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A BILL

To amend section 3318.031 and to enact section 1
3301.80 of the Revised Code to require the State 2
Board of Education to adopt rules prescribing 3
standards for safety enhancements to new public 4
and nonpublic school facilities and to require 5
the Ohio School Facilities Commission to revise 6
its construction and design standards to comply 7
with the State Board's standards. 8

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

Section 1. That section 3318.031 be amended and section 9
3301.80 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 10

Sec. 3301.80. (A) Not later than ninety days after the 11
effective date of this section, in accordance with Chapter 119. 12
of the Revised Code, the state board of education shall adopt 13
rules prescribing safety standards for use in the construction 14
of new school facilities for public schools and chartered and 15
nonchartered nonpublic schools. Those standards shall include 16
design provisions to enhance the overall safety and well-being 17
of students and staff including, but not limited to, the 18
following: 19

<u>(1) Surveillance video;</u>	20
<u>(2) Entryway metal detectors;</u>	21
<u>(3) Direct entrance and exit routes located within a</u>	22
<u>classroom, which may only be accessed from inside that</u>	23
<u>classroom;</u>	24
<u>(4) An effective means of communication between classrooms</u>	25
<u>and the administrative offices;</u>	26
<u>(5) A real-time notification device located within a</u>	27
<u>classroom, such as a panic button, to alert local area law</u>	28
<u>enforcement when a staff member encounters a dangerous</u>	29
<u>situation;</u>	30
<u>(6) A means of threat containment, which may include a</u>	31
<u>barrier system to lock down the portion of a building wherein a</u>	32
<u>threat has been identified.</u>	33
<u>(B) The standards shall require new schools to include at</u>	34
<u>least two of the safety enhancements described in division (A)</u>	35
<u>of this section. The standards also shall expressly permit a new</u>	36
<u>school to include more than two such enhancements.</u>	37
Sec. 3318.031. (A) The Ohio school facilities commission	38
shall consider student and staff safety and health when	39
reviewing design plans for classroom facility construction	40
projects proposed under this chapter. After consulting with	41
appropriate education, health, and law enforcement personnel,	42
the commission may require as a condition of project approval	43
under either section 3318.03 or division (B) (1) of section	44
3318.41 of the Revised Code such changes in the design plans as	45
the commission believes will advance or improve student and	46
staff safety and health in the proposed classroom facility.	47

To carry out its duties under this division, the
commission shall review and, if necessary, amend any
construction and design standards used in its project approval
process, including standards for location and number of exits,
standards for lead safety in classroom facilities constructed
before 1978 in which services are provided to children under six
years of age, and location of restrooms, with a focus on
advancing student and staff safety and health.

(B) When reviewing design standards for classroom facility
construction projects proposed under this chapter, the
commission shall also consider the extent to which the design
standards support the following:

(1) Trends in educational delivery methods, including
digital access and blended learning;

(2) Provision of sufficient space for training new
teachers and promotion of collaboration among teaching
candidates, experienced teachers, and teacher educators;

(3) Provision of adequate space for teacher planning and
collaboration;

(4) Provision of adequate space for parent involvement
activities;

(5) Provision of sufficient space for innovative
partnerships between schools and health and social service
agencies.

(C) Not later than one hundred eighty days after the
effective date of this amendment, the commission shall amend the
construction and design standards used in the approval process
of any new classroom facilities to comply with the standards
adopted by the state board of education pursuant to section

3301.80 of the Revised Code. 77

Section 2. That existing section 3318.031 of the Revised 78
Code is hereby repealed. 79