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То	amend sections 3301.0714, 3306.51, 3306.53,	1
	3306.54, 3306.55, 3306.58, 3313.603, 3314.028, and	2
	3314.35 and to enact sections 3301.94, 3306.59,	3
	and 3333.0410 of the Revised Code to include	4
	Junior ROTC as a permitted elective within the	Ē
	Ohio Core curriculum, to permit schools to excuse	6
	Junior ROTC students from high school physical	7
	education, to clarify the conditions under which a	8
	community school must close for poor academic	٥
	performance, to specify conditions under which	10
	certain community schools may obtain new sponsors.	11

- (4) Procedures for annually reporting the data to the publicin accordance with division (H) of this section.
- (B) The guidelines adopted under this section shall require 42 the data maintained in the education management information system 43 to include at least the following: 44
- (1) Student participation and performance data, for each
 grade in each school district as a whole and for each grade in
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 each school building in each school district, that includes:
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- (a) The numbers of students receiving each category of 48 instructional service offered by the school district, such as 49 regular education instruction, vocational education instruction, 50 specialized instruction programs or enrichment instruction that is 51 part of the educational curriculum, instruction for gifted 52 students, instruction for students with disabilities, and remedial 53 instruction. The quidelines shall require instructional services 54 under this division to be divided into discrete categories if an 55 instructional service is limited to a specific subject, a specific 56 type of student, or both, such as regular instructional services 57 in mathematics, remedial reading instructional services, 58 instructional services specifically for students gifted in 59 mathematics or some other subject area, or instructional services 60 for students with a specific type of disability. The categories of 61 instructional services required by the guidelines under this 62 division shall be the same as the categories of instructional 63 services used in determining cost units pursuant to division 64 (C)(3) of this section. 65
- (b) The numbers of students receiving support or 66 extracurricular services for each of the support services or 67 extracurricular programs offered by the school district, such as 68 counseling services, health services, and extracurricular sports 69 and fine arts programs. The categories of services required by the 70 guidelines under this division shall be the same as the categories 71

kindergarten students as required under section 3301.0715 of the	101
Revised Code to permit a comparison of the academic readiness of	102
kindergarten students. However, no district shall be required to	103
report to the department the results of any diagnostic assessment	104
administered to a kindergarten student if the parent of that	105
student requests the district not to report those results.	106

- (2) Personnel and classroom enrollment data for each school 107 district, including:
- (a) The total numbers of licensed employees and nonlicensed 109 employees and the numbers of full-time equivalent licensed 110 employees and nonlicensed employees providing each category of 111 instructional service, instructional support service, and 112 administrative support service used pursuant to division (C)(3) of 113 this section. The quidelines adopted under this section shall 114 require these categories of data to be maintained for the school 115 district as a whole and, wherever applicable, for each grade in 116 the school district as a whole, for each school building as a 117 whole, and for each grade in each school building. 118
- (b) The total number of employees and the number of full-time 119 equivalent employees providing each category of service used 120 pursuant to divisions (C)(4)(a) and (b) of this section, and the 121 total numbers of licensed employees and nonlicensed employees and 122 the numbers of full-time equivalent licensed employees and 123 nonlicensed employees providing each category used pursuant to 124 division (C)(4)(c) of this section. The guidelines adopted under 125 this section shall require these categories of data to be 126 maintained for the school district as a whole and, wherever 127 applicable, for each grade in the school district as a whole, for 128 each school building as a whole, and for each grade in each school 129 building. 130
- (c) The total number of regular classroom teachers teaching 131 classes of regular education and the average number of pupils 132

the following:

- (1) Administrative costs for the school district as a whole. 165
 The guidelines shall require the cost units under this division 166
 (C)(1) to be designed so that each of them may be compiled and 167
 reported in terms of average expenditure per pupil in formula ADM 168
 in the school district, as determined pursuant to section 3317.03 169
 of the Revised Code. 170
- (2) Administrative costs for each school building in the 171 school district. The guidelines shall require the cost units under 172 this division (C)(2) to be designed so that each of them may be 173 compiled and reported in terms of average expenditure per 174 full-time equivalent pupil receiving instructional or support 175 services in each building. 176
- (3) Instructional services costs for each category of 177 instructional service provided directly to students and required 178 by guidelines adopted pursuant to division (B)(1)(a) of this 179 section. The guidelines shall require the cost units under 180 division (C)(3) of this section to be designed so that each of 181 them may be compiled and reported in terms of average expenditure 182 per pupil receiving the service in the school district as a whole 183 and average expenditure per pupil receiving the service in each 184 building in the school district and in terms of a total cost for 185 each category of service and, as a breakdown of the total cost, a 186 cost for each of the following components: 187
- (a) The cost of each instructional services category required

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 by guidelines adopted under division (B)(1)(a) of this section

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 that is provided directly to students by a classroom teacher;

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- (b) The cost of the instructional support services, such as
 services provided by a speech-language pathologist, classroom
 aide, multimedia aide, or librarian, provided directly to students
 in conjunction with each instructional services category;
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(c) The cost of the administrative support services related 195 to each instructional services category, such as the cost of 196 personnel that develop the curriculum for the instructional 197 services category and the cost of personnel supervising or 198 coordinating the delivery of the instructional services category. 199 (4) Support or extracurricular services costs for each 200 category of service directly provided to students and required by 201 quidelines adopted pursuant to division (B)(1)(b) of this section. 202 The guidelines shall require the cost units under division (C)(4) 203 of this section to be designed so that each of them may be 204 compiled and reported in terms of average expenditure per pupil 205 receiving the service in the school district as a whole and 206 average expenditure per pupil receiving the service in each 207 building in the school district and in terms of a total cost for 208 each category of service and, as a breakdown of the total cost, a 209 cost for each of the following components: 210 (a) The cost of each support or extracurricular services 211 category required by guidelines adopted under division (B)(1)(b) 212 of this section that is provided directly to students by a 213 licensed employee, such as services provided by a guidance 214 counselor or any services provided by a licensed employee under a 215 supplemental contract; 216 (b) The cost of each such services category provided directly 217 to students by a nonlicensed employee, such as janitorial 218 services, cafeteria services, or services of a sports trainer; 219 (c) The cost of the administrative services related to each 220 services category in division (C)(4)(a) or (b) of this section, 221 such as the cost of any licensed or nonlicensed employees that 222 develop, supervise, coordinate, or otherwise are involved in 223 administering or aiding the delivery of each services category. 224

