposes of meeting graduation requirements, if an 438
end-of-course examination has been prescribed under section 439
3301.0712 of the Revised Code for the subject area delivered 440
through integrated instruction, the school district or school 441
may administer the related subject area examinations upon the 442
student's completion of the integrated course. 443

Nothing in division (I) of this section shall be construed 444
to excuse any school district, chartered nonpublic school, or 445
student from any requirement in the Revised Code related to 446
curriculum, assessments, or the awarding of a high school 447
diploma. 448

(J) (1) The department, in consultation with the 449
chancellor, shall adopt a statewide plan implementing methods 450

for students to earn units of high school credit based on a 451
demonstration of subject area competency, instead of or in 452
combination with completing hours of classroom instruction. The 453
plan shall include a standard method for recording demonstrated 454
proficiency on high school transcripts. Each school district and 455
community school shall comply with the department's plan adopted 456
under this division and award units of high school credit in 457
accordance with the plan. The department may adopt existing 458
methods for earning high school credit based on a demonstration 459
of subject area competency as necessary prior to the 2009-2010 460
school year. 461

(2) The department shall update the statewide plan adopted 462
pursuant to division (J)(1) of this section to also include 463
methods for students enrolled in seventh and eighth grade to 464
meet curriculum requirements based on a demonstration of subject 465
area competency, instead of or in combination with completing 466
hours of classroom instruction. Beginning with the 2017-2018 467
school year, each school district and community school also 468
shall comply with the updated plan adopted pursuant to this 469
division and permit students enrolled in seventh and eighth 470
grade to meet curriculum requirements based on subject area 471
competency in accordance with the plan. 472

(3) The department shall develop a framework for school 473
districts and community schools to use in granting units of high 474
school credit to students who demonstrate subject area 475
competency through work-based learning experiences, internships, 476
or cooperative education. Beginning with the 2018-2019 school 477
year, each district and community school shall comply with the 478
framework. Each district and community school also shall review 479
any policy it has adopted regarding the demonstration of subject 480
area competency to identify ways to incorporate work-based 481

learning experiences, internships, and cooperative education 482
into the policy in order to increase student engagement and 483
opportunities to earn units of high school credit. 484

(K) This division does not apply to students who qualify 485
for graduation from high school under division (D) or (F) of 486
this section, or to students pursuing a career-technical 487
instructional track as determined by the school district board 488
of education or the chartered nonpublic school's governing 489
authority. Nevertheless, the general assembly encourages such 490
students to consider enrolling in a fine arts course as an 491
elective. 492

Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the 493
first time on or after July 1, 2010, each student enrolled in a 494
public or chartered nonpublic high school shall complete two 495
semesters or the equivalent of fine arts to graduate from high 496
school. The coursework may be completed in any of grades seven 497
to twelve. Each student who completes a fine arts course in 498
grade seven or eight may elect to count that course toward the 499
five units of electives required for graduation under division 500
(C) (8) of this section, if the course satisfied the requirements 501
of division (G) of this section. In that case, the high school 502
shall award the student high school credit for the course and 503
count the course toward the five units required under division 504
(C) (8) of this section. If the course in grade seven or eight 505
did not satisfy the requirements of division (G) of this 506
section, the high school shall not award the student high school 507
credit for the course but shall count the course toward the two 508
semesters or the equivalent of fine arts required by this 509
division. 510

(L) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this 511

section, the board of education of each school district and the 512
governing authority of each chartered nonpublic school may adopt 513
a policy to excuse from the high school physical education 514
requirement each student who, during high school, has 515
participated in interscholastic athletics, marching band, show 516
choir, or cheerleading for at least two full seasons or in the 517
junior reserve officer training corps for at least two full 518
school years. If the board or authority adopts such a policy, 519
the board or authority shall not require the student to complete 520
any physical education course as a condition to graduate. 521
However, the student shall be required to complete one-half 522
unit, consisting of at least sixty hours of instruction, in 523
another course of study. In the case of a student who has 524
participated in the junior reserve officer training corps for at 525
least two full school years, credit received for that 526
participation may be used to satisfy the requirement to complete 527
one-half unit in another course of study. 528

(M) It is important that high school students learn and 529
understand United States history and the governments of both the 530
United States and the state of Ohio. Therefore, beginning with 531
students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after 532
July 1, 2012, the study of American history and American 533
government required by divisions (B)(6) and (C)(6) of this 534
section shall include the study of all of the following 535
documents: 536

(1) The Declaration of Independence; 537

(2) The Northwest Ordinance; 538

(3) The Constitution of the United States with emphasis on 539
the Bill of Rights; 540

