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Senators DeMora, Hicks-Hudson  
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A BILL

To enact section 3345.029 of the Revised Code to 1  
require state higher education institutions to 2  
provide academic accommodations to students who 3  
work as precinct election officials. 4

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

**Section 1.** That section 3345.029 of the Revised Code be 5  
enacted to read as follows: 6

Sec. 3345.029. Each state institution of higher education, 7  
as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code, shall adopt 8  
a policy that excuses a student from absences related to the 9  
student's work as a precinct election official. The policy shall 10  
provide for all of the following: 11

(A) Permit a student to be absent to train to be or work 12  
as a precinct election official. The institution shall not 13  
impose an academic penalty as a result of a student being absent 14  
as permitted in the policy. 15

(B) Require that a student be provided with alternative 16  
accommodations with regard to examinations and other academic 17  
requirements missed due to an absence described in division (A) 18

<u>of this section if the student provides the instructor with</u>	19
<u>written notice of the specific date for which the student</u>	20
<u>requests alternative accommodations not less than twenty-four</u>	21
<u>hours before that date.</u>	22
<u>(C) Require the institution to notify all students of</u>	23
<u>accommodations for students who work as precinct election</u>	24
<u>officials.</u>	25