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**A BILL**

To amend sections 3314.03, 3319.223, 3319.26, and 1  
3326.11 and to enact sections 3319.225, 3319.58, 2  
3333.393, and 3333.394 of the Revised Code and 3  
to amend the version of section 3319.26 of the 4  
Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect on 5  
December 29, 2023, to continue the changes on 6  
and after that date, to establish the Grow Your 7  
Own Teacher Program, to establish a loan 8  
repayment program for eligible teachers, to make 9  
changes to teacher licensing and professional 10  
development, and to make an appropriation. 11

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

**Section 1.** That sections 3314.03, 3319.223, 3319.26, and 12  
3326.11 be amended and sections 3319.225, 3319.58, 3333.393, and 13  
3333.394 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 14

**Sec. 3314.03.** A copy of every contract entered into under 15  
this section shall be filed with the superintendent of public 16  
instruction. The department of education shall make available on 17  
its web site a copy of every approved, executed contract filed 18  
with the superintendent under this section. 19

(A) Each contract entered into between a sponsor and the governing authority of a community school shall specify the following:

(1) That the school shall be established as either of the following:

(a) A nonprofit corporation established under Chapter 1702. of the Revised Code, if established prior to April 8, 2003;

(b) A public benefit corporation established under Chapter 1702. of the Revised Code, if established after April 8, 2003.

(2) The education program of the school, including the school's mission, the characteristics of the students the school is expected to attract, the ages and grades of students, and the focus of the curriculum;

(3) The academic goals to be achieved and the method of measurement that will be used to determine progress toward those goals, which shall include the statewide achievement assessments;

(4) Performance standards, including but not limited to all applicable report card measures set forth in section 3302.03 or 3314.017 of the Revised Code, by which the success of the school will be evaluated by the sponsor;

(5) The admission standards of section 3314.06 of the Revised Code and, if applicable, section 3314.061 of the Revised Code;

(6) (a) Dismissal procedures;

(b) A requirement that the governing authority adopt an attendance policy that includes a procedure for automatically

withdrawing a student from the school if the student without a 48  
legitimate excuse fails to participate in seventy-two 49  
consecutive hours of the learning opportunities offered to the 50  
student. 51

(7) The ways by which the school will achieve racial and 52  
ethnic balance reflective of the community it serves; 53

(8) Requirements for financial audits by the auditor of 54  
state. The contract shall require financial records of the 55  
school to be maintained in the same manner as are financial 56  
records of school districts, pursuant to rules of the auditor of 57  
state. Audits shall be conducted in accordance with section 58  
117.10 of the Revised Code. 59

(9) An addendum to the contract outlining the facilities 60  
to be used that contains at least the following information: 61

(a) A detailed description of each facility used for 62  
instructional purposes; 63

(b) The annual costs associated with leasing each facility 64  
that are paid by or on behalf of the school; 65

(c) The annual mortgage principal and interest payments 66  
that are paid by the school; 67

(d) The name of the lender or landlord, identified as 68  
such, and the lender's or landlord's relationship to the 69  
operator, if any. 70

(10) Qualifications of teachers, including a requirement 71  
that the school's classroom teachers be licensed in accordance 72  
with sections 3319.22 to 3319.31 of the Revised Code, except 73  
that a community school may engage noncertificated persons to 74  
teach up to twelve hours or forty hours per week pursuant to 75

section 3319.301 of the Revised Code.	76
(11) That the school will comply with the following requirements:	77
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(a) The school will provide learning opportunities to a minimum of twenty-five students for a minimum of nine hundred twenty hours per school year.	79
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(b) The governing authority will purchase liability insurance, or otherwise provide for the potential liability of the school.	82
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(c) The school will be nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies, employment practices, and all other operations, and will not be operated by a sectarian school or religious institution.	85
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(d) The school will comply with sections 9.90, 9.91, 109.65, 121.22, 149.43, 2151.357, 2151.421, 2313.19, 3301.0710, 3301.0711, 3301.0712, 3301.0715, 3301.0729, 3301.948, 3302.037, 3313.472, 3313.50, 3313.539, 3313.5310, 3313.608, 3313.609, 3313.6012, 3313.6013, 3313.6014, 3313.6015, 3313.6020, 3313.6024, 3313.6025, 3313.6026, 3313.643, 3313.648, 3313.6411, 3313.66, 3313.661, 3313.662, 3313.666, 3313.667, 3313.668, 3313.669, 3313.6610, 3313.67, 3313.671, 3313.672, 3313.673, 3313.69, 3313.71, 3313.716, 3313.718, 3313.719, 3313.7112, 3313.721, 3313.80, 3313.814, 3313.816, 3313.817, 3313.818, 3313.86, 3313.89, 3313.96, 3319.073, 3319.077, 3319.078, <u>3319.225</u> , 3319.238, 3319.318, 3319.321, 3319.39, 3319.391, 3319.393, 3319.41, 3319.46, 3320.01, 3320.02, 3320.03, 3321.01, 3321.041, 3321.13, 3321.14, 3321.141, 3321.17, 3321.18, 3321.19, 3323.251, 3327.10, 4111.17, 4113.52, 5502.262, 5502.703, and 5705.391 and Chapters 117., 1347., 2744., 3365., 3742., 4112.,	89
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4123., 4141., and 4167. of the Revised Code as if it were a 105  
school district and will comply with section 3301.0714 of the 106  
Revised Code in the manner specified in section 3314.17 of the 107  
Revised Code. 108