(4) The Ohio Constitution.	541
The study of each of the documents prescribed in divisions	542
(M) (1) to (4) of this section shall include study of that	543
document in its original context.	544
The study of American history and government required by	545
divisions (B) (6) and (C) (6) of this section shall include the	546
historical evidence of the role of documents such as the	547
Federalist Papers and the Anti-Federalist Papers to firmly	548
establish the historical background leading to the establishment	549
of the provisions of the Constitution and Bill of Rights.	550
(N) A student may apply one unit of instruction in	551
computer science to satisfy one unit of mathematics or one unit	552
of science under division (C) of this section as the student	553
chooses, regardless of the field of certification of the teacher	554
who teaches the course, so long as that teacher meets the	555
licensure requirements prescribed by section 3319.236 of the	556
Revised Code and, prior to teaching the course, completes a	557
professional development program determined to be appropriate by	558
the district board.	559
If a student applies more than one computer science course	560
to satisfy curriculum requirements under that division, the	561
courses shall be sequential and progressively more difficult or	562
cover different subject areas within computer science.	563
<u>Sec. 3313.6030. (A) As used in this section:</u>	564
<u>(1) "Computer science" has the same meaning as in section</u>	565
<u>3301.012 of the Revised Code. "Computer science" does not</u>	566
<u>include computer literacy, keyboarding, or word processing</u>	567
<u>courses.</u>	568
<u>(2) "School governing authority" means any of the</u>	569

<u>following:</u>	570
<u>(a) The governing authority of a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code;</u>	571 572
<u>(b) The governing body of a STEM school established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code;</u>	573 574
<u>(c) The board of trustees of a college-preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code.</u>	575 576 577
<u>(B) (1) For the 2026-2027 school year, through the 2031-2032 school year, each school district board of education and each school governing authority shall offer at least one-half unit of computer science that includes at least twenty hours of programming in each school building that enrolls students in any of grades nine through twelve in accordance with this section.</u>	578 579 580 581 582 583
<u>(2) Beginning with the 2032-2033 school year, and each school year thereafter, each district board and school governing authority shall offer at least one unit of computer science in each school building that enrolls students in any of grades nine through twelve in accordance with this section.</u>	584 585 586 587 588
<u>(C) The course shall be listed as an option in the school's course catalog. Districts and schools offering computer science courses for the first time under this section proactively shall notify parents of the new course offering. A district or school shall offer a course in an in-person traditional classroom setting. If a district or school makes every effort to offer the course in person, but is unable to obtain the teacher capacity or resources to do so effectively, the district or school shall submit an alternate plan for approval by the department of education and workforce to offer a</u>	589 590 591 592 593 594 595 596 597 598

virtual or distance course option through the action plan 599
prescribed by division (D) of this section, prior to the start 600
of the school year. 601

(D) Any district or school that does not offer an in- 602
person computer science course by the 2026-2027 school year 603
shall submit an action plan to the department regarding how the 604
district or school plans to meet the requirements prescribed by 605
this section. The action plan may include offering a virtual 606
course either through the district or school, or through a 607
regional partnership such as through an educational service 608
center. If a district or school submits a plan to offer only a 609
virtual course, the plan shall describe why it was not feasible 610
to offer the course in person. The plan may address how the 611
school will adjust planning or resources to successfully comply 612
with the requirements under division (B)(1) of this section. 613

Each district or school required to submit a plan under 614
this section shall submit the plan to the department not later 615
than one hundred twenty days after the effective date of this 616
section. The department shall review the plan in a manner 617
prescribed by the department, and approve the plan or request 618
additional changes. 619

(E) A computer science course offered by a school district 620
or school shall satisfy both of the following: 621

(1) Be of high quality, as that term is defined by the 622
department of education and workforce; 623

(2) Meet or exceed the standards and curriculum 624
requirements established by the department in section 3301.079 625
of the Revised Code. 626

(F) (1) For the 2026-2027 school year, the department shall 627

publish a report on computer science education in the state, 628
student enrollment, and teachers teaching those courses using 629
any data the department has collected for that school year in 630
the usual course of the department's operations. 631

(2) For the 2027-2028 school year, and each school year 632
thereafter, the department shall publish an annual report on 633
computer science education in the state, containing, at a 634
minimum, the data received under division (G) of this section, 635
disaggregated by school and aggregated at the state level, and 636
reporting the number of online and in person computer science 637
course offerings and any identified correlation between course 638
format and student participation in courses. 639

(G) Beginning July 1, 2027, and annually thereafter, each 640
district and school shall submit to the department a report for 641
the prior academic year which shall include the following: 642

(1) The names and course codes of computer science courses 643
offered in each school, including course description and which 644
state computer science standards are covered, to the extent such 645
information is available; 646

(2) The number and percentage of students who enrolled in 647
each computer science course, disaggregated by: 648

(a) Gender; 649

(b) Race and ethnicity; 650

(c) Special education status, including students protected 651
under the "Individuals with Disabilities Education Act," 20 652
U.S.C. 1400 et seq., or section 504 of the "Rehabilitation Act 653
of 1973," 29 U.S.C. 794; 654

