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A BILL

To amend sections 3313.66 and 3313.661 of the Revised

Code with respect to the expulsion of a student

from a school district, community school, or STEM

school for actions that endanger the health and

safety of other students or school employees.

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

Section 1. That sections 3313.66 and 3313.661 of the Revised 7

Code be amended to read as follows: 8

Sec. 3313.66. (A) Except as provided under division (B)(2) of 9 this section, the superintendent of schools of a city, exempted 10 village, or local school district, or the principal of a public 11 school may suspend a pupil from school for not more than ten 12 school days. The board of education of a city, exempted village, 13 or local school district may adopt a policy granting assistant 14 principals and other administrators the authority to suspend a 15 pupil from school for a period of time as specified in the policy 16 of the board of education, not to exceed ten school days. If at 17 the time a suspension is imposed there are fewer than ten school 18

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days remaining in the school year in which the incident that gives

rise to the suspension takes place, the superintendent may apply

any remaining part or all of the period of the suspension to the

following school year. Except in the case of a pupil given an

in-school suspension, no pupil shall be suspended unless prior to

the suspension such superintendent or principal does both of the

following:

- (1) Gives the pupil written notice of the intention to suspend the pupil and the reasons for the intended suspension and, if the proposed suspension is based on a violation listed in division (A) of section 3313.662 of the Revised Code and if the pupil is sixteen years of age or older, includes in the notice a statement that the superintendent may seek to permanently exclude the pupil if the pupil is convicted of or adjudicated a delinquent child for that violation;
- (2) Provides the pupil an opportunity to appear at an 34 informal hearing before the principal, assistant principal, 35 superintendent, or superintendent's designee and challenge the 36 reason for the intended suspension or otherwise to explain the 37 pupil's actions. 38
- (B)(1) Except as provided under division (B)(2), (3), $\frac{1}{9}$ 39 (5), or (6) of this section, the superintendent of schools of a 40 city, exempted village, or local school district may expel a pupil 41 from school for a period not to exceed the greater of eighty 42 school days or the number of school days remaining in the semester 43 or term in which the incident that gives rise to the expulsion 44 takes place, unless the expulsion is extended pursuant to division 45 (F) of this section. If at the time an expulsion is imposed there 46 are fewer than eighty school days remaining in the school year in 47 which the incident that gives rise to the expulsion takes place, 48 the superintendent may apply any remaining part or all of the 49 period of the expulsion to the following school year. 50

- (2)(a) Unless a pupil is permanently excluded pursuant to 51 section 3313.662 of the Revised Code, the superintendent of 52 schools of a city, exempted village, or local school district 53 shall expel a pupil from school for a period of one year for 54 bringing a firearm to a school operated by the board of education 55 of the district or onto any other property owned or controlled by 56 the board, except that the superintendent may reduce this 57 requirement on a case-by-case basis in accordance with the policy 58 adopted by the board under section 3313.661 of the Revised Code. 59
- (b) The superintendent of schools of a city, exempted 60 village, or local school district may expel a pupil from school 61 for a period of one year for bringing a firearm to an 62 interscholastic competition, an extracurricular event, or any 63 other school program or activity that is not located in a school 64 or on property that is owned or controlled by the district. The 65 superintendent may reduce this disciplinary action on a 66 case-by-case basis in accordance with the policy adopted by the 67 board under section 3313.661 of the Revised Code. 68
- (c) Any expulsion pursuant to division (B)(2) of this section 69 shall extend, as necessary, into the school year following the 70 school year in which the incident that gives rise to the expulsion 71 takes place. As used in this division, "firearm" has the same 72 meaning as provided pursuant to the "Gun-Free Schools Act," 115 73 Stat. 1762, 20 U.S.C. 7151.
- (3) The board of education of a city, exempted village, or 75 local school district may adopt a resolution authorizing the 76 superintendent of schools to expel a pupil from school for a 77 period not to exceed one year for bringing a knife to a school 78 operated by the board, onto any other property owned or controlled 79 by the board, or to an interscholastic competition, an 80 extracurricular event, or any other program or activity sponsored 81 by the school district or in which the district is a participant, 82

or for possessing a firearm or knife at a school, on any other 83 property owned or controlled by the board, or at an 84 interscholastic competition, an extracurricular event, or any 85 other school program or activity, which firearm or knife was 86 initially brought onto school board property by another person. 87 The resolution may authorize the superintendent to extend such an 88 expulsion, as necessary, into the school year following the school 89 year in which the incident that gives rise to the expulsion takes 90 place. 91