(D)(1) The guidelines adopted under this section shall

require school districts to collect information about individual	226
students, staff members, or both in connection with any data	227
required by division (B) or (C) of this section or other reporting	228
requirements established in the Revised Code. The guidelines may	229
also require school districts to report information about	230
individual staff members in connection with any data required by	231
division (B) or (C) of this section or other reporting	232
requirements established in the Revised Code. The guidelines shall	233
not authorize school districts to request social security numbers	234
of individual students. The guidelines shall prohibit the	235
reporting under this section of a student's name, address, and	236
social security number to the state board of education or the	237
department of education. The guidelines shall also prohibit the	238
reporting under this section of any personally identifiable	239
information about any student, except for the purpose of assigning	240
the data verification code required by division (D)(2) of this	241
section, to any other person unless such person is employed by the	242
school district or the information technology center operated	243
under section 3301.075 of the Revised Code and is authorized by	244
the district or technology center to have access to such	245
information or is employed by an entity with which the department	246
contracts for the scoring of assessments administered under	247
section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code. The guidelines may require	248
school districts to provide the social security numbers of	249
individual staff members.	250

(2) The guidelines shall provide for each school district or 251 community school to assign a data verification code that is unique 252 on a statewide basis over time to each student whose initial Ohio 253 enrollment is in that district or school and to report all 254 required individual student data for that student utilizing such 255 code. The guidelines shall also provide for assigning data 256 verification codes to all students enrolled in districts or 257 community schools on the effective date of the guidelines 258

established under this section.

Individual student data shall be reported to the department 260 through the information technology centers utilizing the code but, 261 except as provided in sections 3310.11, 3310.42, 3313.978, and 262 3317.20 of the Revised Code, at no time shall the state board or 263 the department have access to information that would enable any 264 data verification code to be matched to personally identifiable 265 student data.

Each school district shall ensure that the data verification 267 code is included in the student's records reported to any 268 subsequent school district or community school, or state 269 institution of higher education, as defined in section 3345.011 of 270 the Revised Code, in which the student enrolls. Any such 271 subsequent district or school shall utilize the same identifier in 272 its reporting of data under this section.

The director of health shall request and receive, pursuant to 274 sections 3301.0723 and 3701.62 of the Revised Code, a data 275 verification code for a child who is receiving services under 276 division (A)(2) of section 3701.61 of the Revised Code. 277

- (E) The guidelines adopted under this section may require 278 school districts to collect and report data, information, or 279 reports other than that described in divisions (A), (B), and (C) 280 of this section for the purpose of complying with other reporting 281 requirements established in the Revised Code. The other data, 282 information, or reports may be maintained in the education 283 management information system but are not required to be compiled 284 as part of the profile formats required under division (G) of this 285 section or the annual statewide report required under division (H) 286 of this section. 2.87
- (F) Beginning with the school year that begins July 1, 1991, 288 the board of education of each school district shall annually 289

collect and report to the state board, in accordance with the	290
guidelines established by the board, the data required pursuant to	291
this section. A school district may collect and report these data	292
notwithstanding section 2151.357 or 3319.321 of the Revised Code.	293
(G) The state board shall, in accordance with the procedures	294
it adopts, annually compile the data reported by each school	295
district pursuant to division (D) of this section. The state board	296
shall design formats for profiling each school district as a whole	297
and each school building within each district and shall compile	298
the data in accordance with these formats. These profile formats	299
shall:	300
(1) Include all of the data gathered under this section in a	301
manner that facilitates comparison among school districts and	302
among school buildings within each school district;	303
(2) Present the data on academic achievement levels as	304
assessed by the testing of student achievement maintained pursuant	305
to division (B)(1)(d) of this section.	306
(H)(1) The state board shall, in accordance with the	307
procedures it adopts, annually prepare a statewide report for all	308
school districts and the general public that includes the profile	309
of each of the school districts developed pursuant to division (G)	310
of this section. Copies of the report shall be sent to each school	311
district.	312
(2) The state board shall, in accordance with the procedures	313
it adopts, annually prepare an individual report for each school	314
district and the general public that includes the profiles of each	315
of the school buildings in that school district developed pursuant	316
to division (G) of this section. Copies of the report shall be	317
sent to the superintendent of the district and to each member of	318
the district board of education.	319

(3) Copies of the reports received from the state board under

divisions (H)(1) and (2) of this section shall be made available	321
to the general public at each school district's offices. Each	322
district board of education shall make copies of each report	323
available to any person upon request and payment of a reasonable	324
fee for the cost of reproducing the report. The board shall	325
annually publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the	326
school district, at least twice during the two weeks prior to the	327
week in which the reports will first be available, a notice	328
containing the address where the reports are available and the	329
date on which the reports will be available.	330
(I) Any data that is collected or maintained pursuant to this	331
section and that identifies an individual pupil is not a public	332
record for the purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code.	333

(J) As used in this section:

- (1) "School district" means any city, local, exempted

 village, or joint vocational school district and, in accordance

 with section 3314.17 of the Revised Code, any community school. As

 used in division (L) of this section, "school district" also

 includes any educational service center or other educational

 entity required to submit data using the system established under

 this section.