(d) English learner status; 655

<u>(e) Eligibility for free and reduced-price meals;</u>	656
<u>(f) Grade level, except where a category contains fewer than five students or an amount that would allow the amount of another category that is five or fewer to be deduced, in which case the number shall be replaced with a symbol.</u>	657 658 659 660
<u>(3) The number of computer science course instructors at each school, disaggregated by:</u>	661 662
<u>(a) Certification, or license, if applicable;</u>	663
<u>(b) Gender;</u>	664
<u>(c) Race and ethnicity;</u>	665
<u>(d) Highest academic degree completed.</u>	666
<u>The department shall post on its web site not later than the thirtieth day of June of each school year the data received under division (G) of this section, disaggregated by school and aggregated at the state level.</u>	667 668 669 670
<u>(H) A student enrolled in a school district or school may participate in the computer science promise program established under section 3322.20 of the Revised Code if that student wishes to take additional computer science courses beyond those offered through the student's resident district or school under this section.</u>	671 672 673 674 675 676
<u>(I) Neither the department, a district, nor school shall require a student to complete a prerequisite course in order to enroll in a course prescribed by division (B) of this section.</u>	677 678 679
Sec. 3314.03. A copy of every contract entered into under this section shall be filed with the director of education and workforce. The department of education and workforce shall make	680 681 682

available on its web site a copy of every approved, executed 683
contract filed with the director under this section. 684

(A) Each contract entered into between a sponsor and the 685
governing authority of a community school shall specify the 686
following: 687

(1) That the school shall be established as either of the 688
following: 689

(a) A nonprofit corporation established under Chapter 690
1702. of the Revised Code, if established prior to April 8, 691
2003; 692

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1702. of the Revised Code, if established after April 8, 2003. 694

(2) The education program of the school, including the 695
school's mission, the characteristics of the students the school 696
is expected to attract, the ages and grades of students, and the 697
focus of the curriculum; 698

(3) The academic goals to be achieved and the method of 699
measurement that will be used to determine progress toward those 700
goals, which shall include the statewide achievement 701
assessments; 702

(4) Performance standards, including but not limited to 703
all applicable report card measures set forth in section 3302.03 704
or 3314.017 of the Revised Code, by which the success of the 705
school will be evaluated by the sponsor; 706

(5) The admission standards of section 3314.06 of the 707
Revised Code and, if applicable, section 3314.061 of the Revised 708
Code; 709

(6) (a) Dismissal procedures; 710

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(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;

(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, 3313.80, 3313.814, 3313.816, 3313.817, 3313.818, 768
3313.819, 3313.86, 3313.89, 3313.96, 3319.073, 3319.077, 769
3319.078, 3319.0812, 3319.238, 3319.318, 3319.321, 3319.324, 770
3319.39, 3319.391, 3319.393, 3319.41, 3319.46, 3320.01, 3320.02, 771
3320.03, 3321.01, 3321.041, 3321.13, 3321.14, 3321.141, 3321.17, 772
3321.18, 3321.19, 3322.20, 3322.24, 3323.251, 3327.10, 4111.17, 773
4113.52, 5502.262, 5502.703, and 5705.391 and Chapters 117., 774
1347., 2744., 3365., 3742., 4112., 4123., 4141., and 4167. of 775
the Revised Code as if it were a school district and will comply 776
with section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code in the manner 777
specified in section 3314.17 of the Revised Code. 778

(e) The school shall comply with Chapter 102. and section 779
2921.42 of the Revised Code. 780

(f) The school will comply with sections 3313.61, 781
3313.611, 3313.614, 3313.617, 3313.618, and 3313.6114 of the 782
Revised Code, except that for students who enter ninth grade for 783
the first time before July 1, 2010, the requirement in sections 784
3313.61 and 3313.611 of the Revised Code that a person must 785
successfully complete the curriculum in any high school prior to 786
receiving a high school diploma may be met by completing the 787
curriculum adopted by the governing authority of the community 788
school rather than the curriculum specified in Title XXXIII of 789
the Revised Code or any rules of the department. Beginning with 790
students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after 791
July 1, 2010, the requirement in sections 3313.61 and 3313.611 792
of the Revised Code that a person must successfully complete the 793
curriculum of a high school prior to receiving a high school 794
diploma shall be met by completing the requirements prescribed 795
in ~~section~~sections 3313.6027 and 3313.6030 and division (C) of 796
section 3313.603 of the Revised Code, unless the person 797
qualifies under division (D) or (F) of that section. Each school 798

shall comply with the plan for awarding high school credit based 799
on demonstration of subject area competency, and beginning with 800
the 2017-2018 school year, with the updated plan that permits 801
students enrolled in seventh and eighth grade to meet curriculum 802
requirements based on subject area competency adopted by the 803
department under divisions (J) (1) and (2) of section 3313.603 of 804
the Revised Code. Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, the 805
school shall comply with the framework for granting units of 806
high school credit to students who demonstrate subject area 807
competency through work-based learning experiences, internships, 808
or cooperative education developed by the department under 809
division (J) (3) of section 3313.603 of the Revised Code. 810

