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A BILL

To amend sections 149.433, 3301.56, 3313.536,

3314.03, 3737.73, and 3737.99 of the Revised Code

to revise and expand the application of laws

governing school safety plans and school safety

drills.

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

Section 1. That sections 149.433, 3301.56, 3313.536, 3314.03,	6
3737.73, and 3737.99 of the Revised Code be amended to read as	7
follows:	8
Sec. 149.433. (A) As used in this section:	9
(1) "Act of terrorism" has the same meaning as in section	10
2909.21 of the Revised Code.	11
(2) "Infrastructure record" means any record that discloses	12
the configuration of a public office's or chartered nonpublic	13
school's critical systems including, but not limited to,	14
communication, computer, electrical, mechanical, ventilation,	15

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(B) A record kept by a public office that is a security	46
record or an infrastructure record is not a public record under	47
section 149.43 of the Revised Code and is not subject to mandatory	48
release or disclosure under that section.	49
(C) Notwithstanding any other section of the Revised Code, $\frac{1}{4}$	50
public office's or a public employee's disclosure <u>by a public</u>	51
office, public employee, chartered nonpublic school, or chartered	52
nonpublic school employee of a security record or infrastructure	53
record that is necessary for construction, renovation, or	54
remodeling work on any public building or project or chartered	55
nonpublic school does not constitute public disclosure for	56
purposes of waiving division (B) of this section and does not	57
result in that record becoming a public record for purposes of	58
section 149.43 of the Revised Code.	59
Sec. 3301.56. (A) The director of each preschool program	60
shall be responsible for the following:	61
(1) Ensuring that the health and safety of the children are	62
safeguarded by an organized program of school health services	63
designed to identify child health problems and to coordinate	64
school and community health resources for children, as evidenced	65
by but not limited to:	66
(a) Requiring immunization and compliance with emergency	67
medical authorization requirements in accordance with rules	68
adopted by the state board of education under section 3301.53 of	69
the Revised Code;	70
(b) Providing procedures for emergency situations, including	71
fire drills, rapid dismissals, and tornado drills, and school	72
safety drills in accordance with section 3737.73 of the Revised	73
Code, and keeping records of such drills or dismissals;	74

(c) Posting emergency procedures in preschool rooms and

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modification to the building requires changes in the procedures	198
outlined in the plan.	199
(C) The board or governing authority shall file a copy of the	200
current safety plan and building blueprint with each of the	201
following:	202
(1) Each law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction over	203
the school building;	204
(2) Upon request, the fire department that serves the	205
political subdivision in which the school building is located;	206
(3) The attorney general, who shall post that information on	207
the Ohio law enforcement gateway or its successor.	208
Copies of the safety plan and building blueprint are not a	209
public record pursuant to section 149.433 of the Revised Code.	210
The board or governing authority, each law enforcement agency	211
and fire department to which copies of the safety plan and	212
building blueprint are provided, and the attorney general shall	213
keep the copies in a secure place.	214
(D) The board or governing authority shall grant access to	215
each school building under its control to law enforcement	216
personnel to enable the personnel to hold training sessions for	217
responding to threats and emergency events affecting the building,	218
provided that the access occurs outside of student instructional	219
hours and an employee of the board or governing authority is	220
present in the building during the training sessions.	221
Sec. 3314.03. A copy of every contract entered into under	222
this section shall be filed with the superintendent of public	223
instruction.	224
(A) Each contract entered into between a sponsor and the	225
governing authority of a community school shall specify the	226

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following:	227
(1) That the school shall be established as either of the	228
following:	229
(a) A nonprofit corporation established under Chapter 1702.	230
of the Revised Code, if established prior to April 8, 2003;	231
(b) A public benefit corporation established under Chapter	232
1702. of the Revised Code, if established after April 8, 2003;	233
(2) The education program of the school, including the	234
school's mission, the characteristics of the students the school	235
is expected to attract, the ages and grades of students, and the	236
focus of the curriculum;	237
(3) The academic goals to be achieved and the method of	238
measurement that will be used to determine progress toward those	239
goals, which shall include the statewide achievement tests;	240
(4) Performance standards by which the success of the school	241
will be evaluated by the sponsor. If the sponsor will evaluate the	242
school in accordance with division (D) of section 3314.36 of the	243
Revised Code, the contract shall specify the number of school	244
years that the school will be evaluated under that division.	245
(5) The admission standards of section 3314.06 of the Revised	246
Code and, if applicable, section 3314.061 of the Revised Code;	247
(6)(a) Dismissal procedures;	248
(b) A requirement that the governing authority adopt an	249
attendance policy that includes a procedure for automatically	250
withdrawing a student from the school if the student without a	251
legitimate excuse fails to participate in one hundred five	252
consecutive hours of the learning opportunities offered to the	253
student.	254
(7) The ways by which the school will achieve racial and	255
ethnic balance reflective of the community it serves;	256

