



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3313.203 Liability insurance - indemnification.

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As used in this section, "school support entity" means any nonprofit entity formed for the support of school district programs.

The board of education of any school district may do any of the following:

(A) Purchase a policy or policies of insurance insuring the board, or members of boards of education, superintendents, principals, other administrators, teachers or any other group of employees employed by the board; school support entities; or volunteer bus rider assistants authorized by section 3327.16 of the Revised Code against liability on account of damages or injury to persons and property resulting from any act or omission of such board or entity, or such individual in his official capacity as a member or employee of the board of education or as a volunteer bus rider assistant or resulting solely out of his membership on, or employment by, or volunteer services to the board. Any such policy shall be purchased from an insurance company licensed to do business in this state, if such a policy is available from such a company. Whenever the board considers it necessary to procure such insurance, it shall adopt a resolution setting forth the amount of the insurance to be purchased, the necessity thereof, and a statement of the estimated premium as quoted in writing by not less than two insurance companies if more than one company offers such insurance for sale to the board. Upon the adoption of such resolution, the board may purchase insurance from the insurance company submitting the lowest and best quotation. A board of education shall require a school support entity for which the board purchases an insurance policy under this section to reimburse the board for the cost of such insurance.

(B) Except for findings for recovery in an audit report pursuant to section 117.28 of the Revised Code, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless any person included in division (A) of this section against all civil demands, claims, suits, and legal proceedings, whether threatened or instituted, and defend such person against any criminal legal proceedings, whether threatened or instituted, that arise from the acts or omissions of such person while acting within the scope of the person's employment by the school board and in the good faith belief that such conduct was lawful and in the



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best interests of the school district, except that expenditures and obligations under this division shall not exceed the amounts appropriated for such purposes.