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Representative Butler

**Cosponsors: Representatives Becker, Dean, Faber, Goodman, Retherford, Riedel,
Seitz, Sprague**

A BILL

To enact section 9.05 of the Revised Code to 1
require the approval of the General Assembly for 2
a state agency to agree to a consent decree or 3
court-approved settlement agreement that would 4
alter or prohibit the enforcement of a law of 5
this state. 6

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

Section 1. That section 9.05 of the Revised Code be 7
enacted to read as follows: 8

Sec. 9.05. (A) A state agency or public official or 9
employee that, as a result of a civil action brought in a state 10
or federal court, seeks to agree to a consent decree or court- 11
approved settlement agreement that would alter or prohibit the 12
enforcement of a law of this state shall apply to the general 13
assembly for approval of the consent decree or settlement 14
agreement. If, not later than ninety days after the application 15
is submitted, the general assembly enacts a bill approving the 16
consent decree or settlement agreement, the state agency or 17
public official or employee may agree to the consent decree or 18

settlement agreement. 19

(B) A consent decree or court-approved settlement 20
agreement that alters or prohibits the enforcement of a law of 21
this state, that is agreed to on or after the effective date of 22
this section, and that is not approved by the general assembly 23
under division (A) of this section is void. 24