(g) The school governing authority will submit within four 811
months after the end of each school year a report of its 812
activities and progress in meeting the goals and standards of 813
divisions (A) (3) and (4) of this section and its financial 814
status to the sponsor and the parents of all students enrolled 815
in the school. 816

(h) The school, unless it is an internet- or computer- 817
based community school, will comply with section 3313.801 of the 818
Revised Code as if it were a school district. 819

(i) If the school is the recipient of moneys from a grant 820
awarded under the federal race to the top program, Division (A), 821
Title XIV, Sections 14005 and 14006 of the "American Recovery 822
and Reinvestment Act of 2009," Pub. L. No. 111-5, 123 Stat. 115, 823
the school will pay teachers based upon performance in 824
accordance with section 3317.141 and will comply with section 825
3319.111 of the Revised Code as if it were a school district. 826

(j) If the school operates a preschool program that is 827
licensed by the department under sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of 828

the Revised Code, the school shall comply with sections 3301.50 829
to 3301.59 of the Revised Code and the minimum standards for 830
preschool programs prescribed in rules adopted by the department 831
under section 3301.53 of the Revised Code. 832

(k) The school will comply with sections 3313.6021 and 833
3313.6023 of the Revised Code as if it were a school district 834
unless it is either of the following: 835

(i) An internet- or computer-based community school; 836

(ii) A community school in which a majority of the 837
enrolled students are children with disabilities as described in 838
division (A) (4) (b) of section 3314.35 of the Revised Code. 839

(l) The school will comply with section 3321.191 of the 840
Revised Code, unless it is an internet- or computer-based 841
community school that is subject to section 3314.261 of the 842
Revised Code. 843

(12) Arrangements for providing health and other benefits 844
to employees; 845

(13) The length of the contract, which shall begin at the 846
beginning of an academic year. No contract shall exceed five 847
years unless such contract has been renewed pursuant to division 848
(E) of this section. 849

(14) The governing authority of the school, which shall be 850
responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract; 851

(15) A financial plan detailing an estimated school budget 852
for each year of the period of the contract and specifying the 853
total estimated per pupil expenditure amount for each such year. 854

(16) Requirements and procedures regarding the disposition 855
of employees of the school in the event the contract is 856

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 shall comply with the admissions procedures specified in sections 3314.06 and 3314.061 of the Revised Code and, at the sole discretion of the authority, shall do one of the following:

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

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

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

(20) A provision recognizing the authority of the department to take over the sponsorship of the school in accordance with the provisions of division (C) of section 3314.015 of the Revised Code;	886 887 888 889
(21) A provision recognizing the sponsor's authority to assume the operation of a school under the conditions specified in division (B) of section 3314.073 of the Revised Code;	890 891 892
(22) A provision recognizing both of the following:	893
(a) The authority of public health and safety officials to inspect the facilities of the school and to order the facilities closed if those officials find that the facilities are not in compliance with health and safety laws and regulations;	894 895 896 897
(b) The authority of the department as the community school oversight body to suspend the operation of the school under section 3314.072 of the Revised Code if the department has evidence of conditions or violations of law at the school that pose an imminent danger to the health and safety of the school's students and employees and the sponsor refuses to take such action.	898 899 900 901 902 903 904
(23) A description of the learning opportunities that will be offered to students including both classroom-based and non-classroom-based learning opportunities that is in compliance with criteria for student participation established by the department under division (H) (2) of section 3314.08 of the Revised Code;	905 906 907 908 909 910
(24) The school will comply with sections 3302.04 and 3302.041 of the Revised Code, except that any action required to be taken by a school district pursuant to those sections shall be taken by the sponsor of the school.	911 912 913 914

(25) Beginning in the 2006-2007 school year, the school 915
will open for operation not later than the thirtieth day of 916
September each school year, unless the mission of the school as 917
specified under division (A) (2) of this section is solely to 918
serve dropouts. In its initial year of operation, if the school 919
fails to open by the thirtieth day of September, or within one 920
year after the adoption of the contract pursuant to division (D) 921
of section 3314.02 of the Revised Code if the mission of the 922
school is solely to serve dropouts, the contract shall be void. 923

(26) Whether the school's governing authority is planning 924
to seek designation for the school as a STEM school equivalent 925
under section 3326.032 of the Revised Code; 926

(27) That the school's attendance and participation 927
policies will be available for public inspection; 928

(28) That the school's attendance and participation 929
records shall be made available to the department, auditor of 930
state, and school's sponsor to the extent permitted under and in 931
accordance with the "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act 932
of 1974," 88 Stat. 571, 20 U.S.C. 1232g, as amended, and any 933
regulations promulgated under that act, and section 3319.321 of 934
the Revised Code; 935

(29) If a school operates using the blended learning 936
model, as defined in section 3301.079 of the Revised Code, all 937
of the following information: 938

(a) An indication of what blended learning model or models 939
will be used; 940

(b) A description of how student instructional needs will 941
be determined and documented; 942