- (4) The board of education of a city, exempted village, or 92 local school district may adopt a resolution establishing a policy 93 under section 3313.661 of the Revised Code that authorizes the 94 superintendent of schools to expel a pupil from school for a 95 period not to exceed one year for committing an act that is a 96 criminal offense when committed by an adult and that results in 97 serious physical harm to persons as defined in division (A)(5) of 98 section 2901.01 of the Revised Code or serious physical harm to 99 property as defined in division (A)(6) of section 2901.01 of the 100 Revised Code while the pupil is at school, on any other property 101 owned or controlled by the board, or at an interscholastic 102 competition, an extracurricular event, or any other school program 103 or activity. Any expulsion under this division shall extend, as 104 necessary, into the school year following the school year in which 105 the incident that gives rise to the expulsion takes place. 106
- (5) The board of education of any city, exempted village, or 107 local school district may adopt a resolution establishing a policy 108 under section 3313.661 of the Revised Code that authorizes the 109 superintendent of schools to expel a pupil from school for a 110 period not to exceed one year for making a bomb threat to a school 111 building or to any premises at which a school activity is 112 occurring at the time of the threat. Any expulsion under this 113 division shall extend, as necessary, into the school year 114

following the school year in which the incident that gives rise to	115
the expulsion takes place.	116
(6) The board of education of any city, exempted village, or	117
local school district may adopt a resolution establishing a policy	118
under section 3313.661 of the Revised Code that authorizes the	119
superintendent of schools to expel a pupil from school for a	120
period not to exceed one hundred eighty school days for actions	121
that the superintendent determines pose imminent and severe	122
endangerment to the health and safety of other pupils or school	123
employees, even though the pupil's actions may not qualify for	124
permanent exclusion under section 3313.662 of the Revised Code.	125
Upon the expulsion of a pupil pursuant to this division, the	126
superintendent shall develop conditions for that pupil to satisfy	127
prior to the pupil's reinstatement. The superintendent shall	128
provide a copy of these conditions in writing to the district	129
board, the pupil, and the pupil's parent, guardian, or custodian	130
at the beginning of the expulsion period.	131
One of the conditions developed by the superintendent shall	132
be an assessment to determine whether the pupil poses a danger to	133
the pupil's self or to other pupils or school employees. The	134
assessment shall be completed by a psychiatrist, psychologist, or	135
school psychologist employed or contracted by the district. The	136
psychiatrist, psychologist, or school psychologist shall be agreed	137
upon by both the district board and the pupil's parent, guardian,	138
or custodian. If the psychiatrist, psychologist, or school	139
psychologist is not employed or contracted by the district, the	140
cost of the assessment shall be referred for payment to the	141
pupil's health insurance. Any costs not covered by the pupil's	142
health insurance shall be split equally between the district and	143
the pupil's parent, quardian, or custodian. The district shall pay	144
in full for an assessment completed by a psychiatrist,	145
psychologist, or school psychologist that is employed or	146