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- (2) "Cost" means any expenditure for operating expenses made

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 by a school district excluding any expenditures for debt

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 retirement except for payments made to any commercial lending

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 institution for any loan approved pursuant to section 3313.483 of

 the Revised Code.

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- (K) Any person who removes data from the information system 347 established under this section for the purpose of releasing it to 348 any person not entitled under law to have access to such 349 information is subject to section 2913.42 of the Revised Code 350 prohibiting tampering with data.

(L)(1) In accordance with division (L)(2) of this section and 352 the rules adopted under division (L)(10) of this section, the 353 department of education may sanction any school district that 354 reports incomplete or inaccurate data, reports data that does not 355 conform to data requirements and descriptions published by the 356 department, fails to report data in a timely manner, or otherwise 357 does not make a good faith effort to report data as required by 358 this section. 359 (2) If the department decides to sanction a school district 360 under this division, the department shall take the following 361 sequential actions: 362 (a) Notify the district in writing that the department has 363 determined that data has not been reported as required under this 364 section and require the district to review its data submission and 365 submit corrected data by a deadline established by the department. 366 The department also may require the district to develop a 367 corrective action plan, which shall include provisions for the 368 district to provide mandatory staff training on data reporting 369 procedures. 370 (b) Withhold up to ten per cent of the total amount of state 371 funds due to the district for the current fiscal year and, if not 372 previously required under division (L)(2)(a) of this section, 373 require the district to develop a corrective action plan in 374 accordance with that division; 375 (c) Withhold an additional amount of up to twenty per cent of 376 the total amount of state funds due to the district for the 377 current fiscal year; 378 (d) Direct department staff or an outside entity to 379 investigate the district's data reporting practices and make 380 recommendations for subsequent actions. The recommendations may 381

include one or more of the following actions:

The department shall send a copy of the report to the district

report in its files.

superintendent or chief administrator and maintain a copy of the

(4) If any action taken under division (L)(2) of this section

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resolves a school district's data reporting problems to the 413 department's satisfaction, the department shall not take any 414 further actions described by that division. If the department 415 withheld funds from the district under that division, the 416 department may release those funds to the district, except that if 417 the department withheld funding under division (L)(2)(c) of this 418 section, the department shall not release the funds withheld under 419 division (L)(2)(b) of this section and, if the department withheld 420 funding under division (L)(2)(d) of this section, the department 421 shall not release the funds withheld under division (L)(2)(b) or 422 (c) of this section. 423

- (5) Notwithstanding anything in this section to the contrary, 424 the department may use its own staff or an outside entity to 425 conduct an audit of a school district's data reporting practices 426 any time the department has reason to believe the district has not 427 made a good faith effort to report data as required by this 428 section. If any audit conducted by an outside entity under 429 division (L)(2)(d)(i) or (5) of this section confirms that a 430 district has not made a good faith effort to report data as 431 required by this section, the district shall reimburse the 432 department for the full cost of the audit. The department may 433 withhold state funds due to the district for this purpose. 434
- (6) Prior to issuing a revised report card for a school 435 district under division (L)(2)(d)(viii) of this section, the 436 department may hold a hearing to provide the district with an 437 opportunity to demonstrate that it made a good faith effort to 438 report data as required by this section. The hearing shall be 439 conducted by a referee appointed by the department. Based on the 440 information provided in the hearing, the referee shall recommend 441 whether the department should issue a revised report card for the 442 district. If the referee affirms the department's contention that 443 the district did not make a good faith effort to report data as 444

required by this section, the district shall bear the full cost of	445
conducting the hearing and of issuing any revised report card.	446
(7) If the department determines that any inaccurate data	447
reported under this section caused a school district to receive	448
excess state funds in any fiscal year, the district shall	449
reimburse the department an amount equal to the excess funds, in	450
accordance with a payment schedule determined by the department.	451
The department may withhold state funds due to the district for	452
this purpose.	453
(8) Any school district that has funds withheld under	454
division (L)(2) of this section may appeal the withholding in	455
accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.	456
(9) In all cases of a disagreement between the department and	457
a school district regarding the appropriateness of an action taken	458
under division (L)(2) of this section, the burden of proof shall	459
be on the district to demonstrate that it made a good faith effort	460
to report data as required by this section.	461
(10) The state board of education shall adopt rules under	462
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement division (L) of this	463
section.	464
(M) No information technology center or school district shall	465
acquire, change, or update its student administration software	466
package to manage and report data required to be reported to the	467
department unless it converts to a student software package that	468
is certified by the department.	469
(N) The state board of education, in accordance with sections	470
3319.31 and 3319.311 of the Revised Code, may suspend or revoke a	471
license as defined under division (A) of section 3319.31 of the	472
Revised Code that has been issued to any school district employee	473
found to have willfully reported erroneous, inaccurate, or	474

incomplete data to the education management information system.