(c) The method to be used for determining competency, 943

granting credit, and promoting students to a higher grade level;	944
(d) The school's attendance requirements, including how	945
the school will document participation in learning	946
opportunities;	947
(e) A statement describing how student progress will be	948
monitored;	949
(f) A statement describing how private student data will	950
be protected;	951
(g) A description of the professional development	952
activities that will be offered to teachers.	953
(30) A provision requiring that all moneys the school's	954
operator loans to the school, including facilities loans or cash	955
flow assistance, must be accounted for, documented, and bear	956
interest at a fair market rate;	957
(31) A provision requiring that, if the governing	958
authority contracts with an attorney, accountant, or entity	959
specializing in audits, the attorney, accountant, or entity	960
shall be independent from the operator with which the school has	961
contracted.	962
(32) A provision requiring the governing authority to	963
adopt an enrollment and attendance policy that requires a	964
student's parent to notify the community school in which the	965
student is enrolled when there is a change in the location of	966
the parent's or student's primary residence.	967
(33) A provision requiring the governing authority to	968
adopt a student residence and address verification policy for	969
students enrolling in or attending the school.	970
(B) The community school shall also submit to the sponsor	971

a comprehensive plan for the school. The plan shall specify the following:	972 973
(1) The process by which the governing authority of the school will be selected in the future;	974 975
(2) The management and administration of the school;	976
(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;	977 978 979 980 981
(4) The instructional program and educational philosophy of the school;	982 983
(5) Internal financial controls.	984
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.	985 986 987 988
(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.	989 990 991 992 993 994 995 996 997 998
(D) The contract shall specify the duties of the sponsor	999

which shall be in accordance with the written agreement entered 1000
into with the department under division (B) of section 3314.015 1001
of the Revised Code and shall include the following: 1002

(1) Monitor the community school's compliance with all 1003
laws applicable to the school and with the terms of the 1004
contract; 1005

(2) Monitor and evaluate the academic and fiscal 1006
performance and the organization and operation of the community 1007
school on at least an annual basis; 1008

(3) Report on an annual basis the results of the 1009
evaluation conducted under division (D) (2) of this section to 1010
the department and to the parents of students enrolled in the 1011
community school; 1012

(4) Provide technical assistance to the community school 1013
in complying with laws applicable to the school and terms of the 1014
contract; 1015

(5) Take steps to intervene in the school's operation to 1016
correct problems in the school's overall performance, declare 1017
the school to be on probationary status pursuant to section 1018
3314.073 of the Revised Code, suspend the operation of the 1019
school pursuant to section 3314.072 of the Revised Code, or 1020
terminate the contract of the school pursuant to section 3314.07 1021
of the Revised Code as determined necessary by the sponsor; 1022

(6) Have in place a plan of action to be undertaken in the 1023
event the community school experiences financial difficulties or 1024
closes prior to the end of a school year. 1025

(E) Upon the expiration of a contract entered into under 1026
this section, the sponsor of a community school may, with the 1027
approval of the governing authority of the school, renew that 1028

contract for a period of time determined by the sponsor, but not 1029
ending earlier than the end of any school year, if the sponsor 1030
finds that the school's compliance with applicable laws and 1031
terms of the contract and the school's progress in meeting the 1032
academic goals prescribed in the contract have been 1033
satisfactory. Any contract that is renewed under this division 1034
remains subject to the provisions of sections 3314.07, 3314.072, 1035
and 3314.073 of the Revised Code. 1036

(F) If a community school fails to open for operation 1037
within one year after the contract entered into under this 1038
section is adopted pursuant to division (D) of section 3314.02 1039
of the Revised Code or permanently closes prior to the 1040
expiration of the contract, the contract shall be void and the 1041
school shall not enter into a contract with any other sponsor. A 1042
school shall not be considered permanently closed because the 1043
operations of the school have been suspended pursuant to section 1044
3314.072 of the Revised Code. 1045

Sec. 3326.15. Each science, technology, engineering, and 1046
mathematics school and its governing body shall comply with 1047
sections 3313.603 ~~and~~, 3313.6027, and 3313.6030 of the Revised 1048
Code as if it were a school district. However, a STEM school may 1049
permit a student to earn units of high school credit based on a 1050
demonstration of subject area competency instead of or in 1051
combination with completing hours of classroom instruction prior 1052
to the adoption by the department of education and workforce of 1053
the plan for granting high school credit based on competency, as 1054
required by division (J) of that section. Upon adoption of the 1055
plan, each STEM school shall comply with that plan and award 1056
units of high school credit in accordance with the plan. 1057

Sec. 3328.22. The educational program of a college- 1058

preparatory boarding school established under this chapter shall 1059
include at least all of the following: 1060

(A) A remedial curriculum for students in grades lower 1061
than grade nine; 1062

(B) A college-preparatory curriculum for high school 1063
students that, at a minimum, shall comply with sections 3313.603 1064
~~and~~, 3313.6027, and 3313.6030 of the Revised Code as that 1065
section applies to school districts; 1066

(C) Extracurricular activities, including athletic and 1067
cultural activities; 1068

