A BILL

To amend sections 3365.03, 3365.032, 3365.04, and 3365.12 and to enact sections 3313.5314 and 3365.072 of the Revised Code to make changes to the College Credit Plus program and to specify that students participating in the program shall not be denied the opportunity to participate in extracurricular activities based solely upon participation in the CCP program.

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

Section 1. That sections 3365.03, 3365.032, 3365.04, and 3365.12 be amended and sections 3313.5314 and 3365.072 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 3313.5314. No student who is enrolled in a public or nonpublic school shall be denied the opportunity to participate in an extracurricular activity, as defined in section 3313.537 of the Revised Code, that is offered by that school solely because the student is participating or has participated in the college credit plus program under Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code.
Additionally, no student who is enrolled in a community school, STEM school, or nonpublic school or who is receiving home instruction shall be denied the opportunity to participate in an extracurricular activity at the school in which the student is entitled to attend school under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code solely because of participation in the college credit plus program, so long as the student meets the applicable requirements under section 3313.537, 3313.5311, or 3313.5312 of the Revised Code.

As used in this section, "community school" means a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, and "STEM school" means a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3365.03. (A) A student enrolled in a public or nonpublic secondary school during the student's ninth, tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grade school year; a student enrolled in a nonchartered nonpublic secondary school in the student's ninth, tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grade school year; or a student who has been excused from the compulsory attendance law for the purpose of home instruction under section 3321.04 of the Revised Code and is the equivalent of a ninth, tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grade student, may apply to and enroll in a college under the college credit plus program.

(1) In order for a public secondary school student to participate in the program, all of the following criteria shall be met:

(a) The student or the student's parent shall inform the principal, or equivalent, of the student's school by the first day of April of the student's intent to participate in the
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program during the following school year. Any student who fails to provide the notification by the required date may not participate in the program during the following school year without the written consent of the principal, or equivalent. If a student seeks consent from the principal after failing to provide notification by the required date, the principal shall notify the department of education of the student's intent to participate within ten days of the date on which the student seeks consent. If the principal does not provide written consent, the student may appeal the principal's decision to the state board of education. Not later than thirty days after the notification of the appeal, the state board shall hear the appeal and shall make a decision to either grant or deny that student's participation in the program.

(b) The student shall both:

(i) Apply to a public or a participating private college, or an eligible out-of-state college participating in the program, in accordance with the college's established procedures for admission, pursuant to section 3365.05 of the Revised Code;

(ii) Meet the college's established standards for admission and for course placement, including course-specific capacity limitations, pursuant to section 3365.05 of the Revised Code.

(c) The student shall elect at the time of enrollment to participate under either division (A) or (B) of section 3365.06 of the Revised Code for each course under the program.

(d) The student and the student's parent shall sign a form, provided by the school, stating that they have received the counseling required under division (B) of section 3365.04 of
the Revised Code and that they understand the responsibilities they must assume in the program.

(2) In order for a nonpublic secondary school student, a nonchartered nonpublic secondary school student, or a home-instructed student to participate in the program, both of the following criteria shall be met:

(a) The student shall meet the criteria in divisions (A)(1)(b) and (c) of this section.

(b)(i) If the student is enrolled in a nonpublic secondary school, that student shall send to the department of education a copy of the student's acceptance from a college and an application. The application shall be made on forms provided by the state board of education and shall include information about the student's proposed participation, including the school year in which the student wishes to participate; and the semesters or terms the student wishes to enroll during such year. The department shall mark each application with the date and time of receipt.

(ii) If the student is enrolled in a nonchartered nonpublic secondary school or is home-instructed, the parent or guardian of that student shall notify the department by the first day of April prior to the school year in which the student wishes to participate.

(B) Except as provided for in divisions (C) and (D) of this section and in sections 3365.031 and 3365.032 of the Revised Code:

(1) No public secondary school shall prohibit a student enrolled in that school from participating in the program if that student meets all of the criteria in division (A)(1) of
this section.

(2) No participating nonpublic secondary school shall prohibit a student enrolled in that school from participating in the program if the student meets all of the criteria in division (A)(2) of this section and, if the student is enrolled under division (B) of section 3365.06 of the Revised Code, the student is awarded funding from the department in accordance with rules adopted by the chancellor of the Ohio board of regents, in consultation with the superintendent of public instruction, pursuant to section 3365.071 of the Revised Code.

(C) For purposes of this section, during the period of an expulsion imposed by a public secondary school, a student is ineligible to apply to enroll in a college under this section, unless the student is admitted to another public secondary or participating nonpublic secondary school. If a student is enrolled in a college under this section at the time the student is expelled, the student's status for the remainder of the college term in which the expulsion is imposed shall be determined under section 3365.032 of the Revised Code.