(e) The school shall comply with Chapter 102. and section 109  
2921.42 of the Revised Code. 110

(f) The school will comply with sections 3313.61, 111  
3313.611, 3313.614, 3313.617, 3313.618, and 3313.6114 of the 112  
Revised Code, except that for students who enter ninth grade for 113  
the first time before July 1, 2010, the requirement in sections 114  
3313.61 and 3313.611 of the Revised Code that a person must 115  
successfully complete the curriculum in any high school prior to 116  
receiving a high school diploma may be met by completing the 117  
curriculum adopted by the governing authority of the community 118  
school rather than the curriculum specified in Title XXXVIII of 119  
the Revised Code or any rules of the state board of education. 120  
Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the first time 121  
on or after July 1, 2010, the requirement in sections 3313.61 122  
and 3313.611 of the Revised Code that a person must successfully 123  
complete the curriculum of a high school prior to receiving a 124  
high school diploma shall be met by completing the requirements 125  
prescribed in section 3313.6027 and division (C) of section 126  
3313.603 of the Revised Code, unless the person qualifies under 127  
division (D) or (F) of that section. Each school shall comply 128  
with the plan for awarding high school credit based on 129  
demonstration of subject area competency, and beginning with the 130  
2017-2018 school year, with the updated plan that permits 131  
students enrolled in seventh and eighth grade to meet curriculum 132  
requirements based on subject area competency adopted by the 133  
state board of education under divisions (J) (1) and (2) of 134  
section 3313.603 of the Revised Code. Beginning with the 2018- 135

2019 school year, the school shall comply with the framework for 136  
granting units of high school credit to students who demonstrate 137  
subject area competency through work-based learning experiences, 138  
internships, or cooperative education developed by the 139  
department under division (J) (3) of section 3313.603 of the 140  
Revised Code. 141

(g) The school governing authority will submit within four 142  
months after the end of each school year a report of its 143  
activities and progress in meeting the goals and standards of 144  
divisions (A) (3) and (4) of this section and its financial 145  
status to the sponsor and the parents of all students enrolled 146  
in the school. 147

(h) The school, unless it is an internet- or computer- 148  
based community school, will comply with section 3313.801 of the 149  
Revised Code as if it were a school district. 150

(i) If the school is the recipient of moneys from a grant 151  
awarded under the federal race to the top program, Division (A), 152  
Title XIV, Sections 14005 and 14006 of the "American Recovery 153  
and Reinvestment Act of 2009," Pub. L. No. 111-5, 123 Stat. 115, 154  
the school will pay teachers based upon performance in 155  
accordance with section 3317.141 and will comply with section 156  
3319.111 of the Revised Code as if it were a school district. 157

(j) If the school operates a preschool program that is 158  
licensed by the department of education under sections 3301.52 159  
to 3301.59 of the Revised Code, the school shall comply with 160  
sections 3301.50 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code and the minimum 161  
standards for preschool programs prescribed in rules adopted by 162  
the state board under section 3301.53 of the Revised Code. 163

(k) The school will comply with sections 3313.6021 and 164

3313.6023 of the Revised Code as if it were a school district	165
unless it is either of the following:	166
(i) An internet- or computer-based community school;	167
(ii) A community school in which a majority of the	168
enrolled students are children with disabilities as described in	169
division (A) (4) (b) of section 3314.35 of the Revised Code.	170
(1) The school will comply with section 3321.191 of the	171
Revised Code, unless it is an internet- or computer-based	172
community school that is subject to section 3314.261 of the	173
Revised Code.	174
(12) Arrangements for providing health and other benefits	175
to employees;	176
(13) The length of the contract, which shall begin at the	177
beginning of an academic year. No contract shall exceed five	178
years unless such contract has been renewed pursuant to division	179
(E) of this section.	180
(14) The governing authority of the school, which shall be	181
responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract;	182
(15) A financial plan detailing an estimated school budget	183
for each year of the period of the contract and specifying the	184
total estimated per pupil expenditure amount for each such year.	185
(16) Requirements and procedures regarding the disposition	186
of employees of the school in the event the contract is	187
terminated or not renewed pursuant to section 3314.07 of the	188
Revised Code;	189
(17) Whether the school is to be created by converting all	190
or part of an existing public school or educational service	191
center building or is to be a new start-up school, and if it is	192

a converted public school or service center building, 193  
specification of any duties or responsibilities of an employer 194  
that the board of education or service center governing board 195  
that operated the school or building before conversion is 196  
delegating to the governing authority of the community school 197  
with respect to all or any specified group of employees provided 198  
the delegation is not prohibited by a collective bargaining 199  
agreement applicable to such employees; 200

(18) Provisions establishing procedures for resolving 201  
disputes or differences of opinion between the sponsor and the 202  
governing authority of the community school; 203

(19) A provision requiring the governing authority to 204  
adopt a policy regarding the admission of students who reside 205  
outside the district in which the school is located. That policy 206  
shall comply with the admissions procedures specified in 207  
sections 3314.06 and 3314.061 of the Revised Code and, at the 208  
sole discretion of the authority, shall do one of the following: 209