(8) Requirements for financial audits by the auditor of	257
state. The contract shall require financial records of the school	258
to be maintained in the same manner as are financial records of	259
school districts, pursuant to rules of the auditor of state, and	260
the audits shall be conducted in accordance with section 117.10 of	261
the Revised Code.	262
(9) The facilities to be used and their locations;	263
(10) Qualifications of teachers, including a requirement that	264
the school's classroom teachers be licensed in accordance with	265
sections 3319.22 to 3319.31 of the Revised Code, except that a	266
community school may engage noncertificated persons to teach up to	267
twelve hours per week pursuant to section 3319.301 of the Revised	268
Code;	269
(11) That the school will comply with the following	270
requirements:	271
(a) The school will provide learning opportunities to a	272
minimum of twenty-five students for a minimum of nine hundred	273
twenty hours per school year;	274
(b) The governing authority will purchase liability	275
insurance, or otherwise provide for the potential liability of the school;	276 277
SCHOOL,	211
(c) The school will be nonsectarian in its programs,	278
admission policies, employment practices, and all other	279
operations, and will not be operated by a sectarian school or	280
religious institution;	281
(d) The school will comply with sections 9.90, 9.91, 109.65,	282
121.22, 149.43, 2151.358, 2151.421, 2313.18, 3301.0710, 3301.0711,	283
3301.0712, 3301.0715, 3313.50, <u>3313.536,</u> 3313.608, 3313.6012,	284
3313.643, 3313.648, 3313.66, 3313.661, 3313.662, 3313.67,	285
3313.671, 3313.672, 3313.673, 3313.69, 3313.71, 3313.716, 3313.80,	286

employees;

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3313.96, 3319.073, 3319.321, 3319.39, 3321.01, 3321.13, 3321.14,	287
3321.17, 3321.18, 3321.19, 3321.191, 3327.10, 4111.17, 4113.52,	288
and 5705.391 and Chapters 117., 1347., 2744., 3365., 3742., 4112.,	289
4123., 4141., and 4167. of the Revised Code as if it were a school	290
district and will comply with section 3301.0714 of the Revised	291
Code in the manner specified in section 3314.17 of the Revised	292
Code;	293
(e) The school shall comply with Chapter 102. and section	294
2921.42 of the Revised Code;	295
(f) The school will comply with sections 3313.61, 3313.611,	296
and 3313.614 of the Revised Code, except that the requirement in	297
sections 3313.61 and 3313.611 of the Revised Code that a person	298
must successfully complete the curriculum in any high school prior	299
to receiving a high school diploma may be met by completing the	300
curriculum adopted by the governing authority of the community	301
school rather than the curriculum specified in Title XXXIII of the	302
Revised Code or any rules of the state board of education;	303
(g) The school governing authority will submit within four	304
months after the end of each school year a report of its	305
activities and progress in meeting the goals and standards of	306
divisions (A)(3) and (4) of this section and its financial status	307
to the sponsor, the parents of all students enrolled in the	308
school, and the legislative office of education oversight. The	309
school will collect and provide any data that the legislative	310
office of education oversight requests in furtherance of any study	311
or research that the general assembly requires the office to	312
conduct, including the studies required under Section 50.39 of Am.	313
Sub. H.B. 215 of the 122nd general assembly and Section 50.52.2 of	314
Am. Sub. H.B. 215 of the 122nd general assembly, as amended.	315
(12) Arrangements for providing health and other benefits to	316

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(13) The length of the contract, which shall begin at the 318 beginning of an academic year. No contract shall exceed five years 319 unless such contract has been renewed pursuant to division (E) of 320 this section. 321 (14) The governing authority of the school, which shall be 322 responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract; 323 (15) A financial plan detailing an estimated school budget 324 for each year of the period of the contract and specifying the 325 total estimated per pupil expenditure amount for each such year. 326 The plan shall specify for each year the base formula amount that 327 will be used for purposes of funding calculations under section 328 3314.08 of the Revised Code. This base formula amount for any year 329 shall not exceed the formula amount defined under section 3317.02 330 of the Revised Code. The plan may also specify for any year a 331 percentage figure to be used for reducing the per pupil amount of 332 the subsidy calculated pursuant to section 3317.029 of the Revised 333 Code the school is to receive that year under section 3314.08 of 334 the Revised Code. 335 (16) Requirements and procedures regarding the disposition of 336 employees of the school in the event the contract is terminated or 337 not renewed pursuant to section 3314.07 of the Revised Code; 338 (17) Whether the school is to be created by converting all or 339 part of an existing public school or is to be a new start-up 340 school, and if it is a converted public school, specification of 341 any duties or responsibilities of an employer that the board of 342 education that operated the school before conversion is delegating 343 to the governing board of the community school with respect to all 344 or any specified group of employees provided the delegation is not 345 prohibited by a collective bargaining agreement applicable to such 346 employees; 347