(D) If a course is offered and delivered on the campus of a student's secondary school under the college credit plus program, that student shall not be eligible to enroll under the program in a comparable course that is delivered on the college campus, at another location operated by the college, or online.

(E) Upon a student's graduation from high school, participation in the college credit plus program shall not affect the student's eligibility at any public college for scholarships or for other benefits or opportunities that are available to first-time college students and are awarded by that college, regardless of the number of credit hours that the
Sec. 3365.032. (A) When a public secondary school expels a student under division (B) of section 3313.66 of the Revised Code or, for a college-preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code, in accordance with the school's bylaws adopted pursuant to section 3328.13 of the Revised Code, the superintendent, or equivalent, shall send a written notice of the expulsion to any college in which the expelled student is enrolled under section 3365.03 of the Revised Code at the time the expulsion is imposed. The notice shall indicate the date the expulsion is scheduled to expire. The notice also shall indicate whether the school has adopted a policy under section 3313.613 of the Revised Code or, for a college-preparatory boarding school, in accordance with the school's bylaws adopted pursuant to section 3328.13 of the Revised Code to deny high school credit for courses taken under the college credit plus program during an expulsion. If the expulsion is extended under division (F) of section 3313.66 of the Revised Code or, for a college-preparatory boarding school, in accordance with the school's bylaws adopted pursuant to section 3328.13 of the Revised Code, the superintendent, or equivalent, shall notify the college of the extension.

(B) A college may withdraw its acceptance under section 3365.03 of the Revised Code of a student who is expelled from school under division (B) of section 3313.66 of the Revised Code or, for a college-preparatory boarding school, in accordance with the school's bylaws adopted pursuant to section 3328.13 of the Revised Code. As provided in section 3365.03 of the Revised Code, regardless of whether the college withdraws its acceptance of the student for the college term in which the student is expelled, the student is ineligible to enroll in a college under
that section for subsequent college terms during the period of
the expulsion, unless the student enrolls in another public
school or a participating nonpublic school during that period.

If a college withdraws its acceptance of an expelled
student who elected either option of division (A)(1) or (2) of
section 3365.06 of the Revised Code, the college shall refund
tuition and fees paid by the student in the same proportion that
it refunds tuition and fees to students who voluntarily withdraw
from the college at the same time in the term.

If a college withdraws its acceptance of an expelled
student who elected the option of division (B) of section
3365.06 of the Revised Code, the public school shall not award
high school credit for the college courses in which the student
was enrolled at the time the college withdrew its acceptance,
and any reimbursement under section 3365.07 of the Revised Code
for the student's attendance prior to the withdrawal shall be
the same as would be paid for a student who voluntarily withdrew
from the college at the same time in the term. If the withdrawal
results in the college's receiving no reimbursement, the college
or secondary school may require the student to return or pay for
any textbooks and materials it provided the student free of
charge, pursuant to section 3365.072 of the Revised Code, or to
pay for any such textbooks and materials.

(C) When a student who elected the option of division (B)
of section 3365.06 of the Revised Code is expelled under
division (B) of section 3313.66 of the Revised Code or, for a
college-preparatory boarding school, in accordance with the
school's bylaws adopted pursuant to section 3328.13 of the
Revised Code from a public school that has adopted a policy
under section 3313.613 of the Revised Code or, for a college-
preparatory boarding school, in accordance with the school's bylaws adopted pursuant to section 3328.13 of the Revised Code to deny high school credit for courses taken under the college credit plus program during an expulsion, that election is automatically revoked for all college courses in which the student is enrolled during the college term in which the expulsion is imposed. Any reimbursement under section 3365.07 of the Revised Code for the student's attendance prior to the expulsion shall be the same as would be paid for a student who voluntarily withdrew from the college at the same time in the term. If the revocation results in the college's receiving no reimbursement, the college or secondary school may require the student to return or pay for any textbooks and materials it provided the student free of charge, pursuant to section 3365.072 of the Revised Code, or to pay for any such textbooks and materials.

Not later than five days after receiving an expulsion notice from the superintendent, or equivalent, of a public school that has adopted a policy under section 3313.613 of the Revised Code or, for a college-preparatory boarding school, in accordance with the school's bylaws adopted pursuant to section 3328.13 of the Revised Code, the college shall send a written notice to the expelled student that the student's election of division (B) of section 3365.06 of the Revised Code is revoked. If the college elects not to withdraw its acceptance of the student, the student shall pay all applicable tuition and fees for the college courses and shall pay for any textbooks and materials that the college or secondary school provided to the student.