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term, not to exceed ninety school days, in the same manner as	178
provided in divisions (B)(6)(a)(i) and (ii) of this section. There	179
is no limit on the number of times the superintendent may extend	180
an expulsion under division (B)(6)(a)(ii) of this section.	181
(c) Prior to the end of the original expulsion period or of	182
an extended expulsion period, if the pupil has met all of the	183
conditions developed by the superintendent at the beginning of the	184
expulsion period, the superintendent may reduce the expulsion on a	185
case-by-case basis. In making the determination, the	186
superintendent shall comply with the district's policy regarding	187
the reduction of an expulsion period, adopted pursuant to section	188
3313.661 of the Revised Code.	189
(d) Prior to the end of the original expulsion period or of	190
an extended expulsion period, the pupil or the pupil's parent,	191
guardian, or custodian may request the superintendent to complete	192
an early assessment of the pupil. If requested, the superintendent	193
shall assess the pupil and make a determination in the manner	194
prescribed by division (B)(6)(a) of this section. In making the	195
determination, the superintendent shall comply with the district's	196
policy regarding the reduction of an expulsion period, adopted	197
pursuant to section 3313.661 of the Revised Code. A pupil or	198
pupil's parent, guardian, or custodian may request one early	199
assessment for the original expulsion period and for each extended	200
expulsion period under this division.	201
(e) Not later than five days after the beginning of the	202
original expulsion period or of any extended expulsion period	203
under division (B)(6) of this section, the superintendent, in	204
consultation with the pupil, and the pupil's parent, guardian, or	205
custodian, shall develop a plan for the continued education of the	206
pupil, which may include education by the district in an	207
alternative setting under division (I) of this section, including	208
instruction at home, enrollment in another district or other type	209

of section 3313.662 of the Revised Code and if the pupil is	241
sixteen years of age or older, the notice shall include a	242
statement that the superintendent may seek to permanently exclude	243
the pupil if the pupil is convicted of or adjudicated a delinquent	244
child for that violation.	245

(7)(8) A superintendent of schools of a city, exempted 246 village, or local school district shall initiate expulsion 247 proceedings pursuant to this section with respect to any pupil who 248 has committed an act warranting expulsion under the district's 249 policy regarding expulsion even if the pupil has withdrawn from 250 school for any reason after the incident that gives rise to the 251 hearing but prior to the hearing or decision to impose the 252 expulsion. If, following the hearing, the pupil would have been 253 expelled for a period of time had the pupil still been enrolled in 254 the school, the expulsion shall be imposed for the same length of 255 time as on a pupil who has not withdrawn from the school. 256

(C) If a pupil's presence poses a continuing danger to 257 persons or property or an ongoing threat of disrupting the 258 academic process taking place either within a classroom or 259 elsewhere on the school premises, the superintendent or a 260 principal or assistant principal may remove a pupil from 261 curricular activities or from the school premises, and a teacher 262 may remove a pupil from curricular activities under the teacher's 263 supervision, without the notice and hearing requirements of 264 division (A) or (B) of this section. As soon as practicable after 265 making such a removal, the teacher shall submit in writing to the 266 principal the reasons for such removal. 267

If a pupil is removed under this division from a curricular 268 activity or from the school premises, written notice of the 269 hearing and of the reason for the removal shall be given to the 270 pupil as soon as practicable prior to the hearing, which shall be 271 held within three school days from the time the initial removal is 272

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ordered. The hearing shall be held in accordance with division (A)	273
of this section unless it is probable that the pupil may be	274
subject to expulsion, in which case a hearing in accordance with	275
division (B) of this section shall be held, except that the	276
hearing shall be held within three school days of the initial	277
removal. The individual who ordered, caused, or requested the	278
removal to be made shall be present at the hearing.	279

If the superintendent or the principal reinstates a pupil in 280 a curricular activity under the teacher's supervision prior to the 281 hearing following a removal under this division, the teacher, upon 282 request, shall be given in writing the reasons for such 283 reinstatement.

(D) The superintendent or principal, within one school day 285 after the time of a pupil's expulsion or suspension, shall notify 286 in writing the parent, guardian, or custodian of the pupil and the 287 treasurer of the board of education of the expulsion or 288 suspension. The notice shall include the reasons for the expulsion 289 or suspension, notification of the right of the pupil or the 290 pupil's parent, guardian, or custodian to appeal the expulsion or 291 suspension to the board of education or to its designee, to be 292 represented in all appeal proceedings, to be granted a hearing 293 before the board or its designee in order to be heard against the 294 suspension or expulsion, and to request that the hearing be held 295 in executive session, notification that the expulsion may be 296 subject to extension pursuant to division (F) of this section if 297 the pupil is sixteen years of age or older, and notification that 298 the superintendent may seek the pupil's permanent exclusion if the 299 suspension or expulsion was based on a violation listed in 300 division (A) of section 3313.662 of the Revised Code that was 301 committed when the child was sixteen years of age or older and if 302 the pupil is convicted of or adjudicated a delinquent child for 303 that violation. 304