(O) No person shall release or maintain any information about	476
any student in violation of this section. Whoever violates this	477
division is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.	478
(P) The department shall disaggregate the data collected	479
under division (B)(1)(n) of this section according to the race and	480
socioeconomic status of the students assessed. No data collected	481
under that division shall be included on the report cards required	482
by section 3302.03 of the Revised Code.	483
(Q) If the department cannot compile any of the information	484
required by division (C)(5) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code	485
based upon the data collected under this section, the department	486
shall develop a plan and a reasonable timeline for the collection	487
of any data necessary to comply with that division.	488
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Sec. 3301.94. Upon approval of the state board of education,	489
the superintendent of public instruction and the chancellor of the	490
Ohio board of regents may enter into a memorandum of understanding	491
under which the department of education, on behalf of the	492
chancellor, will receive and maintain copies of data records	493
containing student information reported to the chancellor for the	494
purpose of combining those records with the data reported to the	495
education management information system established under section	496
3301.0714 of the Revised Code to establish an education data	497
repository that may be used to conduct longitudinal research and	498
evaluation. The memorandum of understanding shall specify the	499
<u>following:</u>	500
(A) That, prior to establishing the repository, the	501
superintendent and chancellor shall develop a strategic plan for	502
the repository that outlines the goals to be achieved from its	503
implementation and use. A copy of the strategic plan shall be	504
provided to the governor, the president of the senate, and the	505
speaker of the house of representatives.	506

(B) That the chancellor shall submit all student data to be	507
included in the repository to the independent contractor engaged	508
by the department to create and maintain the student data	509
verification codes required by division (D)(2) of section	510
3301.0714 of the Revised Code. For each student included in the	511
data submitted by the chancellor, the independent contractor shall	512
determine whether a data verification code has been assigned to	513
that student. In the case of a student to whom a data verification	514
code has been assigned, the independent contractor shall add the	515
code to the student's data record and remove from the data record	516
any information that would enable the data verification code to be	517
matched to personally identifiable student data. In the case of a	518
student to whom a data verification code has not been assigned,	519
the independent contractor shall assign a data verification code	520
to the student, add the data verification code to the student's	521
data record, and remove from the data record any information that	522
would enable the data verification code to be matched to	523
personally identifiable student data. After making the	524
modifications described in this division, the independent	525
contractor shall transmit the data to the department.	526
(C) That the superintendent and the chancellor jointly shall	527
develop procedures for the maintenance of the data in the	528
repository and shall designate the types of research that may be	529
conducted using that data. Permitted uses of the data shall	530
include, but are not limited to, the following:	531
(1) Assisting the department, superintendent, or state board	532
in performing audit and evaluation functions concerning preschool,	533
elementary, and secondary education as required or authorized by	534
any provision of law, including division (C) of section 3301.07	535
and sections 3301.12, 3301.16, 3301.53, 3301.57, 3301.58, and	536
3302.03 of the Revised Code;	537
(2) Assisting the chancellor in performing audit and	538

evaluation functions concerning higher education as required or	539
authorized by any provision of law, including sections 3333.04,	540
3333.041, 3333.047, 3333.122, 3333.123, 3333.16, 3333.161,	541
3333.374, 3333.72, and 3333.82 of the Revised Code.	542
(D) That the superintendent and the chancellor, from time to	543
time, jointly may enter into written agreements with entities for	544
the use of data in the repository to conduct research and analysis	545
designed to evaluate the effectiveness of programs or services, to	546
measure progress against specific strategic planning goals, or for	547
any other purpose permitted by law that the superintendent and	548
chancellor consider necessary for the performance of their duties	549
under the Revised Code. The agreements may permit the disclosure	550
of personally identifiable student information to the entity named	551
in the agreement, provided that disclosure complies with the	552
"Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974," 88 Stat. 571,	553
20 U.S.C. 1232g, as amended, and regulations promulgated under	554
that act prescribing requirements for such agreements. The	555
superintendent shall notify the state board of each agreement	556
entered into under this division.	557
(E) That the data in the repository submitted by the	558
department shall remain under the direct control of the department	559
and that the data in the repository submitted by the chancellor	560
shall remain under the direct control of the chancellor;	561
(F) That the data in the repository shall be managed in a	562
manner that complies with the "Family Educational Rights and	563
Privacy Act of 1974," 88 Stat. 571, 20 U.S.C. 1232g, as amended;	564
(G) That all costs related to the initial establishment and	565
ongoing maintenance of the repository shall be paid from funds	566
received from state incentive grants awarded under division (A),	567
Title XIV, section 14006 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment	568
Act of 2009, other federal grant programs, or existing	569
appropriations of the department or chancellor that are designated	570

Sec. 3306.53. From January 1, 2010, through April 14, 2010,

application period during which a city, exempted village, or local

The superintendent of public instruction shall establish an

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school district and a community school may submit to the Harmon	601
commission an unlimited number of applications for first-time	602
designation of individual classrooms as creative learning	603
environments. No applications may be submitted between April 15,	604
2010, and July 1, 2010. After July 1, 2010 After that application	605
period, each city, exempted village, or local school district and	606
each eligible community school may submit only one application per	607
fiscal year for first-time designation of one classroom as a	608
creative learning environment.	609

Sec. 3306.54. Not later than the first day of May each year 610 Following the end of the initial application period established 611 under section 3306.53 of the Revised Code, the Harmon commission 612 shall begin meeting meet to review pending applications for 613 first-time designations submitted under that section 3306.53 of 614 the Revised Code. The commission shall approve or disapprove all 615 pending applications by the first day of July not later than two 616 months after the end of the application period. The decision of 617 the commission is final. 618

Sec. 3306.55. (A) The Harmon commission's first-time 619 designation of a classroom as a creative learning environment is 620 valid for one the first full fiscal year following approval of the 621 application under section 3306.54 of the Revised Code. A school 622 district or community school may apply to have the designation 623 renewed. The commission shall renew the designation for the next 624 two fiscal years if the school district or community school 625 applies for the renewal and the commission finds that the 626 classroom continues to meet the guidelines adopted under section 627 3306.52 of the Revised Code. The commission shall not renew the 628 designation if the school district or community school does not 629 apply for renewal or if the commission determines that the 630