(a) Prohibit the enrollment of students who reside outside 210  
the district in which the school is located; 211

(b) Permit the enrollment of students who reside in 212  
districts adjacent to the district in which the school is 213  
located; 214

(c) Permit the enrollment of students who reside in any 215  
other district in the state. 216

(20) A provision recognizing the authority of the 217  
department of education to take over the sponsorship of the 218  
school in accordance with the provisions of division (C) of 219  
section 3314.015 of the Revised Code; 220

(21) A provision recognizing the sponsor's authority to 221



assume the operation of a school under the conditions specified	222
in division (B) of section 3314.073 of the Revised Code;	223
(22) A provision recognizing both of the following:	224
(a) The authority of public health and safety officials to	225
inspect the facilities of the school and to order the facilities	226
closed if those officials find that the facilities are not in	227
compliance with health and safety laws and regulations;	228
(b) The authority of the department of education as the	229
community school oversight body to suspend the operation of the	230
school under section 3314.072 of the Revised Code if the	231
department has evidence of conditions or violations of law at	232
the school that pose an imminent danger to the health and safety	233
of the school's students and employees and the sponsor refuses	234
to take such action.	235
(23) A description of the learning opportunities that will	236
be offered to students including both classroom-based and non-	237
classroom-based learning opportunities that is in compliance	238
with criteria for student participation established by the	239
department under division (H) (2) of section 3314.08 of the	240
Revised Code;	241
(24) The school will comply with sections 3302.04 and	242
3302.041 of the Revised Code, except that any action required to	243
be taken by a school district pursuant to those sections shall	244
be taken by the sponsor of the school. However, the sponsor	245
shall not be required to take any action described in division	246
(F) of section 3302.04 of the Revised Code.	247
(25) Beginning in the 2006-2007 school year, the school	248
will open for operation not later than the thirtieth day of	249
September each school year, unless the mission of the school as	250

specified under division (A) (2) of this section is solely to 251  
serve dropouts. In its initial year of operation, if the school 252  
fails to open by the thirtieth day of September, or within one 253  
year after the adoption of the contract pursuant to division (D) 254  
of section 3314.02 of the Revised Code if the mission of the 255  
school is solely to serve dropouts, the contract shall be void. 256

(26) Whether the school's governing authority is planning 257  
to seek designation for the school as a STEM school equivalent 258  
under section 3326.032 of the Revised Code; 259

(27) That the school's attendance and participation 260  
policies will be available for public inspection; 261

(28) That the school's attendance and participation 262  
records shall be made available to the department of education, 263  
auditor of state, and school's sponsor to the extent permitted 264  
under and in accordance with the "Family Educational Rights and 265  
Privacy Act of 1974," 88 Stat. 571, 20 U.S.C. 1232g, as amended, 266  
and any regulations promulgated under that act, and section 267  
3319.321 of the Revised Code; 268

(29) If a school operates using the blended learning 269  
model, as defined in section 3301.079 of the Revised Code, all 270  
of the following information: 271

(a) An indication of what blended learning model or models 272  
will be used; 273

(b) A description of how student instructional needs will 274  
be determined and documented; 275

(c) The method to be used for determining competency, 276  
granting credit, and promoting students to a higher grade level; 277

(d) The school's attendance requirements, including how 278

the school will document participation in learning opportunities;	279 280
(e) A statement describing how student progress will be monitored;	281 282
(f) A statement describing how private student data will be protected;	283 284
(g) A description of the professional development activities that will be offered to teachers.	285 286
(30) A provision requiring that all moneys the school's operator loans to the school, including facilities loans or cash flow assistance, must be accounted for, documented, and bear interest at a fair market rate;	287 288 289 290
(31) A provision requiring that, if the governing authority contracts with an attorney, accountant, or entity specializing in audits, the attorney, accountant, or entity shall be independent from the operator with which the school has contracted.	291 292 293 294 295
(32) A provision requiring the governing authority to adopt an enrollment and attendance policy that requires a student's parent to notify the community school in which the student is enrolled when there is a change in the location of the parent's or student's primary residence.	296 297 298 299 300
(33) A provision requiring the governing authority to adopt a student residence and address verification policy for students enrolling in or attending the school.	301 302 303
(B) The community school shall also submit to the sponsor a comprehensive plan for the school. The plan shall specify the following:	304 305 306

