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To amend section 3313.60 of the Revised Code to 1
require the health curriculum of each school 2
district to include instruction on the positive 3
effects of organ and tissue donation. 4

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

Section 1. That section 3313.60 of the Revised Code be 5
amended to read as follows: 6

Sec. 3313.60. Notwithstanding division (D) of section 3311.52 7
of the Revised Code, divisions (A) to (E) of this section do not 8
apply to any cooperative education school district established 9
pursuant to divisions (A) to (C) of section 3311.52 of the Revised 10
Code. 11

(A) The board of education of each city, exempted village, 12
and local school district and the board of each cooperative 13
education school district established, pursuant to section 14
3311.521 of the Revised Code, shall prescribe a curriculum for all 15
schools under its control. Except as provided in division (E) of 16
this section, in any such curriculum there shall be included the 17
study of the following subjects: 18

(1) The language arts, including reading, writing, spelling, 19

oral and written English, and literature;	20
(2) Geography, the history of the United States and of Ohio, and national, state, and local government in the United States, including a balanced presentation of the relevant contributions to society of men and women of African, Mexican, Puerto Rican, and American Indian descent as well as other ethnic and racial groups in Ohio and the United States;	21 22 23 24 25 26
(3) Mathematics;	27
(4) Natural science, including instruction in the conservation of natural resources;	28 29
(5) Health education, which shall include instruction in:	30
(a) The nutritive value of foods, including natural and organically produced foods, the relation of nutrition to health, and the use and effects of food additives;	31 32 33
(b) The harmful effects of and legal restrictions against the use of drugs of abuse, alcoholic beverages, and tobacco;	34 35
(c) Venereal disease education, except that upon written request of the student's parent or guardian, a student shall be excused from taking instruction in venereal disease education;	36 37 38
(d) In grades kindergarten through six, instruction in personal safety and assault prevention, except that upon written request of the student's parent or guardian, a student shall be excused from taking instruction in personal safety and assault prevention;	39 40 41 42 43
(e) In grades seven through twelve, age-appropriate instruction in dating violence prevention education, which shall include instruction in recognizing dating violence warning signs and characteristics of healthy relationships.	44 45 46 47
In order to assist school districts in developing a dating violence prevention education curriculum, the department of	48 49

education shall provide on its web site links to free curricula 50
addressing dating violence prevention. 51

If the parent or legal guardian of a student less than 52
eighteen years of age submits to the principal of the student's 53
school a written request to examine the dating violence prevention 54
instruction materials used at that school, the principal, within a 55
reasonable period of time after the request is made, shall allow 56
the parent or guardian to examine those materials at that school. 57

(f) The process of making an anatomical gift under Chapter 58
2108. of the Revised Code, with an emphasis on the life-saving and 59
life-enhancing effects of organ and tissue donation. 60

(6) Physical education; 61

(7) The fine arts, including music; 62

(8) First aid, including a training program in 63
cardiopulmonary resuscitation, safety, and fire prevention, except 64
that upon written request of the student's parent or guardian, a 65
student shall be excused from taking instruction in 66
cardiopulmonary resuscitation. 67

(B) Except as provided in division (E) of this section, every 68
school or school district shall include in the requirements for 69
promotion from the eighth grade to the ninth grade one year's 70
course of study of American history. A board may waive this 71
requirement for academically accelerated students who, in 72
accordance with procedures adopted by the board, are able to 73
demonstrate mastery of essential concepts and skills of the eighth 74
grade American history course of study. 75

(C) As specified in divisions (B)(6) and (C)(6) of section 76
3313.603 of the Revised Code, except as provided in division (E) 77
of this section, every high school shall include in the 78
requirements for graduation from any curriculum one-half unit each 79
of American history and government. 80

(D) Except as provided in division (E) of this section, basic instruction or demonstrated mastery in geography, United States history, the government of the United States, the government of the state of Ohio, local government in Ohio, the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, and the Constitution of the state of Ohio shall be required before pupils may participate in courses involving the study of social problems, economics, foreign affairs, United Nations, world government, socialism, and communism.

(E) For each cooperative education school district established pursuant to section 3311.521 of the Revised Code and each city, exempted village, and local school district that has territory within such a cooperative district, the curriculum adopted pursuant to divisions (A) to (D) of this section shall only include the study of the subjects that apply to the grades operated by each such school district. The curriculums for such schools, when combined, shall provide to each student of these districts all of the subjects required under divisions (A) to (D) of this section.

(F) The board of education of any cooperative education school district established pursuant to divisions (A) to (C) of section 3311.52 of the Revised Code shall prescribe a curriculum for the subject areas and grade levels offered in any school under its control.

(G) Upon the request of any parent or legal guardian of a student, the board of education of any school district shall permit the parent or guardian to promptly examine, with respect to the parent's or guardian's own child:

(1) Any survey or questionnaire, prior to its administration to the child;

(2) Any textbook, workbook, software, video, or other

instructional materials being used by the district in connection	112
with the instruction of the child;	113
(3) Any completed and graded test taken or survey or	114
questionnaire filled out by the child;	115
(4) Copies of the statewide academic standards and each model	116
curriculum developed pursuant to section 3301.079 of the Revised	117
Code, which copies shall be available at all times during school	118
hours in each district school building.	119
Section 2. That existing section 3313.60 of the Revised Code	120
is hereby repealed.	121