classroom no longer meets those guidelines.	631
(B) At the end of a two-year renewal granted under division	632
(A) of this section, and every two fiscal years thereafter, the	633
designation of a classroom as a creative learning environment is	634
automatically renewed, without need for application, for the next	635
two fiscal years, unless the designation is revoked under division	636
(C) of this section.	637
(C) If the department of education at any time finds that the	638
classroom is no longer operating in accordance with the standards	639
adopted under section 3306.52 of the Revised Code, the department	640
shall appeal the designation to the commission not later than the	641
fifteenth day of February. The commission shall review the	642
operation of the classroom and either continue the designation or	643
revoke the designation. A revocation shall take effect on the	644
first day of July following the department's appeal.	645
(D) The decision of the commission under divisions (A) to (C)	646
of this section is final.	647
(E) If the commission does not renew a designation of a	648
classroom under division (A) of this section or revokes that	649
designation under division (C) of this section, the district or	650
community school may reapply for designation of the classroom	651
under section 3306.53 of the Revised Code. That application shall	652
be treated as a new application for first-time designation.	653
Sec. 3306.58. Beginning July 1, 2010, to To the extent the	654
Harmon commission determines that sufficient funds are available,	655
the commission may award grants or stipends to school districts	656
and community schools that have one or more of their classrooms	657
designated as creative learning environments under section 3306.51	658
of the Revised Code. The commission shall adopt procedures for	659

application for and the award of grants or stipends under this

section.	661
Sec. 3306.59. Sections 3306.50 to 3306.58 of the Revised Code	662
shall be implemented unless the general assembly does not	663
appropriate funds to perform the duties prescribed by those	664
sections or the superintendent of public instruction determines	665
that sufficient funds are not available for that purpose.	666
Sec. 3313.603. (A) As used in this section:	667
(1) "One unit" means a minimum of one hundred twenty hours of	668
course instruction, except that for a laboratory course, "one	669
unit" means a minimum of one hundred fifty hours of course	670
instruction.	671
(2) "One-half unit" means a minimum of sixty hours of course	672
instruction, except that for physical education courses, "one-half	673
unit" means a minimum of one hundred twenty hours of course	674
instruction.	675
(B) Beginning September 15, 2001, except as required in	676
division (C) of this section and division (C) of section 3313.614	677
of the Revised Code, the requirements for graduation from every	678
high school shall include twenty units earned in grades nine	679
through twelve and shall be distributed as follows:	680
(1) English language arts, four units;	681
(2) Health, one-half unit;	682
(3) Mathematics, three units;	683
(4) Physical education, one-half unit;	684
(5) Science, two units until September 15, 2003, and three	685
units thereafter, which at all times shall include both of the	686
following:	687
(a) Biological sciences, one unit;	688

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one unit:	718
(i) Chemistry, physics, or other physical science;	719
(ii) Advanced biology or other life science;	720
(iii) Astronomy, physical geology, or other earth or space	721
science.	722
(6) Social studies, three units, which shall include both of	723
the following:	724
(a) American history, one-half unit;	725
(b) American government, one-half unit.	726
Each school shall integrate the study of economics and	727
financial literacy, as expressed in the social studies academic	728
content standards adopted by the state board of education under	729
division (A)(1) of section 3301.079 of the Revised Code and the	730
academic content standards for financial literacy and	731
entrepreneurship adopted under division (A)(2) of that section,	732
into one or more existing social studies credits required under	733
division (C)(6) of this section, or into the content of another	734
class, so that every high school student receives instruction in	735
those concepts. In developing the curriculum required by this	736
paragraph, schools shall use available public-private partnerships	737
and resources and materials that exist in business, industry, and	738
through the centers for economics education at institutions of	739
higher education in the state.	740
(7) Five units consisting of one or any combination of	741
foreign language, fine arts, business, career-technical education,	742
family and consumer sciences, technology, agricultural education,	743
a junior reserve officer training corps (JROTC) program approved	744
by the congress of the United States under title 10 of the United	745
States Code, or English language arts, mathematics, science, or	746
social studies courses not otherwise required under division (C)	747

of	this	section.	748
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Ohioans must be prepared to apply increased knowledge and 749 skills in the workplace and to adapt their knowledge and skills 750 quickly to meet the rapidly changing conditions of the 751 twenty-first century. National studies indicate that all high 752 school graduates need the same academic foundation, regardless of 753 the opportunities they pursue after graduation. The goal of Ohio's 754 system of elementary and secondary education is to prepare all 755 students for and seamlessly connect all students to success in 756 life beyond high school graduation, regardless of whether the next 757 step is entering the workforce, beginning an apprenticeship, 758 engaging in post-secondary training, serving in the military, or 759 pursuing a college degree. 760

The Ohio core curriculum is the standard expectation for all
students entering ninth grade for the first time at a public or
chartered nonpublic high school on or after July 1, 2010. A
student may satisfy this expectation through a variety of methods,
including, but not limited to, integrated, applied,
career-technical, and traditional coursework.
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Whereas teacher quality is essential for student success in

completing the Ohio core curriculum, the general assembly shall

appropriate funds for strategic initiatives designed to strengthen

schools' capacities to hire and retain highly qualified teachers

in the subject areas required by the curriculum. Such initiatives

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are expected to require an investment of \$120,000,000 over five

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Stronger coordination between high schools and institutions
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of higher education is necessary to prepare students for more
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challenging academic endeavors and to lessen the need for academic
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remediation in college, thereby reducing the costs of higher
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education for Ohio's students, families, and the state. The state
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board of education and the chancellor of the Ohio board of regents
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shall develop policies to ensure that only in rare instances will

students who complete the Ohio core curriculum require academic

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remediation after high school.

School districts, community schools, and chartered nonpublic schools shall integrate technology into learning experiences whenever practicable across the curriculum in order to maximize efficiency, enhance learning, and prepare students for success in the technology-driven twenty-first century. Districts and schools may use distance and web-based course delivery as a method of providing or augmenting all instruction required under this division, including laboratory experience in science. Districts and schools shall whenever practicable utilize technology access and electronic learning opportunities provided by the eTech Ohio commission, the Ohio learning network, education technology centers, public television stations, and other public and private providers.