(18) Provisions establishing procedures for resolving

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community school;

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(3) If the community school is a currently existing public	409
school, alternative arrangements for current public school	410
students who choose not to attend the school and teachers who	411
choose not to teach in the school after conversion;	412
(4) The instructional program and educational philosophy of	413
the school;	414
(5) Internal financial controls.	415
(C) A contract entered into under section 3314.02 of the	416
Revised Code between a sponsor and the governing authority of a	417
community school may provide for the community school governing	418
authority to make payments to the sponsor, which is hereby	419
authorized to receive such payments as set forth in the contract	420
between the governing authority and the sponsor. The total amount	421
of such payments for oversight and monitoring of the school shall	422
not exceed three per cent of the total amount of payments for	423
operating expenses that the school receives from the state.	424
(D) The contract shall specify the duties of the sponsor	425
which shall be in accordance with the written agreement entered	426
into with the department of education under division (B) of	427
section 3314.015 of the Revised Code and shall include the	428
following:	429
(1) Monitor the community school's compliance with all laws	430
applicable to the school and with the terms of the contract;	431
(2) Monitor and evaluate the academic and fiscal performance	432
and the organization and operation of the community school on at	433
least an annual basis;	434
(3) Report on an annual basis the results of the evaluation	435
conducted under division (D)(2) of this section to the department	436
of education and to the parents of students enrolled in the	437

- (4) Provide technical assistance to the community school in439complying with laws applicable to the school and terms of thecontract;441
- (5) Take steps to intervene in the school's operation to

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 correct problems in the school's overall performance, declare the

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 school to be on probationary status pursuant to section 3314.073

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 of the Revised Code, suspend the operation of the school pursuant

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 to section 3314.072 of the Revised Code, or terminate the contract

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 of the school pursuant to section 3314.07 of the Revised Code as

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 determined necessary by the sponsor;

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- (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.

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- (E) Upon the expiration of a contract entered into under this 452 section, the sponsor of a community school may, with the approval 453 of the governing authority of the school, renew that contract for 454 a period of time determined by the sponsor, but not ending earlier 455 than the end of any school year, if the sponsor finds that the 456 school's compliance with applicable laws and terms of the contract 457 and the school's progress in meeting the academic goals prescribed 458 in the contract have been satisfactory. Any contract that is 459 renewed under this division remains subject to the provisions of 460 sections 3314.07, 3314.072, and 3314.073 of the Revised Code. 461
- (F) If a community school fails to open for operation within 462 one year after the contract entered into under this section is 463 adopted pursuant to division (D) of section 3314.02 of the Revised 464 Code or permanently closes prior to the expiration of the 465 contract, the contract shall be void and the school shall not 466 enter into a contract with any other sponsor. A school shall not 467 be considered permanently closed because the operations of the 468 school have been suspended pursuant to section 3314.072 of the 469

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Revised Code. Any contract that becomes void under this division

shall not count toward any statewide limit on the number of such

contracts prescribed by section 3314.013 of the Revised Code.

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Sec. 3737.73. (A) No principal or person in charge of a 473 public or private school or educational institution having an 474 average daily attendance of fifty twenty or more pupils, and no 475 person in charge of any children's home or orphanage housing 476 twenty or more minor persons, shall willfully neglect to instruct 477 and train such children by means of drills or rapid dismissals at 478 least once a month while such school, institution, or children's 479 home is in operation, so that such children in a sudden emergency 480 may leave the building in the shortest possible time without 481 confusion. The principal or person in charge of a school or 482 educational institution shall conduct drills or rapid dismissals 483 at least nine times during the school year, which shall be at the 484 times and frequency prescribed in rules adopted by the fire 485 marshal. However, no drill or rapid dismissal under this division 486 need be conducted in any month that a school safety drill required 487 under division (D) of this section is conducted as long as a total 488 of nine drills or rapid dismissals under this division are 489 conducted in the school year. The principal or person in charge of 490 a children's home or orphanage shall conduct drills or rapid 491 dismissals at least once each month while the home is in 492 operation. In the case of schools, no such person principal or 493 person in charge of a school shall willfully neglect to keep the 494 doors and exits of such building unlocked during school hours. The 495 fire marshal may order the immediate installation of necessary 496 fire gongs or signals in such schools, institutions, or children's 497 homes and enforce this division and divisions (B) and (C)(3) of 498 this section. 499