(1) The process by which the governing authority of the school will be selected in the future;	307 308
(2) The management and administration of the school;	309
(3) If the community school is a currently existing public school or educational service center building, alternative arrangements for current public school students who choose not to attend the converted school and for teachers who choose not to teach in the school or building after conversion;	310 311 312 313 314
(4) The instructional program and educational philosophy of the school;	315 316
(5) Internal financial controls.	317
When submitting the plan under this division, the school shall also submit copies of all policies and procedures regarding internal financial controls adopted by the governing authority of the school.	318 319 320 321
(C) A contract entered into under section 3314.02 of the Revised Code between a sponsor and the governing authority of a community school may provide for the community school governing authority to make payments to the sponsor, which is hereby authorized to receive such payments as set forth in the contract between the governing authority and the sponsor. The total amount of such payments for monitoring, oversight, and technical assistance of the school shall not exceed three per cent of the total amount of payments for operating expenses that the school receives from the state.	322 323 324 325 326 327 328 329 330 331
(D) The contract shall specify the duties of the sponsor which shall be in accordance with the written agreement entered into with the department of education under division (B) of section 3314.015 of the Revised Code and shall include the	332 333 334 335

following:	336
(1) Monitor the community school's compliance with all	337
laws applicable to the school and with the terms of the	338
contract;	339
(2) Monitor and evaluate the academic and fiscal	340
performance and the organization and operation of the community	341
school on at least an annual basis;	342
(3) Report on an annual basis the results of the	343
evaluation conducted under division (D) (2) of this section to	344
the department of education and to the parents of students	345
enrolled in the community school;	346
(4) Provide technical assistance to the community school	347
in complying with laws applicable to the school and terms of the	348
contract;	349
(5) Take steps to intervene in the school's operation to	350
correct problems in the school's overall performance, declare	351
the school to be on probationary status pursuant to section	352
3314.073 of the Revised Code, suspend the operation of the	353
school pursuant to section 3314.072 of the Revised Code, or	354
terminate the contract of the school pursuant to section 3314.07	355
of the Revised Code as determined necessary by the sponsor;	356
(6) Have in place a plan of action to be undertaken in the	357
event the community school experiences financial difficulties or	358
closes prior to the end of a school year.	359
(E) Upon the expiration of a contract entered into under	360
this section, the sponsor of a community school may, with the	361
approval of the governing authority of the school, renew that	362
contract for a period of time determined by the sponsor, but not	363
ending earlier than the end of any school year, if the sponsor	364

finds that the school's compliance with applicable laws and 365  
terms of the contract and the school's progress in meeting the 366  
academic goals prescribed in the contract have been 367  
satisfactory. Any contract that is renewed under this division 368  
remains subject to the provisions of sections 3314.07, 3314.072, 369  
and 3314.073 of the Revised Code. 370

(F) If a community school fails to open for operation 371  
within one year after the contract entered into under this 372  
section is adopted pursuant to division (D) of section 3314.02 373  
of the Revised Code or permanently closes prior to the 374  
expiration of the contract, the contract shall be void and the 375  
school shall not enter into a contract with any other sponsor. A 376  
school shall not be considered permanently closed because the 377  
operations of the school have been suspended pursuant to section 378  
3314.072 of the Revised Code. 379

**Sec. 3319.223.** (A) The superintendent of public 380  
instruction and the chancellor of higher education jointly shall 381  
establish the Ohio teacher residency program, which shall be a 382  
two-year, entry-level program for classroom teachers. Except as 383  
provided in division (B) of this section, the teacher residency 384  
program shall include at least the following components: 385

(1) Mentoring by teachers, which may be provided online 386  
or in person. The department of education shall provide 387  
participants and mentors with access to online professional 388  
development resources and sample videos of Ohio classroom 389  
lessons submitted for the assessment prescribed under division 390  
(A) (3) of this section at no cost. 391

(2) Counseling, as determined necessary by the school 392  
district or school, to ensure that program participants receive 393  
needed professional development. The department shall provide 394

to each participant who does not receive a passing score on the 395  
assessment under division (A) (3) of this section, at no cost, 396  
the opportunity to meet online with an instructional coach who 397  
is a certified assessor of the assessment to review the 398  
participant's assessment score results and discuss improvement 399  
strategies and professional development. 400

Participants who choose to meet with an instructional 401  
coach shall select from an online pool of instructional coaches 402  
who have completed training and are approved by the department. 403  
The characteristics of each coach's school or district, 404  
including its size, typology, and demographics, shall be made 405  
available. However, participants shall not be required to choose 406  
an instructional coach from a similar district or school. 407

Participants who have not taken the assessment under 408  
division (A) (3) of this section may meet online with department- 409  
approved instructional coaches if the participant's school 410  
district or school pays the costs associated with the meetings. 411

(3) Measures of appropriate progression through the 412  
program, which shall include the performance-based assessment 413  
prescribed by the state board of education for resident 414  
educators. The state board shall not limit the number of 415  
attempts to successfully complete the performance-based 416  
assessment. 417

An individual may submit the assessment between the first 418  
Tuesday of October and the first Friday of April of the 419  
individual's second year of the program. The results of the 420  
assessment shall be returned within thirty days unless a new 421  
assessor is contracted, in which case the results shall be 422  
returned in forty-five days. 423

(B) No individual who is teaching career-technical courses 424  
under an alternative resident educator license issued under 425  
section 3319.26 of the Revised Code or rule of the state board 426  
shall be required to do either of the following: 427

(1) Complete the conditions of the Ohio teacher residency 428  
program that a participant, as of September 29, 2015, would have 429  
been required to complete during the participant's first and 430  
second year of teaching under an alternative resident educator 431  
license. 432

(2) Take a performance-based assessment. 433

(C) The teacher residency program shall be aligned with 434  
the standards for teachers adopted by the state board under 435  
section 3319.61 of the Revised Code and best practices 436  
identified by the superintendent of public instruction. 437