- (D) Except as provided in division (E) of this section, a 796 student who enters ninth grade on or after July 1, 2010, and 797 before July 1, 2014, may qualify for graduation from a public or 798 chartered nonpublic high school even though the student has not 799 completed the Ohio core curriculum prescribed in division (C) of 800 this section if all of the following conditions are satisfied: 801
- (1) After the student has attended high school for two years, 802 as determined by the school, the student and the student's parent, 803 guardian, or custodian sign and file with the school a written 804 statement asserting the parent's, guardian's, or custodian's 805 consent to the student's graduating without completing the Ohio 806 core curriculum and acknowledging that one consequence of not 807 completing the Ohio core curriculum is ineligibility to enroll in 808 most state universities in Ohio without further coursework. 809
- (2) The student and parent, guardian, or custodian fulfill 810 any procedural requirements the school stipulates to ensure the 811

student's and parent's, guardian's, or custodian's informed	812
consent and to facilitate orderly filing of statements under	813
division (D)(1) of this section.	814

- (3) The student and the student's parent, guardian, or

 custodian and a representative of the student's high school

 jointly develop an individual career plan for the student that

 specifies the student matriculating to a two-year degree program,

 acquiring a business and industry credential, or entering an

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 apprenticeship.
- (4) The student's high school provides counseling and support 821 for the student related to the plan developed under division 822 (D)(3) of this section during the remainder of the student's high 823 school experience. 824
- (5) The student successfully completes, at a minimum, the 825 curriculum prescribed in division (B) of this section. 826

The department of education, in collaboration with the the 827 chancellor of the Ohio board of regents, shall analyze student 828 performance data to determine if there are mitigating factors that 829 warrant extending the exception permitted by division (D) of this 830 section to high school classes beyond those entering ninth grade 831 before July 1, 2014. The department shall submit its findings and 832 any recommendations not later than August 1, 2014, to the speaker 833 and minority leader of the house of representatives, the president 834 and minority leader of the senate, the chairpersons and ranking 835 minority members of the standing committees of the house of 836 representatives and the senate that consider education 837 legislation, the state board of education, and the superintendent 838 of public instruction. 839

(E) Each school district and chartered nonpublic school 840 retains the authority to require an even more rigorous minimum 841 curriculum for high school graduation than specified in division 842

(B) or (C) of this section. A school district board of education,	843
through the adoption of a resolution, or the governing authority	844
of a chartered nonpublic school may stipulate any of the	845
following:	846
(1) A minimum high school curriculum that requires more than	847
twenty units of academic credit to graduate;	848
(2) An exception to the district's or school's minimum high	849
school curriculum that is comparable to the exception provided in	850
division (D) of this section but with additional requirements,	851
which may include a requirement that the student successfully	852
complete more than the minimum curriculum prescribed in division	853
(B) of this section;	854
(3) That no exception comparable to that provided in division	855
(D) of this section is available.	856
(F) A student enrolled in a dropout prevention and recovery	857
program, which program has received a waiver from the department	858
of education, may qualify for graduation from high school by	859
successfully completing a competency-based instructional program	860
administered by the dropout prevention and recovery program in	861
lieu of completing the Ohio core curriculum prescribed in division	862
(C) of this section. The department shall grant a waiver to a	863
dropout prevention and recovery program, within sixty days after	864
the program applies for the waiver, if the program meets all of	865
the following conditions:	866
(1) The program serves only students not younger than sixteen	867
years of age and not older than twenty-one years of age.	868
(2) The program enrolls students who, at the time of their	869
initial enrollment, either, or both, are at least one grade level	870
behind their cohort age groups or experience crises that	871
significantly interfere with their academic progress such that	872

they are prevented from continuing their traditional programs.

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(3) The program requires students to attain at least the	874
applicable score designated for each of the assessments prescribed	875
under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code or,	876
to the extent prescribed by rule of the state board of education	877
under division (E)(6) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code,	878
division (B)(2) of that section.	879
(4) The program develops an individual career plan for the	880
student that specifies the student's matriculating to a two-year	881
degree program, acquiring a business and industry credential, or	882
entering an apprenticeship.	883
(5) The program provides counseling and support for the	884
student related to the plan developed under division (F)(4) of	885
this section during the remainder of the student's high school	886
experience.	887
(6) The program requires the student and the student's	888
parent, guardian, or custodian to sign and file, in accordance	889
with procedural requirements stipulated by the program, a written	890
statement asserting the parent's, guardian's, or custodian's	891
consent to the student's graduating without completing the Ohio	892
core curriculum and acknowledging that one consequence of not	893
completing the Ohio core curriculum is ineligibility to enroll in	894
most state universities in Ohio without further coursework.	895
(7) Prior to receiving the waiver, the program has submitted	896
to the department an instructional plan that demonstrates how the	897
academic content standards adopted by the state board of education	898
under section 3301.079 of the Revised Code will be taught and	899
assessed.	900
If the department does not act either to grant the waiver or	901
to reject the program application for the waiver within sixty days	902
as required under this section, the waiver shall be considered to	903

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(G) Every high school may permit students below the ninth	905
grade to take advanced work. If a high school so permits, it shall	906
award high school credit for successful completion of the advanced	907
work and shall count such advanced work toward the graduation	908
requirements of division (B) or (C) of this section if the	909
advanced work was both:	910
(1) Taught by a person who possesses a license or certificate	911
issued under section 3301.071, 3319.22, or 3319.222 of the Revised	912
Code that is valid for teaching high school;	913