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In accordance with the policy adopted by the board of 305 education under section 3313.661 of the Revised Code, the notice 306 provided under this division shall specify the manner and date by 307 which the pupil or the pupil's parent, guardian, or custodian 308 shall notify the board of the pupil's, parent's, guardian's, or 309 custodian's intent to appeal the expulsion or suspension to the 310 board or its designee.

Any superintendent expelling a pupil under this section for 312 more than twenty school days or for any period of time if the 313 expulsion will extend into the following semester or school year 314 shall, in the notice required under this division, provide the 315 pupil and the pupil's parent, guardian, or custodian with 316 information about services or programs offered by public and 317 private agencies that work toward improving those aspects of the 318 pupil's attitudes and behavior that contributed to the incident 319 that gave rise to the pupil's expulsion. The information shall 320 include the names, addresses, and phone numbers of the appropriate 321 public and private agencies. 322

(E) A pupil or the pupil's parent, guardian, or custodian may 323 appeal the pupil's expulsion by a superintendent or suspension by 324 a superintendent, principal, assistant principal, or other 325 administrator to the board of education or to its designee. If the 326 pupil or the pupil's parent, guardian, or custodian intends to 327 appeal the expulsion or suspension to the board or its designee, 328 the pupil or the pupil's parent, guardian, or custodian shall 329 notify the board in the manner and by the date specified in the 330 notice provided under division (D) of this section. The pupil or 331 the pupil's parent, guardian, or custodian may be represented in 332 all appeal proceedings and shall be granted a hearing before the 333 board or its designee in order to be heard against the suspension 334 or expulsion. At the request of the pupil or of the pupil's 335 parent, guardian, custodian, or attorney, the board or its 336 designee may hold the hearing in executive session but shall act

upon the suspension or expulsion only at a public meeting. The

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board, by a majority vote of its full membership or by the action

of its designee, may affirm the order of suspension or expulsion,

reinstate the pupil, or otherwise reverse, vacate, or modify the

order of suspension or expulsion.

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The board or its designee shall make a verbatim record of hearings held under this division. The decisions of the board or its designee may be appealed under Chapter 2506. of the Revised Code.

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This section shall not be construed to require notice and 347 hearing in accordance with division (A), (B), or (C) of this 348 section in the case of normal disciplinary procedures in which a 349 pupil is removed from a curricular activity for a period of less 350 than one school day and is not subject to suspension or expulsion. 351

(F)(1) If a pupil is expelled pursuant to division (B) of 352 this section for committing any violation listed in division (A) 353 of section 3313.662 of the Revised Code and the pupil was sixteen 354 years of age or older at the time of committing the violation, if 355 a complaint, indictment, or information is filed alleging that the 356 pupil is a delinquent child based upon the commission of the 357 violation or the pupil is prosecuted as an adult for the 358 commission of the violation, and if the resultant juvenile court 359 or criminal proceeding is pending at the time that the expulsion 360 terminates, the superintendent of schools that expelled the pupil 361 may file a motion with the court in which the proceeding is 362 pending requesting an order extending the expulsion for the lesser 363 of an additional eighty days or the number of school days 364 remaining in the school year. Upon the filing of the motion, the 365 court immediately shall schedule a hearing and give written notice 366 of the time, date, and location of the hearing to the 367 superintendent and to the pupil and the pupil's parent, guardian, 368

or custodian. At the hearing, the court shall determine whether	369
there is reasonable cause to believe that the pupil committed the	370
alleged violation that is the basis of the expulsion and, upon	371
determining that reasonable cause to believe the pupil committed	372
the violation does exist, shall grant the requested extension.	373

