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**Cosponsors: Representatives Russo, Brent, Weinstein, Upchurch, McNally, Miller, A., Grim, Liston, Jarrells, Brown, Whitted, Abdullahi, Robinson**

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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  
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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
<b>Sec. 3326.11.</b> 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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the Revised Code as if it were a school district. 440

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established under this chapter and its board of trustees shall 442  
comply with sections 102.02, 3301.0710, 3301.0711, 3301.0712, 443  
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the Revised Code as if the school were a school district and the 451  
school's board of trustees were a district board of education. 452

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focus of the curriculum; 476

(3) The academic goals to be achieved and the method of 477  
measurement that will be used to determine progress toward those 478

goals, which shall include the statewide achievement	479
assessments;	480
(4) Performance standards, including but not limited to	481
all applicable report card measures set forth in section 3302.03	482
or 3314.017 of the Revised Code, by which the success of the	483
school will be evaluated by the sponsor;	484
(5) The admission standards of section 3314.06 of the	485
Revised Code and, if applicable, section 3314.061 of the Revised	486
Code;	487
(6) (a) Dismissal procedures;	488
(b) A requirement that the governing authority adopt an	489
attendance policy that includes a procedure for automatically	490
withdrawing a student from the school if the student without a	491
legitimate excuse fails to participate in seventy-two	492
consecutive hours of the learning opportunities offered to the	493
student.	494
(7) The ways by which the school will achieve racial and	495
ethnic balance reflective of the community it serves;	496
(8) Requirements for financial audits by the auditor of	497
state. The contract shall require financial records of the	498
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  
3313.6020, 3313.6024, 3313.6025, 3313.6026, 3313.6028, 541  
3313.6029, 3313.643, 3313.648, 3313.6411, 3313.6413, 3313.66, 542  
3313.661, 3313.662, 3313.666, 3313.667, 3313.668, 3313.669, 543  
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;

(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:

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

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

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

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

(e) A statement describing how student progress will be monitored;

(f) A statement describing how private student data will be protected;

(g) A description of the professional development activities that will be offered to teachers.

(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;

(31) A provision requiring that, if the governing

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 824  
the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect January 1, 825  
2025, is hereby repealed. 826

**Section 5.** Sections 3 and 4 of this act take effect on 827  
January 1, 2025. 828

**Section 6.** All items in this act are hereby appropriated 829  
as designated out of any moneys in the state treasury to the 830  
credit of the designated fund. For all operating appropriations 831  
made in this act, those in the first column are for fiscal year 832  
2026 and those in the second column are for fiscal year 2027. 833  
The operating appropriations made in this act are in addition to 834  
any other operating appropriations made for these fiscal years. 835

**Section 7.** 836

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A	EDU DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE			
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 839  
Preparation, shall be used to reimburse school districts for 840  
implicit bias training pursuant to section 3319.2214 of the 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