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

Each high school shall record on the student's high school 919
transcript all high school credit awarded under division (G) of 920
this section. In addition, if the student completed a seventh- or 921
eighth-grade fine arts course described in division (K) of this 922
section and the course qualified for high school credit under that 923
division, the high school shall record that course on the 924
student's high school transcript. 925

- (H) The department shall make its individual academic career 926 plan available through its Ohio career information system web site 927 for districts and schools to use as a tool for communicating with 928 and providing guidance to students and families in selecting high 929 school courses.
- (I) Units earned in English language arts, mathematics, 931 science, and social studies that are delivered through integrated 932 academic and career-technical instruction are eligible to meet the 933 graduation requirements of division (B) or (C) of this section. 934
 - (J) The state board of education, in consultation with the

chancellor of the Ohio board of regents, shall adopt a statewide	936
plan implementing methods for students to earn units of high	937
school credit based on a demonstration of subject area competency,	938
instead of or in combination with completing hours of classroom	939
instruction. The state board shall adopt the plan not later than	940
March 31, 2009, and commence phasing in the plan during the	941
2009-2010 school year. The plan shall include a standard method	942
for recording demonstrated proficiency on high school transcripts.	943
Each school district, community school, and chartered nonpublic	944
school shall comply with the state board's plan adopted under this	945
division and award units of high school credit in accordance with	946
the plan. The state board may adopt existing methods for earning	947
high school credit based on a demonstration of subject area	948
competency as necessary prior to the 2009-2010 school year.	949

(K) This division does not apply to students who qualify for graduation from high school under division (D) or (F) of this 951 section, or to students pursuing a career-technical instructional 952 track as determined by the school district board of education or 953 the chartered nonpublic school's governing authority. 954 Nevertheless, the general assembly encourages such students to 955 consider enrolling in a fine arts course as an elective. 956

Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the first 957 time on or after July 1, 2010, each student enrolled in a public 958 or chartered nonpublic high school shall complete two semesters or 959 the equivalent of fine arts to graduate from high school. The 960 coursework may be completed in any of grades seven to twelve. Each 961 student who completes a fine arts course in grade seven or eight 962 may elect to count that course toward the five units of electives 963 required for graduation under division (C)(7) of this section, if 964 the course satisfied the requirements of division (G) of this 965 section. In that case, the high school shall award the student 966 high school credit for the course and count the course toward the 967

five units required under division (C)(7) of this section. If the	968
course in grade seven or eight did not satisfy the requirements of	969
division (G) of this section, the high school shall not award the	970
student high school credit for the course but shall count the	971
course toward the two semesters or the equivalent of fine arts	972
required by this division.	973

(L) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this section, 974 the board of education of each school district and the governing 975 authority of each chartered nonpublic school may adopt a policy to 976 excuse from the high school physical education requirement each 977 student who, during high school, has participated in 978 interscholastic athletics, marching band, or cheerleading for at 979 least two full seasons or in the junior reserve officer training 980 corps for at least two full school years. If the board or 981 authority adopts such a policy, the board or authority shall not 982 require the student to complete any physical education course as a 983 condition to graduate. However, the student shall be required to 984 complete one-half unit, consisting of at least sixty hours of 985 instruction, in another course of study. In the case of a student 986 who has participated in the junior reserve officer training corps 987 for at least two full school years, credit received for that 988 participation may be used to satisfy the requirement to complete 989 one-half unit in another course of study. 990

Sec. 3314.028. (A) Notwithstanding any provision of this 991 chapter to the contrary, beginning in the 2009-2010 school year, a 992 community school that meets the following conditions may operate 993 from the facility in which the school was located in the 2008-2009 994 school year and shall not be required to locate to another school 995 district:

 $\frac{(A)}{(1)}$ The school was located in the facility for at least 997 the three school years prior to the 2009-2010 school year. 998

$\frac{(B)}{(2)}$ The school's sponsor is a school district that is	999
adjacent to the school district in which the school is located.	1000
$\frac{(C)(3)}{(3)}$ The school's education program emphasizes serving	1001
students identified as gifted under Chapter 3324. of the Revised	1002
Code.	1003
$\frac{(D)}{(4)}$ The school has been rated in need of continuous	1004
improvement or higher under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code	1005
for the previous three school years.	1006
(B) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the	1007
contrary, a community school described in division (A) of this	1008
section may operate as a conversion school.	1009
(C) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the	1010
contrary, in accordance with section 3314.03 of the Revised Code,	1011
the governing authority of a community school described in	1012
division (A) of this section may enter into a contract for the	1013
2010-2011 school year and later with a different sponsor that is	1014
one of the following entities, provided the school was rated in	1015
need of continuous improvement or better under section 3302.03 of	1016
the Revised Code for the 2008-2009 school year and the sponsor	1017
described in division (A)(2) of this section approves the change	1018
in sponsorship:	1019
(1) The board of education of a city, exempted village,	1020
local, or joint vocational school district;	1021
(2) The governing board of an educational service center;	1022
(3) A sponsoring authority designated by the board of	1023
trustees of a state university listed in section 3345.011 of the	1024
Revised Code or the board of trustees itself.	1025
God 2214 25 (A)(1) Except or provided in division (A)(2) of	1000
Sec. 3314.35. (A)(1) Except as provided in division (A)(3) of	1026
this section, this section applies to any community school that	1027
meets one of the following criteria after July 1, 2008, but before	1028