(D) Each person who holds a resident educator license 438  
issued under section 3319.22 or 3319.227 of the Revised Code or 439  
an alternative resident educator license issued under section 440  
3319.26 of the Revised Code shall participate in the teacher 441  
residency program. Successful completion of the program shall be 442  
required to qualify any such person for a professional educator 443  
license issued under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code. 444

Sec. 3319.225. Beginning with the first school year that 445  
begins on or after the effective date of this section, the board 446  
of education of each school district shall provide one day of 447  
professional development leave each school year, to observe a 448  
veteran classroom teacher, for each teacher employed by the 449  
district who is licensed under section 3319.22 of the Revised 450  
Code and who is not a superintendent, assistant superintendent, 451  
principal, assistant principal, or other administrator, as 452



defined in section 3319.02 of the Revised Code. 453

Each local professional development committee established 454  
under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code shall consider a 455  
teacher's observation of a veteran teacher as part of the 456  
continuing education required for license renewal under that 457  
section. 458

**Sec. 3319.26.** (A) The state board of education shall adopt 459  
rules establishing the standards and requirements for obtaining 460  
an alternative resident educator license for teaching in grades 461  
kindergarten to twelve, or the equivalent, in a designated 462  
subject area or in the area of intervention specialist, as 463  
defined by rule of the state board. The rules shall also include 464  
the reasons for which an alternative resident educator license 465  
may be renewed under division (D) of this section. 466

(B) The superintendent of public instruction and the 467  
chancellor of higher education jointly shall develop an 468  
intensive pedagogical training institute to provide instruction 469  
in the principles and practices of teaching for individuals 470  
seeking an alternative resident educator license. The 471  
instruction shall cover such topics as student development and 472  
learning, pupil assessment procedures, curriculum development, 473  
classroom management, and teaching methodology. 474

(C) The rules adopted under this section shall require 475  
applicants for the alternative resident educator license to 476  
satisfy the following conditions prior to issuance of the 477  
license, but they shall not require applicants to have completed 478  
a major or coursework in the subject area for which application 479  
is being made: 480

(1) Hold a minimum of a baccalaureate degree; 481

(2) Successfully complete the pedagogical training 482  
institute described in division (B) of this section or the 483  
preservice training provided to participants of a teacher 484  
preparation program that has been approved by the chancellor. 485  
The chancellor may approve any such program that requires 486  
participants to hold a bachelor's degree; have either a 487  
cumulative undergraduate grade point average of at least 2.5 out 488  
of 4.0, or its equivalent or a cumulative graduate school grade 489  
point average of at least 3.0 out of 4.0; and successfully 490  
complete the program's preservice training. 491

(3) Pass an examination in the subject area for which 492  
application is being made. 493

(D) An alternative resident educator license shall be 494  
valid for ~~four~~ two years and shall be renewable for reasons 495  
specified by rules adopted by the state board pursuant to 496  
division (A) of this section. The state board, on a case-by-case 497  
basis, may extend the license's duration as necessary to enable 498  
the license holder to complete the Ohio teacher residency 499  
program established under section 3319.223 of the Revised Code. 500

(E) The rules shall require the holder of an alternative 501  
resident educator license, as a condition of continuing to hold 502  
the license, to do all of the following: 503

(1) Participate in the Ohio teacher residency program\_ 504  
under section 3319.223 of the Revised Code; 505

(2) Show satisfactory progress in taking and successfully 506  
completing one of the following: 507

(a) At least twelve additional semester hours, or the 508  
equivalent, of college coursework in the principles and 509  
practices of teaching in such topics as student development and 510

learning, pupil assessment procedures, curriculum development,	511
classroom management, and teaching methodology;	512
(b) Professional development provided by a teacher	513
preparation program that has been approved by the chancellor	514
under division (C) (2) of this section.	515
(3) Take an assessment of professional knowledge in the	516
second year of teaching under the license.	517
(F) The rules shall provide for the granting of a	518
professional educator license to a holder of an alternative	519
resident educator license upon successfully completing all of	520
the following:	521
(1) <del>Four</del> <u>Two</u> years of teaching under the alternative	522
license;	523
(2) The additional college coursework or professional	524
development described in division (E) (2) of this section;	525
(3) The assessment of professional knowledge described in	526
division (E) (3) of this section. The standards for successfully	527
completing this assessment and the manner of conducting the	528
assessment shall be the same as for any other individual who is	529
required to take the assessment pursuant to rules adopted by the	530
state board under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code.	531
(4) The Ohio teacher residency program;	532
(5) All other requirements for a professional educator	533
license adopted by the state board under section 3319.22 of the	534
Revised Code.	535
(G) A person who is assigned to teach in this state as a	536
participant in the teach for America program or who has	537
completed two years of teaching in another state as a	538

participant in that program shall be eligible for a license only 539  
under section 3319.227 of the Revised Code and shall not be 540  
eligible for a license under this section. 541

Sec. 3319.58. (A) As used in this section: 542

(1) "Eligible teacher" means an individual who satisfies 543  
all of the following conditions: 544

(a) The individual is an Ohio resident. 545

(b) The individual holds a valid educator license issued 546  
under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code to provide instruction 547  
in grades seven through twelve. 548

(c) The individual is employed full-time for the first 549  
time as a classroom teacher. 550