(D) College admission counseling; 1069

(E) Health and mental health services; 1070

(F) Tutoring services; 1071

(G) Community services opportunities; 1072

(H) A residential student life program. 1073

Section 2. That existing sections 3313.603, 3314.03, 1074
3326.15, and 3328.22 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 1075

Section 3. That the version of section 3314.03 of the 1076
Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect on January 1, 1077
2025, be amended to read as follows: 1078

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(9) An addendum to the contract outlining the facilities to be used that contains at least the following information: 1124
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(a) A detailed description of each facility used for instructional purposes; 1126
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(b) The annual costs associated with leasing each facility that are paid by or on behalf of the school; 1128
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(c) The annual mortgage principal and interest payments that are paid by the school; 1130
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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. 1132
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(10) Qualifications of employees, including both of the following: 1135
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(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; 1137
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(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, 3313.80, 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, 3320.01, 3320.02,

3320.03, 3321.01, 3321.041, 3321.13, 3321.14, 3321.141, 3321.17, 1171
3321.18, 3321.19, 3322.20, 3322.24, 3323.251, 3327.10, 4111.17, 1172
4113.52, 5502.262, 5502.703, and 5705.391 and Chapters 117., 1173
1347., 2744., 3365., 3742., 4112., 4123., 4141., and 4167. of 1174
the Revised Code as if it were a school district and will comply 1175
with section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code in the manner 1176
specified in section 3314.17 of the Revised Code. 1177

(e) The school shall comply with Chapter 102. and section 1178
2921.42 of the Revised Code. 1179

(f) The school will comply with sections 3313.61, 1180
3313.611, 3313.614, 3313.617, 3313.618, and 3313.6114 of the 1181
Revised Code, except that for students who enter ninth grade for 1182
the first time before July 1, 2010, the requirement in sections 1183
3313.61 and 3313.611 of the Revised Code that a person must 1184
successfully complete the curriculum in any high school prior to 1185
receiving a high school diploma may be met by completing the 1186
curriculum adopted by the governing authority of the community 1187
school rather than the curriculum specified in Title XXXIII of 1188
the Revised Code or any rules of the department. Beginning with 1189
students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after 1190
July 1, 2010, the requirement in sections 3313.61 and 3313.611 1191
of the Revised Code that a person must successfully complete the 1192
curriculum of a high school prior to receiving a high school 1193
diploma shall be met by completing the requirements prescribed 1194
in ~~section~~ sections 3313.6027 and 3313.6030 and division (C) of 1195
section 3313.603 of the Revised Code, unless the person 1196
qualifies under division (D) or (F) of that section. Each school 1197
shall comply with the plan for awarding high school credit based 1198
on demonstration of subject area competency, and beginning with 1199
the 2017-2018 school year, with the updated plan that permits 1200
students enrolled in seventh and eighth grade to meet curriculum 1201

requirements based on subject area competency adopted by the 1202
department under divisions (J) (1) and (2) of section 3313.603 of 1203
the Revised Code. Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, the 1204
school shall comply with the framework for granting units of 1205
high school credit to students who demonstrate subject area 1206
competency through work-based learning experiences, internships, 1207
or cooperative education developed by the department under 1208
division (J) (3) of section 3313.603 of the Revised Code. 1209

(g) The school governing authority will submit within four 1210
months after the end of each school year a report of its 1211
activities and progress in meeting the goals and standards of 1212
divisions (A) (3) and (4) of this section and its financial 1213
status to the sponsor and the parents of all students enrolled 1214
in the school. 1215

(h) The school, unless it is an internet- or computer- 1216
based community school, will comply with section 3313.801 of the 1217
Revised Code as if it were a school district. 1218

(i) If the school is the recipient of moneys from a grant 1219
awarded under the federal race to the top program, Division (A), 1220
Title XIV, Sections 14005 and 14006 of the "American Recovery 1221
and Reinvestment Act of 2009," Pub. L. No. 111-5, 123 Stat. 115, 1222
the school will pay teachers based upon performance in 1223
accordance with section 3317.141 and will comply with section 1224
3319.111 of the Revised Code as if it were a school district. 1225

(j) If the school operates a preschool program that is 1226
licensed by the department under sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of 1227
the Revised Code, the school shall comply with sections 3301.50 1228
to 3301.59 of the Revised Code and the minimum standards for 1229
preschool programs prescribed in rules adopted by the department 1230
of children and youth under section 3301.53 of the Revised Code. 1231

(k) The school will comply with sections 3313.6021 and 1232
3313.6023 of the Revised Code as if it were a school district 1233
unless it is either of the following: 1234

(i) An internet- or computer-based community school; 1235

(ii) A community school in which a majority of the 1236
enrolled students are children with disabilities as described in 1237
division (A) (4) (b) of section 3314.35 of the Revised Code. 1238

(l) The school will comply with section 3321.191 of the 1239
Revised Code, unless it is an internet- or computer-based 1240
community school that is subject to section 3314.261 of the 1241
Revised Code. 1242

