

AN ACT

To amend section 3301.0726 of the Revised Code to require the Department of Education to include supplemental instructional materials in cursive handwriting in the English language arts model curriculum.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That section 3301.0726 of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3301.0726. (A) The department of education shall develop a packet of high school instructional materials on personal financial responsibility, including instructional materials on the avoidance of credit card abuse, and shall distribute that packet to all school districts. The board of education of any school district may adopt part or all of the materials included in the packet for incorporation into the district's curriculum.

(B) The department of education shall include supplemental instructional materials on the development of handwriting as a universal skill in the English language arts model curriculum under division (B) of section 3301.079 of the Revised Code for grades kindergarten through five. The instructional materials shall be designed to enable students to print letters and words legibly by grade three and create readable documents using legible cursive handwriting by the end of grade five. The instructional materials shall be included in the model curriculum not later than the first day of July that next succeeds the effective date of this amendment and, thereafter, shall periodically be updated.

SECTION 2. That existing section 3301.0726 of the Revised Code is hereby repealed.

Speaker _____ *of the House of Representatives.*

President _____ *of the Senate.*

Passed _____, 20____

Approved _____, 20____

Governor.

The section numbering of law of a general and permanent nature is complete and in conformity with the Revised Code.

Director, Legislative Service Commission.

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Secretary of State.

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