July 1, 2009:	1029
(a) The school does not offer a grade level higher than three	1030
and has been declared to be in a state of academic emergency under	1031
section 3302.03 of the Revised Code for four consecutive school	1032
years.	1033
(b) The school satisfies all of the following conditions:	1034
(i) The school offers any of grade levels four to eight but	1035
does not offer a grade level higher than nine.	1036
(ii) The school has been declared to be in a state of	1037
academic emergency under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code for	1038
three consecutive school years.	1039
(iii) For two of those school years, the school showed less	1040
than one standard year of academic growth in either reading or	1041
mathematics, as determined by the department of education in	1042
accordance with rules adopted under division (A) of section	1043
3302.021 of the Revised Code.	1044
(c) The school satisfies all of the following conditions:	1045
(i) The school offers any of grade levels ten to twelve.	1046
(ii) The school has been declared to be in a state of	1047
academic emergency under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code for	1048
three consecutive school years.	1049
(iii) For two of those school years, the school showed less	1050
than two standard years of academic growth in either reading or	1051
mathematics, as determined by the department in accordance with	1052
rules adopted under division (A) of section 3302.021 of the	1053
Revised Code.	1054
(2) Except as provided in division (A)(3) of this section,	1055
this section applies to any community school that meets one of the	1056
following criteria after July 1, 2009:	1057

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(a) The school does not offer a grade level higher than three 1058 and has been declared to be in a state of academic emergency under 1059 section 3302.03 of the Revised Code for three of the four most 1060 recent school years. 1061 (b) The school satisfies all of the following conditions: 1062 (i) The school offers any of grade levels four to eight but 1063 does not offer a grade level higher than nine. 1064 (ii) The school has been declared to be in a state of 1065 academic emergency under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code for 1066 two of the three most recent school years. 1067 (iii) In at least two of the three most recent school years, 1068 the school showed less than one standard year of academic growth 1069 in either reading or mathematics, as determined by the department 1070 in accordance with rules adopted under division (A) of section 1071 3302.021 of the Revised Code. 1072 (c) The school offers any of grade levels ten to twelve and 1073 has been declared to be in a state of academic emergency under 1074 section 3302.03 of the Revised Code for three of the four most 1075 recent school years. 1076 (3) This section does not apply to either of the following: 1077 (a) Any community school in which a majority of the students 1078 are enrolled in a dropout prevention and recovery program that is 1079 operated by the school and that has been granted a waiver under 1080 section 3314.36 of the Revised Code; 1081 (b) Any community school in which a majority of the enrolled 1082 students are children with disabilities receiving special 1083 education and related services in accordance with Chapter 3323. of 1084 the Revised Code. 1085

(B) Any community school to which this section applies shall

permanently close at the conclusion of the school year in which

the school first becomes subject to this section. The sponsor and	1088
governing authority of the school shall comply with all procedures	1089
for closing a community school adopted by the department under	1090
division (E) of section 3314.015 of the Revised Code. The	1091
governing authority of the school shall not enter into a contract	1092
with any other sponsor under section 3314.03 of the Revised Code	1093
after the school closes.	1094

- (C) Not later than July 1, 2008, the department shall 1095 determine the feasibility of using the value-added progress 1096 dimension, as defined in section 3302.01 of the Revised Code, as a 1097 factor in evaluating the academic performance of community schools 1098 described in division (A)(1)(c)(i) of this section. 1099 Notwithstanding divisions (A)(1)(c)(ii) and (iii) of this section, 1100 if the department determines that using the value-added progress 1101 dimension to evaluate community schools described in division 1102 (A)(1)(c)(i) of this section is not feasible, a community school 1103 described in that division shall be required to permanently close 1104 under this section only if it has been declared to be in a state 1105 of academic emergency under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code 1106 for four consecutive school years. 1107
- (D) In accordance with division (B) of section 3314.012 of 1108 the Revised Code, the department shall not consider the 1109 performance ratings assigned to a community school for its first 1110 two years of operation when determining whether the school meets 1111 the criteria prescribed by division (A)(2) of this section. The 1112 department shall reevaluate each community school that the 1113 department directed to close at the conclusion of the 2009-2010 1114 school year to determine if the school still meets the criteria 1115 prescribed by division (A)(2) of this section when the school's 1116 performance ratings for its first two years of operation are not 1117 considered and, if the school no longer meets those criteria, the 1118 department shall not require the school to close at the conclusion 1119

on November 3, 2009, and the electors disapproved the issuance of those bonds and the related tax levies by a margin of less than three per cent of the total votes cast on that question.

- (B) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section 1152 3318.05 of the Revised Code, and notwithstanding Section 385.70 of 1153 Am. Sub. H.B. 1 of the 128th General Assembly, for each school 1154 district to which this section applies and whose project was 1155 conditionally approved in July 2008, the conditional approval of 1156 the district's project described in division (A)(2) of this 1157 section shall lapse and the amount reserved and encumbered for the 1158 project shall be released on June 30, 2010, unless the district 1159 electors prior to that date approve the issuance of bonds and the 1160 related tax levies to pay the district's portion of the cost of 1161 the district's project. If the project lapses under Section 385.70 1162 of Am. Sub. H.B. 1 of the 128th General Assembly prior to the 1163 effective date of this section, the Commission shall treat that 1164 project as if it had not lapsed. Thereafter, the project shall be 1165 subject to the lapse provision prescribed in this division. 1166
- (C) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section 1167 3318.05 of the Revised Code, for each school district to which 1168 this section applies and whose project was conditionally approved 1169 between August 1, 2008, and July 31, 2009, the conditional 1170 approval of the district's project described in division (A)(2) of 1171 this section shall lapse and the amount reserved and encumbered 1172 for the project shall be released on December 31, 2010, unless the 1173 district electors prior to that date approve the issuance of bonds 1174 and the related tax levies to pay the district's portion of the 1175 cost of the district's project. If the project lapses under 1176 section 3318.05 of the Revised Code prior to the effective date of 1177 this section, the Commission shall treat that project as if it had 1178 not lapsed. Thereafter, the project shall be subject to the lapse 1179 provision prescribed in this division. 1180

intervening lapse of project conditional approval. Therefore, this

act shall go into immediate effect.

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