(12) Arrangements for providing health and other benefits 1243
to employees; 1244

(13) The length of the contract, which shall begin at the 1245
beginning of an academic year. No contract shall exceed five 1246
years unless such contract has been renewed pursuant to division 1247
(E) of this section. 1248

(14) The governing authority of the school, which shall be 1249
responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract; 1250

(15) A financial plan detailing an estimated school budget 1251
for each year of the period of the contract and specifying the 1252
total estimated per pupil expenditure amount for each such year. 1253

(16) Requirements and procedures regarding the disposition 1254
of employees of the school in the event the contract is 1255
terminated or not renewed pursuant to section 3314.07 of the 1256
Revised Code; 1257

(17) Whether the school is to be created by converting all 1258
or part of an existing public school or educational service 1259

center building or is to be a new start-up school, and if it is 1260
a converted public school or service center building, 1261
specification of any duties or responsibilities of an employer 1262
that the board of education or service center governing board 1263
that operated the school or building before conversion is 1264
delegating to the governing authority of the community school 1265
with respect to all or any specified group of employees provided 1266
the delegation is not prohibited by a collective bargaining 1267
agreement applicable to such employees; 1268

(18) Provisions establishing procedures for resolving 1269
disputes or differences of opinion between the sponsor and the 1270
governing authority of the community school; 1271

(19) A provision requiring the governing authority to 1272
adopt a policy regarding the admission of students who reside 1273
outside the district in which the school is located. That policy 1274
shall comply with the admissions procedures specified in 1275
sections 3314.06 and 3314.061 of the Revised Code and, at the 1276
sole discretion of the authority, shall do one of the following: 1277

(a) Prohibit the enrollment of students who reside outside 1278
the district in which the school is located; 1279

(b) Permit the enrollment of students who reside in 1280
districts adjacent to the district in which the school is 1281
located; 1282

(c) Permit the enrollment of students who reside in any 1283
other district in the state. 1284

(20) A provision recognizing the authority of the 1285
department to take over the sponsorship of the school in 1286
accordance with the provisions of division (C) of section 1287
3314.015 of the Revised Code; 1288

(21) A provision recognizing the sponsor's authority to	1289
assume the operation of a school under the conditions specified	1290
in division (B) of section 3314.073 of the Revised Code;	1291
(22) A provision recognizing both of the following:	1292
(a) The authority of public health and safety officials to	1293
inspect the facilities of the school and to order the facilities	1294
closed if those officials find that the facilities are not in	1295
compliance with health and safety laws and regulations;	1296
(b) The authority of the department as the community	1297
school oversight body to suspend the operation of the school	1298
under section 3314.072 of the Revised Code if the department has	1299
evidence of conditions or violations of law at the school that	1300
pose an imminent danger to the health and safety of the school's	1301
students and employees and the sponsor refuses to take such	1302
action.	1303
(23) A description of the learning opportunities that will	1304
be offered to students including both classroom-based and non-	1305
classroom-based learning opportunities that is in compliance	1306
with criteria for student participation established by the	1307
department under division (H) (2) of section 3314.08 of the	1308
Revised Code;	1309
(24) The school will comply with sections 3302.04 and	1310
3302.041 of the Revised Code, except that any action required to	1311
be taken by a school district pursuant to those sections shall	1312
be taken by the sponsor of the school.	1313
(25) Beginning in the 2006-2007 school year, the school	1314
will open for operation not later than the thirtieth day of	1315
September each school year, unless the mission of the school as	1316
specified under division (A) (2) of this section is solely to	1317

serve dropouts. In its initial year of operation, if the school 1318
fails to open by the thirtieth day of September, or within one 1319
year after the adoption of the contract pursuant to division (D) 1320
of section 3314.02 of the Revised Code if the mission of the 1321
school is solely to serve dropouts, the contract shall be void. 1322

(26) Whether the school's governing authority is planning 1323
to seek designation for the school as a STEM school equivalent 1324
under section 3326.032 of the Revised Code; 1325

(27) That the school's attendance and participation 1326
policies will be available for public inspection; 1327

(28) That the school's attendance and participation 1328
records shall be made available to the department, auditor of 1329
state, and school's sponsor to the extent permitted under and in 1330
accordance with the "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act 1331
of 1974," 88 Stat. 571, 20 U.S.C. 1232g, as amended, and any 1332
regulations promulgated under that act, and section 3319.321 of 1333
the Revised Code; 1334

(29) If a school operates using the blended learning 1335
model, as defined in section 3301.079 of the Revised Code, all 1336
of the following information: 1337

(a) An indication of what blended learning model or models 1338
will be used; 1339

(b) A description of how student instructional needs will 1340
be determined and documented; 1341

(c) The method to be used for determining competency, 1342
granting credit, and promoting students to a higher grade level; 1343