- (2) If a pupil has been convicted of or adjudicated a 374 delinquent child for a violation listed in division (A) of section 375 3313.662 of the Revised Code for an act that was committed when 376 the child was sixteen years of age or older, if the pupil has been 377 expelled pursuant to division (B) of this section for that 378 violation, and if the board of education of the school district of 379 the school from which the pupil was expelled has adopted a 380 resolution seeking the pupil's permanent exclusion, the 381 superintendent may file a motion with the court that convicted the 382 pupil or adjudicated the pupil a delinquent child requesting an 383 order to extend the expulsion until an adjudication order or other 384 determination regarding permanent exclusion is issued by the 385 superintendent of public instruction pursuant to section 3301.121 386 and division (D) of section 3313.662 of the Revised Code. Upon the 387 filing of the motion, the court immediately shall schedule a 388 hearing and give written notice of the time, date, and location of 389 the hearing to the superintendent of the school district, the 390 pupil, and the pupil's parent, guardian, or custodian. At the 391 hearing, the court shall determine whether there is reasonable 392 cause to believe the pupil's continued attendance in the public 393 school system may endanger the health and safety of other pupils 394 or school employees and, upon making that determination, shall 395 grant the requested extension. 396
- (G) The failure of the superintendent or the board of 397 education to provide the information regarding the possibility of 398 permanent exclusion in the notice required by divisions (A), (B), 399 and (D) of this section is not jurisdictional, and the failure 400

shall not affect the validity of any suspension or expulsion	401
procedure that is conducted in accordance with this section or the	402
validity of a permanent exclusion procedure that is conducted in	403
accordance with sections 3301.121 and 3313.662 of the Revised	404
Code.	405
(H) With regard to suspensions and expulsions pursuant to	406
divisions (A) and (B) of this section by the board of education of	407
any city, exempted village, or local school district, this section	408
shall apply to any student, whether or not the student is enrolled	409
in the district, attending or otherwise participating in any	410
curricular program provided in a school operated by the board or	411
provided on any other property owned or controlled by the board.	412
(I) Whenever a student is expelled under this section, the	413
expulsion shall result in removal of the student from the	414
student's regular school setting. However, during the period of	415
the expulsion, the board of education of the school district that	416
expelled the student or any board of education admitting the	417
student during that expulsion period may provide educational	418
services to the student in an alternative setting.	419
(J)(1) Notwithstanding sections 3109.51 to 3109.80, 3313.64,	420
and 3313.65 of the Revised Code, any school district, after	421
offering an opportunity for a hearing, may temporarily deny	422
admittance to any pupil if one of the following applies:	423
(a) The pupil has been suspended from the schools of another	424
district under division (A) of this section and the period of	425
suspension, as established under that division, has not expired;	426
(b) The pupil has been expelled from the schools of another	427
district under division (B) of this section and the period of the	428
expulsion, as established under that division or as extended under	429
division (F) of this section, has not expired.	430

If a pupil is temporarily denied admission under this

division, the pupil shall be admitted to school in accordance with	432
sections 3109.51 to 3109.80, 3313.64, or 3313.65 of the Revised	433
Code no later than upon expiration of the suspension or expulsion	434
period, as applicable.	435
(2) Notwithstanding sections 3109.51 to 3109.80, 3313.64, and	436
3313.65 of the Revised Code, any school district, after offering	437
an opportunity for a hearing, may temporarily deny admittance to	438
any pupil if the pupil has been expelled or otherwise removed for	439
disciplinary purposes from a public school in another state and	440
the period of expulsion or removal has not expired. If a pupil is	441
temporarily denied admission under this division, the pupil shall	442
be admitted to school in accordance with sections 3109.51 to	443
3109.80, 3313.64, or 3313.65 of the Revised Code no later than the	444
earlier of the following:	445
(a) Upon expiration of the expulsion or removal period	446
<pre>imposed by the out-of-state school;</pre>	447
(b) Upon expiration of a period established by the district,	448
beginning with the date of expulsion or removal from the	449
out-of-state school, that is no greater than the period of	450
expulsion that the pupil would have received under the policy	451
adopted by the district under section 3313.661 of the Revised Code	452
had the offense that gave rise to the expulsion or removal by the	453
out-of-state school been committed while the pupil was enrolled in	454
the district.	455
(K) As used in this section:	456
(1) "Permanently exclude" and "permanent exclusion" have the	457
same meanings as in section 3313.662 of the Revised Code.	458
(2) "In-school suspension" means the pupil will serve all of	459
the suspension in a school setting.	460
(3) On and after July 1, 2014, the meaning of the term	461