Sec. 3365.04. Each public and participating nonpublic secondary school shall do all of the following with respect to
the college credit plus program:

(A) Provide information about the program prior to the first day of March of each year to all students enrolled in grades six through eleven;

(B) Provide counseling services to students in grades six through eleven and to their parents before the students participate in the program under this chapter to ensure that students and parents are fully aware of the possible consequences and benefits of participation. Counseling information shall include:

(1) Program eligibility;

(2) The process for granting academic credits;

(3) Any necessary financial arrangements for tuition, textbooks, and fees;

(4) Criteria for any transportation aid;

(5) Available support services;

(6) Scheduling;

(7) Communicating the possible consequences and benefits of participation, including all of the following:

(a) The consequences of failing or not completing a course under the program, including the effect on the student's ability to complete the secondary school's graduation requirements;

(b) The effect of the grade attained in a course under the program being included in the student's grade point average, as applicable;

(c) The benefits to the student for successfully completing a course under the program, including the ability to
reduce the overall costs of, and the amount of time required for, a college education.

(8) The academic and social responsibilities of students and parents under the program;

(9) Information about and encouragement to use the counseling services of the college in which the student intends to enroll;

(10) The standard packet of information for the program developed by the chancellor of the Ohio board of regents pursuant to section 3365.15 of the Revised Code;

For a participating nonpublic secondary school, counseling information shall also include an explanation that funding may be limited and that not all students who wish to participate may be able to do so.

(C) Promote the program on the school's web site, including the details of the school's current agreements with partnering colleges;

(D) Schedule at least one informational session per school year to allow each partnering college that is located within thirty miles of the school to meet with interested students and parents. The session shall include the benefits and consequences of participation and shall outline any changes or additions to the requirements of the program. If there are no partnering colleges located within thirty miles of the school, the school shall coordinate with the closest partnering college to offer an informational session.

(E) Implement a policy for the awarding of grades and the calculation of class standing for courses taken under division (A)(2) or (B) of section 3365.06 of the Revised Code. The policy
adopted under this division shall be equivalent to the school's policy for comparable courses taken under the advanced standing programs described in divisions (A)(2) and (3) of section 3313.6013 of the Revised Code or for other comparable courses designated as honors courses by the school. If the policy includes awarding a weighted grade or enhancing a student's class standing for these courses, the policy adopted under this section shall also provide for these procedures to be applied to comparable courses taken under the college credit plus program.

However, for courses taken under the college credit plus program that are not comparable to courses taken under other advanced standing programs or courses designated as honors courses by the school, the school shall not be required to award a weighted grade or enhance a student's class standing under this division.

(F) Develop model course pathways, pursuant to section 3365.13 of the Revised Code, and publish the course pathways among the school's official list of course offerings for the program.

(G) Annually collect, report, and track specified data related to the program according to data reporting guidelines adopted by the chancellor and the superintendent of public instruction pursuant to section 3365.15 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3365.072. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Revised Code, any textbook that is purchased for a course under the college credit plus program shall be the property of the entity that paid for the textbook pursuant to section 3365.07 of the Revised Code. At the end of each term, if the participant did not purchase the textbook, the participant shall return the textbook to the entity that paid for the textbook.
Sec. 3365.12.  (A) All courses offered under the college credit plus program shall be the same courses that are included in the partnering college's course catalogue for college-level, nonremedial courses and shall apply to at least one degree or professional certification at the partnering college.

(B)(1) High school credit awarded for courses successfully completed under this chapter shall count toward the graduation requirements and subject area requirements of the public secondary school or participating nonpublic secondary school. If a course comparable to one a participant completed at a college is offered by the school, the governing entity or governing body shall award comparable credit for the course completed at the college. If no comparable course is offered by the school, the governing entity or governing body shall grant an appropriate number of elective credits to the participant.

For purposes of division (B)(1) of this section, high school credit shall be awarded at a ratio of one unit of high school credit, as defined in section 3313.603 of the Revised Code, for every four credit hours of college credit, or the equivalent number of hours for colleges operating on a quarter schedule.

(2) If there is a dispute between a participant's school and a participant regarding high school credits granted for a course, the participant may appeal the decision to the state board of education. The state board's decision regarding any high school credits granted under this section is final.

(C) Evidence of successful completion of each course and the high school credits awarded by the school shall be included in the student's record. The record shall indicate that the credits were earned as a participant under this chapter and
shall include the name of the college at which the credits were earned.

Section 2. That existing sections 3365.03, 3365.032, 3365.04, and 3365.12 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.