(B) In conjunction with the drills or rapid dismissals

required by division (A) of this section, principals or persons in	501
charge of public or private primary and secondary schools, or	502
educational institutions, shall instruct pupils in safety	503
precautions to be taken in case of a tornado alert or warning.	504
Such principals or persons in charge of such schools or	505
institutions shall designate, in accordance with standards	506
prescribed by the fire marshal, appropriate locations to be used	507
to shelter pupils in case of a tornado, tornado alert, or warning.	508
(C) $\underline{(1)}$ The fire marshal or $\frac{\text{his}}{\text{the fire marshal's}}$ designee	509
shall annually inspect <u>each school, institution, home, or</u>	510
orphanage subject to division (A) of this section to determine	511
compliance with that division, and each school or institution	512
subject to division (B) of this section to ascertain whether the	513
locations comply with the prescribed standards <u>prescribed under</u>	514
that division. Nothing in this section shall require a school or	515
institution to construct or improve a facility or location for use	516
as a shelter area.	517
$\frac{(D)}{(2)}$ The fire marshal or $\frac{his}{2}$ the fire marshal's designee	518
shall issue a warning to any person found in violation of division	519
(A) or (B) of this section. The warning shall indicate the	520
specific violation and a date by which such violation shall be	521
corrected. No	522
(3) No person shall fail to correct violations by the date	523
indicated on a warning issued under this division (C)(2) of this	524
section.	525
(D)(1) On or before April 1, 2007, and on or before each	526
first day of December thereafter, the principal or person in	527
charge of each public or private school or educational institution	528
shall conduct a school safety drill to provide pupils with	529
instruction in the procedures to follow in situations where pupils	530
must be secured in the school building, such as a threat to the	531

school involving an act of terrorism; a person possessing a deadly	532
weapon or dangerous ordnance, as defined in section 2923.11 of the	533
Revised Code, on school property; or other act of violence.	534
(2)(a) The principal or person in charge of each public or	535
private school or educational institution shall provide to the	536
police chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer of the	537
municipal corporation, township, or township police district in	538
which the school or institution is located, or, in absence of any	539
such person, the county sheriff of the county in which the school	540
or institution is located advance written notice of each school	541
safety drill required under division (D)(1) of this section and	542
shall keep a written record of the date and time of each drill	543
conducted. The advance notice shall be provided not later than	544
seventy-two hours prior to the date the drill will be conducted	545
and shall include the date and time the drill will be conducted	546
and the address of the school or educational institution. The	547
notice shall be provided by mail, facsimile, or electronic	548
submission.	549
(b) Not later than April 5, 2007, and not later than the	550
fifth day of December each year thereafter, the principal or	551
person in charge of each public or private school or educational	552
institution shall provide written certification by mail of the	553
date and time each school safety drill required under division	554
(D)(1) of this section was conducted to the police chief or other	555
similar chief law enforcement officer of the municipal	556
corporation, township, or township police district in which the	557
school or institution is located, or, in the absence of any such	558
person, the county sheriff of the county in which the school or	559
institution is located. If such certification is not provided, the	560
principal or person in charge of the school or institution shall	561
be considered to have failed to conduct the drill and shall be	562
subject to division (D)(4) of this section.	563

(3) The principal or person in charge of each public or	564
private school or educational institution shall hold annual	565
training sessions for employees of the school or institution	566
regarding the conduct of school safety drills.	567
(4) The police chief or other similar chief law enforcement	568
officer of a municipal corporation, township, or township police	569
district, or, in the absence of any such person, the county	570
sheriff shall issue a warning to any person found in violation of	571
division (D)(1) of this section. Each warning issued for a	572
violation of division (D)(1) of this section shall require the	573
principal or person in charge of the school or institution to	574
correct the violation by conducting the school safety drill not	575
later than the thirtieth day after the date the warning is issued.	576
The violation shall not be considered corrected unless, not later	577
than forty days after the date the warning is issued, the	578
principal or person in charge of the school or institution	579
provides written certification of the date and time the drill was	580
conducted to the police chief or other similar chief law	581
enforcement officer or county sheriff who issued the warning.	582
(5) No person shall fail to correct violations by the date	583
indicated on a warning issued under division (D)(4) of this	584
section.	585
Sec. 3737.99. (A) Whoever violates section 3737.28 of the	586
Revised Code may be summarily punished, by the officer concerned,	587
by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars or commitment to	588
the county jail until that person is willing to comply with the	589
order of such officer.	590
(B) Except as a violation of section 2923.17 of the Revised	591
Code involves subject matter covered by the state fire code and	592
except as such a violation is covered by division (G) of this	593
section, whoever violates division (A) of section 3737.51 of the	594

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encourage the United States Congress and the United States	624
Department of Homeland Security to broaden the definition of	625
"critical infrastructure" enacted in the "Homeland Security Act of	626
2002," 6 U.S.C. 101 et seq., to include school buildings as they	627
are a potential target of terrorist attacks. Including school	628
buildings as critical infrastructure would enable the Department	629
to prioritize the security of school buildings by integrating them	630
into its risk assessments and plans for protecting the national	631
safety and welfare.	632