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To enact section 3345.43 of the Revised Code to enact 1
the "Respect Your Date Act" to require each state 2
institution of higher education to adopt a policy 3
regarding dating violence and rape on campus. 4

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

Section 1. That section 3345.43 of the Revised Code be 5
enacted to read as follows: 6

Sec. 3345.43. (A) Each state institution of higher education, 7
as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code, shall adopt a 8
policy regarding incidents of dating violence and rape on campus. 9
The policy shall include the procedure for reporting such 10
incidents and the institutional plan for investigating and 11
responding to such incidents. The policy also shall describe the 12
consequences for committing an incident of dating violence or rape 13
on campus, including the institutional disciplinary proceedings, 14
the referral of the case for prosecution, and the possible 15
penalties that may be imposed. 16

(B) Each state institution of higher education annually shall 17
provide a copy of the policy adopted pursuant to division (A) of 18
this section to each student enrolled in that institution. Upon 19
receipt, each student shall sign an acknowledgement of receipt of 20

a copy of the policy. 21

Section 2. This act shall be known as the "Respect Your Date 22

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