"school day" shall be construed in the manner prescribed by

section 3313.481 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3313.661. (A) The board of education of each city, 464 exempted village, and local school district shall adopt a policy 465 regarding suspension, expulsion, removal, and permanent exclusion 466 that specifies the types of misconduct for which a pupil may be 467 suspended, expelled, or removed. The types of misconduct may 468 include misconduct by a pupil that occurs off of property owned or 469 controlled by the district but that is connected to activities or 470 incidents that have occurred on property owned or controlled by 471 that district and misconduct by a pupil that, regardless of where 472 it occurs, is directed at a district official or employee, or the 473 property of such official or employee. The policy shall specify 474 the reasons for which the superintendent of the district may 475 reduce the expulsion requirement in division (B)(2) of section 476 3313.66 of the Revised Code. If a board of education adopts a 477 resolution pursuant to division (B)(3) of section 3313.66 of the 478 Revised Code, the policy shall define the term "knife" or 479 "firearm," as applicable, for purposes of expulsion under that 480 resolution and shall specify any reasons for which the 481 superintendent of the district may reduce any required expulsion 482 period on a case-by-case basis. If a board of education adopts a 483 resolution pursuant to division (B)(4) $\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}$, (5), or (6) of section 484 3313.66 of the Revised Code, the policy shall specify any reasons 485 for which the superintendent of the district may reduce any 486 required expulsion period on a case-by-case basis. The policy also 487 shall set forth the acts listed in section 3313.662 of the Revised 488 Code for which a pupil may be permanently excluded. 489

The policy adopted under this division shall specify the date

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and manner by which a pupil or a pupil's parent, guardian, or

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custodian may notify the board of the pupil's, parent's,

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guardian's, or custodian's intent to appeal an expulsion or

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suspension to the board or its designee pursuant to division (E)

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of section 3313.66 of the Revised Code. In the case of any	495
expulsion, the policy shall not specify a date that is less than	496
fourteen days after the date of the notice provided to the pupil	497
or the pupil's parent, guardian, or custodian under division (D)	498
of that section.	499

A copy of the policy shall be posted in a central location in 500 the school and made available to pupils upon request. No pupil 501 shall be suspended, expelled, or removed except in accordance with 502 the policy adopted by the board of education of the school 503 district in which the pupil attends school, and no pupil shall be 504 permanently excluded except in accordance with sections 3301.121 505 and 3313.662 of the Revised Code.

- (B) A board of education may establish a program and adopt 507 guidelines under which a superintendent may require a pupil to 508 perform community service in conjunction with a suspension or 509 expulsion imposed under section 3313.66 of the Revised Code or in 510 place of a suspension or expulsion imposed under section 3313.66 511 of the Revised Code except for an expulsion imposed pursuant to 512 division (B)(2) of that section. If a board adopts guidelines 513 under this division, they shall permit, except with regard to an 514 expulsion pursuant to division (B)(2) of section 3313.66 of the 515 Revised Code, a superintendent to impose a community service 516 requirement beyond the end of the school year in lieu of applying 517 the suspension or expulsion into the following school year. Any 518 guidelines adopted shall be included in the policy adopted under 519 this section. 520
- (C) The written policy of each board of education that is adopted pursuant to section 3313.20 of the Revised Code shall be posted in a central location in each school that is subject to the policy and shall be made available to pupils upon request.
- (D) Any policy, program, or guideline adopted by a board of 525 education under this section with regard to suspensions or 526