(d) The individual received a bachelor's degree awarded by 551  
any public or private institution of higher education in this 552  
state. 553

(e) The individual has outstanding student loans for the 554  
degree described in division (A) (1) (d) of this section. 555

(f) The individual has made timely payments in accordance 556  
with the terms of the individual's repayment schedule for the 557  
outstanding student loans described in division (A) (1) (e) of 558  
this section. 559

(2) "Qualifying school" means a school building operated 560  
by a school district, a community school established under 561  
Chapter 3314., a STEM school established under Chapter 3326., or 562  
a college-preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 563  
3328. of the Revised Code to which the department of education 564  
and the chancellor of higher education jointly determine that 565  
both of the following applies: 566

(a) The school building has persistently low performance ratings on its state report card under section 3302.03 or 3314.017 of the Revised Code. 567  
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(b) The school building has difficulty attracting and retaining classroom teachers who provide instruction in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics and hold a valid educator license issued under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code to provide instruction in grades seven through twelve. 570  
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(B) The department of education and the chancellor of higher education jointly shall establish and administer a teacher loan repayment program. Under the program, the department shall pay the amount specified in division (C) of this section to repay outstanding student loans described in division (A)(1)(e) of this section on behalf of the eligible teacher, if the teacher applies to receive an award under the program upon being employed by a qualifying school and subsequently is employed by that school in a position providing instruction for five consecutive school years in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics to students enrolled in any of grades seven through twelve. An eligible teacher shall receive only one award under the program. The department shall make a payment directly to the eligible teacher's lender. 575  
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(C) The amount for each award under the program shall be the lesser of forty thousand dollars or the total amount of the outstanding student loans described in division (A)(1)(e) of the section for an eligible teacher who meets the requirement prescribed in division (B) of this section. 589  
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(D) The department and the chancellor jointly shall adopt rules to administer the program. 594  
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(E) The teacher loan repayment fund is hereby created in 596  
the state treasury, to consist of such amounts designated for 597  
the purposes of the fund by the general assembly. The fund shall 598  
be used to make awards under the program established under this 599  
section. 600

(F) The program established under this section shall cease 601  
to accept new applications under division (B) of this section on 602  
the date that is five calendar years after the effective date of 603  
this section. The program also shall cease to operate on the 604  
date that is ten calendar years after the effective date of this 605  
section. 606

**Sec. 3326.11.** Each science, technology, engineering, and 607  
mathematics school established under this chapter and its 608  
governing body shall comply with sections 9.90, 9.91, 109.65, 609  
121.22, 149.43, 2151.357, 2151.421, 2313.19, 2921.42, 2921.43, 610  
3301.0714, 3301.0715, 3301.0729, 3301.948, 3302.037, 3313.14, 611  
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3313.481, 3313.482, 3313.50, 3313.539, 3313.5310, 3313.608, 613  
3313.6012, 3313.6013, 3313.6014, 3313.6015, 3313.6020, 614  
3313.6021, 3313.6024, 3313.6025, 3313.6026, 3313.61, 3313.611, 615  
3313.614, 3313.615, 3313.617, 3313.618, 3313.6114, 3313.643, 616  
3313.648, 3313.6411, 3313.66, 3313.661, 3313.662, 3313.666, 617  
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3313.816, 3313.817, 3313.818, 3313.86, 3313.89, 3313.96, 621  
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3319.318, 3319.32, 3319.321, 3319.35, 3319.39, 3319.391, 623  
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5502.262, 5502.703, and 5705.391 and Chapters 102., 117., 1347., 2744., 3307., 3309., 3365., 3742., 4112., 4123., 4141., and 4167. of the Revised Code as if it were a school district.

Sec. 3333.393. (A) As used in this section and in section 3333.394 of the Revised Code:

(1) "Academic year" shall be as defined by the chancellor of higher education.

(2) "Parent" means the parent, guardian, or custodian of a qualified student as described by this section.

(3) "Qualified service" means teaching at a qualifying school.

(4) "Qualifying school" means a school district building identified as "high need" by the chancellor and meets both of the following conditions:

(a) At least fifty per cent of students enrolled in the school are eligible for a free or reduced price lunch, as defined in section 3333.80 of the Revised Code;

(b) The school is operated by the same school district from which the recipient of a scholarship graduated from high school or was employed.

(5) "Qualifying employee" means an individual employed at a school where at least fifty per cent of students enrolled in the school are eligible for a free or reduced price lunch, as defined in section 3333.80 of the Revised Code and who holds an educational aide permit or educational paraprofessional license issued under section 3319.088 or a substitute license under section 3319.226 of the Revised Code.

