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## A BILL

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| To permit payment in fiscal year 2002 to school | 1 |
| districts that exceed the number of permitted | 2 |
| "calamity" days in fiscal year 2001 as a result of | 3 |
| closing schools to prevent the spread of | 4 |
| meningococcal disease, and to declare an emergency. | 5 |

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

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| **Section 1.** Notwithstanding section 3317.01 of the Revised | 6 |
| Code, no school district shall be denied payments under Chapter | 7 |
| 3317. of the Revised Code for fiscal year 2002 if any school in | 8 |
| the district was open for instruction during fiscal year 2001 for | 9 |
| fewer days than required by sections 3313.48, 3313.481, and | 10 |
| 3317.01 of the Revised Code, provided that the reason any such | 11 |
| school was not open for the required number of days was to prevent | 12 |
| the spread of meningococcal disease. | 13 |

**Section 2.** This act is hereby declared to be an emergency          14
measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public         15
peace, health, and safety. The reason for the necessity is that        16
immediate action is necessary to avoid delays in fiscal year 2002      17
payments to school districts that exceeded the number of permitted     18
calamity days in fiscal year 2001 because of an unforeseen need to     19
close schools to prevent the spread of meningococcal disease.          20
Therefore, this act shall go into immediate effect.                    21