(d) The school's attendance requirements, including how 1344
the school will document participation in learning 1345

opportunities;	1346
(e) A statement describing how student progress will be monitored;	1347 1348
(f) A statement describing how private student data will be protected;	1349 1350
(g) A description of the professional development activities that will be offered to teachers.	1351 1352
(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;	1353 1354 1355 1356
(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.	1357 1358 1359 1360 1361
(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.	1362 1363 1364 1365 1366
(33) A provision requiring the governing authority to adopt a student residence and address verification policy for students enrolling in or attending the school.	1367 1368 1369
(B) The community school shall also submit to the sponsor a comprehensive plan for the school. The plan shall specify the following:	1370 1371 1372
(1) The process by which the governing authority of the	1373

school will be selected in the future;	1374
(2) The management and administration of the school;	1375
(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;	1376 1377 1378 1379 1380
(4) The instructional program and educational philosophy of the school;	1381 1382
(5) Internal financial controls.	1383
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.	1384 1385 1386 1387
(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.	1388 1389 1390 1391 1392 1393 1394 1395 1396 1397
(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:	1398 1399 1400 1401

- (1) Monitor the community school's compliance with all laws applicable to the school and with the terms of the contract;
- (2) Monitor and evaluate the academic and fiscal performance and the organization and operation of the community school on at least an annual basis;
- (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;
- (4) Provide technical assistance to the community school in complying with laws applicable to the school and terms of the contract;
- (5) Take steps to intervene in the school's operation to correct problems in the school's overall performance, declare the school to be on probationary status pursuant to section 3314.073 of the Revised Code, suspend the operation of the school pursuant to section 3314.072 of the Revised Code, or terminate the contract of the school pursuant to section 3314.07 of the Revised Code as determined necessary by the sponsor;
- (6) Have in place a plan of action to be undertaken in the event the community school experiences financial difficulties or closes prior to the end of a school year.
- (E) Upon the expiration of a contract entered into under this section, the sponsor of a community school may, with the approval of the governing authority of the school, renew that contract for a period of time determined by the sponsor, but not ending earlier than the end of any school year, if the sponsor finds that the school's compliance with applicable laws and

terms of the contract and the school's progress in meeting the 1431
academic goals prescribed in the contract have been 1432
satisfactory. Any contract that is renewed under this division 1433
remains subject to the provisions of sections 3314.07, 3314.072, 1434
and 3314.073 of the Revised Code. 1435

(F) If a community school fails to open for operation 1436
within one year after the contract entered into under this 1437
section is adopted pursuant to division (D) of section 3314.02 1438
of the Revised Code or permanently closes prior to the 1439
expiration of the contract, the contract shall be void and the 1440
school shall not enter into a contract with any other sponsor. A 1441
school shall not be considered permanently closed because the 1442
operations of the school have been suspended pursuant to section 1443
3314.072 of the Revised Code. 1444

Section 4. That the existing version of section 3314.03 of 1445
the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect January 1, 1446
2025, is hereby repealed. 1447

Section 5. Sections 3 and 4 of this act take effect 1448
January 1, 2025, or on the effective date of this section, 1449
whichever is later. 1450

Section 6. That Section 733.61 of H.B. 166 of the 133rd 1451
General Assembly (as amended by H.B. 33 of the 135th General 1452
Assembly) be amended to codify it as section 3313.6031 of the 1453
Revised Code to read as follows: 1454

Sec. ~~733.61~~ 3313.6031. (A) Notwithstanding section 1455
3319.236 of the Revised Code, for the ~~2019-2020 school year~~ 1456
~~through the 2024-2025-2024-2025 school year through the 2031-~~ 1457
2032 school year only, a school district, community school 1458
established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, or science, 1459

technology, engineering, and mathematics school established 1460
under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code may permit an individual 1461
who holds a valid educator license in any of grades kindergarten 1462
through twelve to teach a computer science course if, prior to 1463
teaching the course each school year, the individual completes a 1464
professional development program approved by the district 1465
superintendent or school principal that provides content 1466
knowledge specific to the course the individual will teach. The 1467
superintendent or principal shall approve any professional 1468
development program endorsed by the organization that creates 1469
and administers the national ~~Advanced Placement~~ advanced 1470
placement examinations as appropriate for the course the 1471
individual will teach. 1472

(B) Nothing in this section shall permit an individual 1473
described in division (A) of this section to teach a computer 1474
science course in a school district or school other than the 1475
school district or school that employed the individual at the 1476
time the individual completed the professional development 1477
program required by that division. 1478

(C) Beginning ~~July 1, 2025~~ July 1, 2032, a school district 1479
or public school shall permit an individual to teach a computer 1480
science course only in accordance with section 3319.236 of the 1481
Revised Code. 1482

(D) Notwithstanding section 3301.012 of the Revised Code, 1483
as used in this section, "computer science course" means any 1484
course that is reported in the education management information 1485
system established under section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code 1486
as a computer science course. 1487

Section 7. That existing Section 733.61 of H.B. 166 of the 1488
133rd General Assembly (as amended by H.B. 33 of the 135th 1489

General Assembly) is hereby repealed.

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