(B) The grow your own teacher college scholarship program

is hereby established. Under the program, the chancellor of 655  
higher education, in conjunction with the department of 656  
education, shall award scholarships to the following: 657

(1) Low-income high school seniors who commit to teaching 658  
in a qualifying school for a minimum of four years upon 659  
graduation from a teacher training program at a state 660  
institution of higher education or an Ohio nonprofit institution 661  
of higher education that has a certificate of authorization 662  
under Chapter 1713. of the Revised Code. 663

(2) Qualifying employees who commit to teaching in a 664  
qualifying school for a minimum of four years upon graduation 665  
from a teacher training program at a state institution of higher 666  
education or an Ohio nonprofit institution of higher education 667  
that has a certificate of authorization under Chapter 1713. of 668  
the Revised Code. 669

Each scholarship shall be awarded for up to four academic 670  
years and shall not exceed \$7,500 for each academic year. 671

(C) The department and the chancellor shall develop an 672  
application process for awarding scholarships under the program. 673  
The department and the chancellor also shall appoint a highly 674  
qualified and diverse application committee to assist in the 675  
selection of scholarship recipients. 676

(D) (1) Scholarships shall be awarded to students under 677  
division (B) (1) of this section who meet all of the following 678  
conditions: 679

(a) Received a high school diploma or honors diploma under 680  
section 3313.61 of the Revised Code; 681

(b) Were eligible for a free or reduced price lunch for 682  
all four years of high school; 683



(c) Commit to completing the four-year teaching obligation 684  
within not more than six years after graduating from the teacher 685  
training program. 686

(2) Scholarships shall be awarded to qualifying employees 687  
under division (B)(2) of this section who commit to completing 688  
the four-year teaching obligation within not more than six years 689  
after graduating from the teacher training program. 690

(E) The chancellor shall require that all applicants to 691  
the grow your own teacher program file a statement of service 692  
status in compliance with section 3345.32 of the Revised Code, 693  
if applicable, and that all applicants have not been convicted 694  
of, plead guilty to, or adjudicated a delinquent child for any 695  
violation listed in section 3333.38 of the Revised Code. 696

(F) Recipients shall complete the four-year teaching 697  
commitment within not more than six years after graduating from 698  
the teacher training program. Failure to fulfill the commitment 699  
shall convert the scholarship into a loan to be repaid under 700  
section 3333.394 of the Revised Code. 701

**Sec. 3333.394.** (A) Each recipient who accepts a 702  
scholarship under the grow your own teacher program under 703  
section 3333.393 of the Revised Code, or the recipient's parent 704  
if the recipient is younger than eighteen years of age, shall 705  
sign a promissory note payable to the state in the event the 706  
recipient does not satisfy the service requirement under 707  
division (F) of section 3333.393 of the Revised Code or the 708  
scholarship is terminated. The amount payable under the note 709  
shall be the amount of total scholarships accepted by the 710  
recipient under the program plus ten per cent interest accrued 711  
annually beginning on the first day of September after 712  
graduating from the teacher training program or immediately 713

after termination of the scholarship. The period of repayment 714  
under the note shall be determined by the chancellor of higher 715  
education. The note shall stipulate that the obligation to make 716  
payments under the note is canceled following completion of four 717  
years of qualified service by the recipient in accordance with 718  
division (F) of section 3333.393 of the Revised Code, or if the 719  
recipient dies, becomes totally and permanently disabled, or is 720  
unable to complete the required qualified service as a result of 721  
a reduction in force at the recipient's school of employment 722  
before the obligation under the note has been satisfied. 723

(B) Repayment of the principal amount of the scholarship 724  
and interest accrued shall be deferred while the recipient is 725  
enrolled in an approved teaching program, while the recipient is 726  
seeking employment to fulfill the service obligation, for a 727  
period not to exceed six months, or while the recipient is 728  
engaged in qualified service. 729

(C) During the six-year period following the recipient's 730  
graduation from an approved teaching program, the chancellor 731  
shall deduct twenty-five per cent of the outstanding balance 732  
that may be converted to a loan for each year the recipient 733  
teaches at a qualifying school. 734

(D) The department and the chancellor may terminate the 735  
scholarship, in which case the scholarship shall be converted to 736  
a loan to be repaid under division (A) of this section. 737

(E) The scholarship shall be deemed terminated upon the 738  
recipient's withdrawal from school or the recipient's failure to 739  
meet the standards of the scholarship as determined by the 740  
department and the chancellor and shall be converted to a loan 741  
to be repaid under division (A) of this section. 742

(F) The chancellor and the attorney general shall collect 743  
payments on the converted loan in accordance with section 131.02 744  
of the Revised Code. 745

**Section 2.** That existing sections 3314.03, 3319.223, 746  
3319.26, and 3326.11 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 747

**Section 3.** That the version of section 3319.26 of the 748  
Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect December 29, 2023, 749  
be amended to read as follows: 750

**Sec. 3319.26.** (A) Except as provided in division (H) of 751  
this section, the state board of education shall adopt rules 752  
establishing the standards and requirements for obtaining an 753  
alternative resident educator license for teaching in grades 754  
kindergarten to twelve, or the equivalent, in a designated 755  
subject area or in the area of intervention specialist, as 756  
defined by rule of the state board. The rules shall also include 757  
the reasons for which an alternative resident educator license 758  
may be renewed under division (D) of this section. 759

(B) The superintendent of public instruction and the 760  
chancellor of higher education jointly shall develop an 761  
intensive pedagogical training institute to provide instruction 762  
in the principles and practices of teaching for individuals 763  
seeking an alternative resident educator license. The 764  
instruction shall cover such topics as student development and 765  
learning, pupil assessment procedures, curriculum development, 766  
classroom management, and teaching methodology. 767

(C) Except as provided in division (H) of this section, 768  
the rules adopted under this section shall require applicants 769  
for the alternative resident educator license to satisfy the 770  
following conditions prior to issuance of the license, but they 771

shall not require applicants to have completed a major or 772  
coursework in the subject area for which application is being 773  
made: 774

(1) Hold a minimum of a baccalaureate degree; 775

(2) Successfully complete the pedagogical training 776  
institute described in division (B) of this section or the 777  
preservice training provided to participants of a teacher 778  
preparation program that has been approved by the chancellor. 779  
The chancellor may approve any such program that requires 780  
participants to hold a bachelor's degree; have either a 781  
cumulative undergraduate grade point average of at least 2.5 out 782  
of 4.0, or its equivalent or a cumulative graduate school grade 783  
point average of at least 3.0 out of 4.0; and successfully 784  
complete the program's preservice training. 785

(3) Pass an examination in the subject area for which 786  
application is being made. 787

(D) An alternative resident educator license shall be 788  
valid for ~~four~~ two years and shall be renewable for reasons 789  
specified by rules adopted by the state board pursuant to 790  
division (A) of this section. The state board, on a case-by-case 791  
basis, may extend the license's duration as necessary to enable 792  
the license holder to complete the Ohio teacher residency 793  
program established under section 3319.223 of the Revised Code. 794

(E) The rules shall require the holder of an alternative 795  
resident educator license, as a condition of continuing to hold 796  
the license, to do all of the following: 797

(1) Participate in the Ohio teacher residency program\_ 798  
under section 3319.223 of the Revised Code; 799

(2) Show satisfactory progress in taking and successfully 800

completing one of the following: 801

(a) At least twelve additional semester hours, or the 802  
equivalent, of college coursework in the principles and 803  
practices of teaching in such topics as student development and 804  
learning, pupil assessment procedures, curriculum development, 805  
classroom management, and teaching methodology; 806

(b) Professional development provided by a teacher 807  
preparation program that has been approved by the chancellor 808  
under division (C) (2) of this section. 809

(3) Take an assessment of professional knowledge in the 810  
second year of teaching under the license. 811

(F) The rules shall provide for the granting of a 812  
professional educator license to a holder of an alternative 813  
resident educator license upon successfully completing all of 814  
the following: 815

(1) ~~Four~~ Two years of teaching under the alternative 816  
license; 817

(2) The additional college coursework or professional 818  
development described in division (E) (2) of this section; 819

(3) The assessment of professional knowledge described in 820  
division (E) (3) of this section. The standards for successfully 821  
completing this assessment and the manner of conducting the 822  
assessment shall be the same as for any other individual who is 823  
required to take the assessment pursuant to rules adopted by the 824  
state board under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code. 825

(4) The Ohio teacher residency program; 826

(5) All other requirements for a professional educator 827  
license adopted by the state board under section 3319.22 of the 828

Revised Code.	829
(G) A person who is assigned to teach in this state as a participant in the teach for America program or who has completed two years of teaching in another state as a participant in that program shall be eligible for a license only under section 3319.227 of the Revised Code and shall not be eligible for a license under this section.	830 831 832 833 834 835
(H) The board shall issue an alternative resident educator license in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:	836 837 838
(1) The applicant holds a license in another state.	839
(2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as an educator for grades kindergarten through twelve in a state that does not issue that license.	840 841 842 843
<b>Section 4.</b> That the existing version of section 3319.26 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect December 29, 2023, is hereby repealed.	844 845 846
<b>Section 5.</b> Sections 3 and 4 of this act take effect on the later of December 29, 2023, or the effective date of this section.	847 848 849
<b>Section 6.</b> All items in this act are hereby appropriated as designated out of any moneys in the state treasury to the credit of the designated fund. For all operating appropriations made in this act, those in the first column are for fiscal year 2024 and those in the second column are for fiscal year 2025. The operating appropriations made in this act are in addition to any other operating appropriations made for these fiscal years.	850 851 852 853 854 855 856

Section 7. 857

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A	BOR DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION				
B	General Revenue Fund				
C	GRF	235592	Grow Your Own Teacher Program	\$25,000,000	\$25,000,000
D	TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund			\$25,000,000	\$25,000,000
E	TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS			\$25,000,000	\$25,000,000

GROW YOUR OWN TEACHER PROGRAM 859

The foregoing appropriation item 235592, Grow Your Own  
Teacher Program, shall be used by the Chancellor of Higher  
Education to implement and administer the Grow Your Own Teacher  
Program pursuant to sections 3333.393 and 3333.394 of the  
Revised Code.

**Section 8.** Within the limits set forth in this act, the  
Director of Budget and Management shall establish accounts  
indicating the source and amount of funds for each appropriation  
made in this act, and shall determine the manner in which  
appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures from  
operating appropriations contained in this act shall be  
accounted for as though made in, and are subject to all  
applicable provisions of, the main operating appropriations act  
of the 135th General Assembly.

<b>Section 9.</b> On the effective date of this section, or as	874
soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Budget and	875
Management shall transfer \$25,000,000 cash from the General	876
Revenue Fund to the Teacher Loan Repayment Fund (Fund 5W00)	877
created in section 3319.58 of the Revised Code.	878